

GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

March 4, 2022

Spotlight: Lenten Worship Offerings

Grace Church is offering two weekday worship options (in addition to the regular Wednesday Noon Eucharist) on Thursdays and Fridays during Lent, beginning today, March 4.

Your Journey of Lent at Grace Church in Providence



We will gather at **6:00 PM on Thursday evenings** in the church around the Low Altar for prayer, scripture, Eucharist, and song. This service will be contemplative in nature and feature music from the Celtic tradition, accompanied by our beautiful concert grand piano. We will be treated to homilies by a different lay preacher each week. Adrienne Southgate will preach on March 10. Following each Lenten Celtic Eucharist will be a brief presentation in the Pavilion on the Book of Common Prayer, the Hymnal 1982, and the Bible over the five weeks. Invite a friend into a warm, candlelit space and share your Lenten journey with others. The service will last about 45 minutes, and parking is available in the Grace Church lot.

On **Fridays at 12 Noon** in Lent is the Way of the Cross (or more commonly referred to as 'Stations of the Cross') liturgy. This short service lasts about 25 minutes and features participants walking to various points throughout the church to commemorate Christ's journey to Mount Calvary and his crucifixion. Each station is a painting representing the 14 stops Christ made while carrying his cross. New York artist Gwyneth Leech has graciously allowed us to use printed copies of her Stations of the Cross which were commissioned by St. Paul's-on-the-Green in Norwalk, CT in 2005.

For information on all of our Lenten offerings, please find the brochure for Lent located in the back of the church.

Choral Concert at Grace
The Providence Singers
50th Anniversary Concert
Saturday, March 5 at 7:00 PM

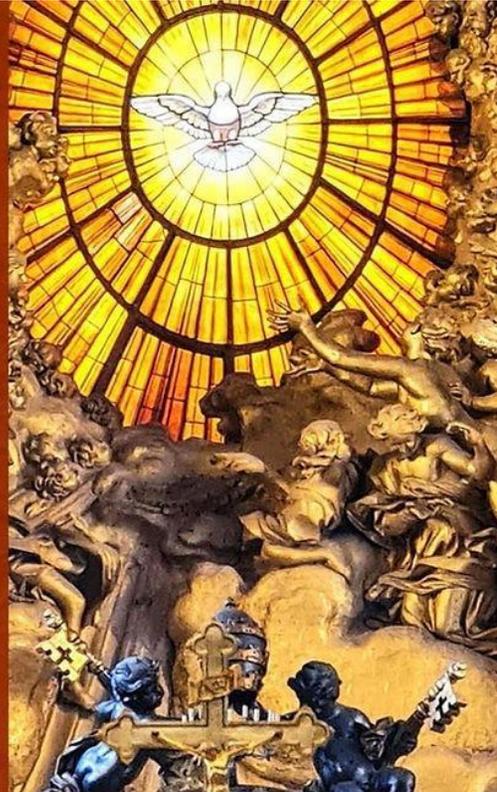
To purchase tickets, [please click here.](#)

Magnificat
J.S. Bach

Musikalische Exequien
Heinrich Schütz

We Two Alone ~ WORLD PREMIERE
Julian Wachner

with the
Providence Baroque Orchestra



Lent 2022 at Grace Church

The penitential and reflective season of Lent has begun! Here at Grace Church we have several additional worship offerings during Lent which are listed in the Lent 2022 Brochure found on the tables in the rear of the church or by [clicking here.](#)

We hope that these opportunities will guide and aid your prayers and spiritual life during Lent, so please do join us!



Organ Project Update!

We are SO EXCITED to announce that we have had TWO generous gifts to the Organ Project! First, we have a **\$25,000 CHALLENGE GRANT** from a family in the parish. They have asked to remain anonymous, but in their words “hope that their gift will inspire others to contribute to this exciting project.” *We are hoping to get this gift matched very soon, because there is another potential matching gift waiting in the wings, when this one is completed.* Please speak to the Rector, Fr. Jonathan or to Vince Edwards if you would like to contribute to the challenge grant, in any amount.

A second anonymous gift of \$50,000 has been pledged from a friend of Music at Grace. We are so profoundly grateful for these generous gifts, that will help us on our way to realizing the Organ Project at Grace! www.gracechurchprovidence.org/organproject



Organ Project Promotional Video

The Organ Project at Grace was officially endorsed by the Vestry in October, and **we are actively seeking funding for this project.** A small group of parishioners has assembled as a committee to explore financing and funding options. We want to keep the project alive and in the hearts and minds of the Grace community and beyond. In addition to the two brochures ([Click here for the Overview Brochure](#) and [Here for the Proposed Specification Brochure](#)), we have created a short promotional video to share with friends, acquaintances, and anyone who might have interest in our project. As always, if you would like to know more about this exciting project, or just want to know more about the organ at Grace in general, please be in touch with Vince Edwards, our Director of Music. vedwards@gracepvd.org Enjoy the video!



Thursdays at Noon Concerts

Next Thursday, March 10 at 12 Noon, our guest recitalist will be **Peter Stolfus Berton**, Organist & Choirmaster at The Zabriske Memorial Church of St. John the Evangelist in Newport, Rhode Island. Peter will play a program of featuring music by Christopher Dearnley, J.S. Bach, Andre Fleury, and Gerre Hancock.

Bookmarks detailing the line-up of Thursday performers are available on the information tables in the rear of the church. We hope you join us and bring along friends!



If you missed this week's concert, played by organist Benjamin Straley, you can watch the recorded performance by [clicking here](#), or on the image to the right.

To view Benjamin's program, [please click here](#).



Please note, if you are not able to attend in person, or prefer not to yet, we will still be live-streaming most concerts. Recordings of the concerts will also be made available in the usual places ([church website](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [Vimeo](#)).

For a complete list of performers and videos of previous concerts, please check out the Thursdays at Noon Concerts webpage on the Grace website by [clicking here](#).

Sunday Morning Worship: The First Sunday in Lent March 6, 2022

Every Sunday Morning, Grace Church offers a 'live-stream' broadcast of our Sunday morning eucharist service. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sundays to participate in the worship life at Grace.



~ Sunday Morning Links ~

YouTube: [Click here!](#)

Facebook: [Click here!](#)

This service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church Facebook Page](#) and the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the links provided below to watch. The service will also be archived on the [Grace Church website](#), [Vimeo](#), Facebook, and YouTube pages for 'on-demand' viewing after Sunday morning. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sunday to participate in the worship.

**If you would like to download or print the service leaflet
for [The First Sunday in Lent](#), please click here.**

**Following recent Covid protocol updates,
mask-wearing is now optional at Grace Church
for those who are vaccinated.
We still ask those who are not vaccinated to mask
(presuming they are over 5 years old),
and people are always welcome to mask if they feel more
comfortable doing so.**

Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together,
ALL ARE WELCOME at Grace Church!

March 6, 2022

The First Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For the texts of the readings for The First Sunday in Lent, [please click here.](#)

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