

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

March 25, 2022

## Spotlight: About Laetare (Rose) Sunday

The Fourth Sunday in Lent, has traditionally been a day on which some of the solemnity and austerity of the Lenten season is reduced, and a tone of rejoicing is injected into the liturgy. The rejoicing is reflected in the traditional introit, which is based upon a text from Isaiah that begins with the words “Rejoice with Jerusalem,” or “Laetare Jerusalem” in Latin. Accordingly, this Sunday is also known as Laetare Sunday or “Refreshment” Sunday. The ‘lightening of mood’ on Laetare Sunday permits the use of rose-colored fabrics for vestments, frontals, and hangings, rather than the more somber purple/violet fabrics generally used in Lent. The use of the rose-colored fabrics is one reason Laetare Sunday is also known as a “Rose”



Sunday. Laetare Sunday provides the faithful with a small moment of refreshment during this more solemn season and a glimpse of the joys to come in Eastertide. This Sunday we will use Grace’s beautiful set of rose-colored vestments, frontals, and hangings, which were created by talented parishioner and Altar Guild member Sue Hall. We are grateful to Sue for sharing her needlework and design skills with us. This special rose set is dedicated to the Altar Guild and an inscription that reads “*In honor of the Grace Church Altar Guild members, past and present. Laetare Sunday, March 14, 2021*” is stitched on the reverse side of the High Altar superfrontal.



## Organ Project Fundraising Update!

We are only \$4,200 away from matching a very generous gift of \$25,000 from Oliver and Kathryn Chamberlain, parishioners, choir members and grandparents to three choristers. Oliver says, “Kathryn and I feel that good music and the good word are essential to sustaining a good congregation, and I hope that our gift will put it in the minds of more folks to contribute.”

Several gifts in varying amounts from parishioners and friends total \$20,800, bringing us close to finalizing this challenge! Please consider helping us close this gap, because there is another challenge gift waiting in the wings when this one is complete! Please see, call, or email the Rector or Director of Music if you would like to be part of this exciting project! [www.gracechurchprovidence.org/organproject](http://www.gracechurchprovidence.org/organproject)

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## Dorcas Refugee Resettlement

The Dorcas Institute has a **new refugee family arriving in April from Turkey**. They need help setting up an apartment for this refugee family of 8! Please let Bill Galligan know by emailing him at [wgalligan@gmail.com](mailto:wgalligan@gmail.com) if you are available **Saturday morning, April 2**, to help other Grace parishioners with setting up this apartment. Thank you!



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## Caring for Ukraine

If you'd like to donate to the relief of Ukrainian refugees through the Episcopal Church, please [visit this page](#) of the Episcopal Relief & Development site.

[Listen to the Ukrainian National Anthem](#) as performed by Providence Singers here at Grace Church on March 5th.



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## Gimme your milk money!

For the month of April, Grace Church will be sponsoring the milk inventory at the St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Church food pantry and we're inviting Grace parishioners to pitch in. To help in the effort, please write a check to St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Church for any amount and send it to the Grace office at 300 Westminster Street, Providence RI 20903 **by Monday, March 28**. Thank you!



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## Easter Flowers and Music

Thank you for filling out a card located in the pews, and for your support of Easter flowers and music! Please print dedications legibly: *In memory of...* *in honor of...* *in thanksgiving for...* Place your card and gift in the green flower envelopes provided, and return in the offering plate or by mail. Dedications received **before April 11** will be recorded in the service bulletins for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.



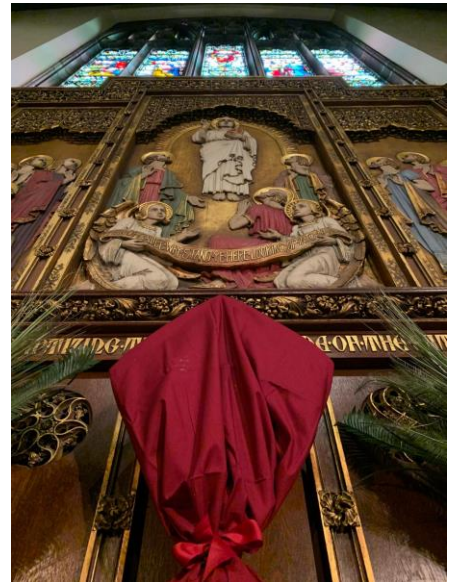
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## Holy Week & Easter 2022 at Grace Church

As we near the end of the season of Lent and look towards Holy Week and Easter, Grace Church is very happy to return to our pre-pandemic observance of the Paschal Triduum and the offering of many services that lead up to the Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Day.

To learn about the multiple worship opportunities during Holy Week, please pick up a copy of the Holy Week & Easter 2022 Brochure found on the tables in the rear of the church or by [clicking here](#).

We hope that you join us for these moving liturgies that illustrate the progression of Christ's betrayal and death to his glorious resurrection!



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## Lent 2022 at Grace Church

We are in the midst of the penitential and reflective season of Lent. 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!



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## Organ Project Promotional Video to Share

The Organ Project at Grace was officially endorsed by the Vestry in October 2021, 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](mailto:vedwards@gracepvd.org) Enjoy the video!

[Click here](#) or on the image below to watch and share!



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## Thursdays at Noon Concerts

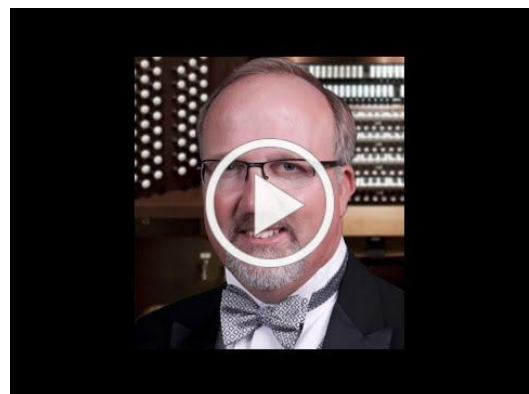
Next **Thursday, March 24 at 12 Noon**, our guest recitalist will be organist [Joseph Ripka](#), Canon for Music at St. Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City, OK. Joseph will play a program of music by Franco-Belgian composer César Franck and the Hungarian virtuoso Franz Liszt.

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 Peter Krasinski, you can watch the recorded performance by [clicking here](#), or on the image to the right.

To view Peter'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](#).

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# Sunday Morning Worship: The Fourth Sunday in Lent: Laetare (Rose) Sunday March 27, 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 Fourth Sunday in Lent: Laetare](#), [please click here.](#)**

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**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!

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## March 27, 2022 The Fourth Sunday in Lent: Laetare

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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 Fourth Sunday in Lent: Laetare, [please click here.](#)

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