



# GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

April 8, 2022

## Spotlight: Dorcas Update

This past Saturday, members and friends of Grace Church answered the call to help from Dorcas International top clean and set up another apartment for a refugee family. Located in the Smith Hill neighborhood of Providence, this will serve as the home to a family of 6 from Afghanistan. This was our largest family, consisting of a mother and father and their four children, ages 7, 6 and infant twins.

The difference with this set up as compared to others was that the father of the family was there to help us. They had been placed temporarily in an apartment in Cumberland but there was an urgent need to move them to Providence to meet the requirements of the father's new job. Having the father there to help was challenging but made the mission work we were there to do even more real. We were able to negotiate the language barrier as best we could and made sure that he was involved with the decision making in regard to room set up, furniture placement and overall cleanliness. It was amazing how that even without fully understanding one another, we were able to communicate and had the sense that we were really helping this person in this moment. Dorcas reached out to us at Grace Church because in their words, they have been "truly amazed" with other apartments we have set up. They also indicated that we have been so much more organized than some of the other volunteer groups. The coordinator of Dorcas called us "angels from heaven" that have come to help them with this very difficult work. Not that it's a competition, but hey, that's feels pretty good to hear! So, when they needed a team that could come in and get this project done well and rapidly, we were the ones they called on. I am proud to say that with the over 20 volunteers that showed up between the hours of 9am and 2pm, we were able to completely transform this apartment into a home. I feel this work has brought us closer to both our church community and our Providence community. The simple act of giving is so powerful and can manifest in many different ways, but I am particularly proud of the support through time and tangibles our community have given to this mission. I thank you all again from the bottom of my heart for your help. I am speaking with Dorcas now about helping another family at the end of this month. I will provide updates on that opportunity to help again soon.

*Thank you and peace,*

Bill Galligan, Chairperson – Grace Outreach Committee



**DORCAS INTERNATIONAL**  
INSTITUTE OF RHODE ISLAND

## Communion Update for Maundy Thursday and Beyond



To watch the video of Fr. Jonathan demonstrating the new communion procedure at Grace Church (taking effect on Maundy Thursday onward),  
[click here](#) or on the image above.



## HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2022



### THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>

Spoken Holy Eucharist *with* The Blessing of Palms

**8:00 AM**

Sung Holy Eucharist *with* The Blessing & Procession of Palms

**10:00 AM**

### SPY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>

The Office of Tenebrae: A Service of Shadows

**8:00 PM**

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>

Choral Holy Eucharist *with* The Washing of Feet,  
Procession to the Altar of Repose, & Stripping of the Altar

**7:00 PM**

The Garden Watch in The Chapel of the Messiah

**8:00 PM – 12 Midnight**

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>

The Solemn Liturgy of The Passion

**12 Noon**

The Way of the Cross *with* Music

**6:00 PM**

### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>

The Great Vigil, Renewal of Baptismal Vows,  
& The First Eucharist of Easter

**8:00 PM**

### THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY SUNDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>

Spoken Holy Eucharist

**8:00 AM**

Festal Choral Eucharist *with* Brass & Timpani

**10:00 AM**



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## Easter Vigil Champagne Reception!

Join us for The Great Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter on **Saturday, April 16 at 8:00 PM**. The Vigil takes place the evening before Easter morning, and is the first celebration of Christ's triumph over death. Following the service a festive reception with champagne and sweets will be held in The Pavilion. **Please bring a dessert - chocolate or otherwise - to share.** We hope you join us!



### Our Guest Preachers for the Triduum:

**The Reverend Canon Meaghan Brower** serves as Director of the Episcopal Conference Center (ECC), the summer camp and retreat center for the Diocese of Rhode Island. As a camper and counselor there in the 90s, Meaghan felt her first call to ordained ministry. After her graduation from Virginia Seminary in 2007, Meaghan lived in North Carolina with her husband Jonathan, serving as the Associate Rector of Emmanuel Church in Southern Pines. After four years there, she came home to RI to take the position at ECC. She and Jonathan now have three children together. *Canon Brower will preach on Maundy Thursday and at The Great Vigil.*



Since ordination in 1989 by the Presbyterian Church, USA, **The Rev. Christine Johnson Foster** has served in a variety of pastoral positions in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Maryland. Locally, for nearly 15 years, she was co-pastor at the multicultural Providence Presbyterian Church. She currently serves as Hospice Chaplain to the Hular Inpatient Unit with HopeHealth in Providence and has been actively involved with 'The Poor Peoples' Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival for several years. Chris is married to Professor of Development Economics at Brown University, Andrew Foster, and the mom of two emerging young adults. *Reverend Foster will preach on Good Friday during the Noon service.*





## Inquirers' Class 2022

The 2022 Inquirers' Class will take place on six consecutive Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Chafee Room, beginning on May 1 for six weeks. The clergy will lead discussions on the Christian faith in the Anglican / Episcopal tradition. Adults interested in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, or Renewal of Baptismal Vows are encouraged to attend, and absolutely all in the parish are welcome. With questions, please email the Rector at [jhuyck@gracepvd.org](mailto:jhuyck@gracepvd.org).



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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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## 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.



## Holy Week & Easter 2022 at Grace Church

As we 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!



## Organ Project Fundraising Update

We have an exciting update on our Organ Project at Grace fundraising efforts! As of March 27, we met the \$25,000 matching gift challenge from the Chamberlain family! This brings our current Organ Project fund amount to over \$120,000! We still have a long way

to go to \$2 Million, and we still are hoping to find a donor who will make a large, single donation to help bring this project to fruition. We are so grateful to those of you have made gifts and/or pledges. We have another matching gift challenge waiting "in the wings" - stay tuned just after Easter for updates. In the meantime, if you would like to make a gift or pledge to The Organ Project at Grace, please speak to the Rector or Director of Music - in person, by phone, or email. Thank you for your generosity! (Please note: gifts may be pledged over a period of months, or longer. Ask us more about this!)

[www.gracechurchprovidence.org/organproject](http://www.gracechurchprovidence.org/organproject)

## 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!



## Thursdays at Noon Concerts

**There is no concert next Thursday (*April 14*)  
due to Holy Week Services.**

The next concert will be on April 21,  
played by organist **Janet Yieh**, Director of Music at  
The Church of the Heavenly Rest in New York City.



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

To view Theodore'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 Sunday of the Passion:** **Palm Sunday** **April 10, 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 Palm Sunday, [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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**April 10, 2022**  
**The Sunday of the Passion:**  
**Palm Sunday**

Almighty and ever-living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



For the texts of the readings for Palm Sunday, [please click here.](#)

[Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here.](#)