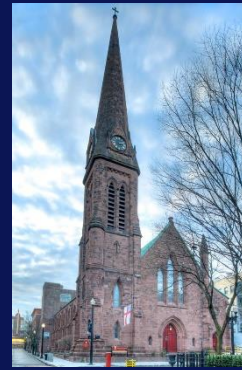


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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

May 13, 2022

Spotlight: A Second Challenge Grant

We are so excited to announce a second \$25,000 challenge grant for The Organ Project at Grace! The anonymous challenge comes from a Grace parishioner, and we are hoping that we can get it matched by Pentecost Sunday, June 5! If you can contribute to this matching challenge gift in ANY AMOUNT, please contact the Rector, Jonathan Huyck, or the Director of Music, Vince Edwards. When this gift is matched we will have over 10% of the cost of the project! Matching gifts are a great way for parishioners or friends of Grace to inspire others to give to the Organ Project. Please be in touch if you would like to set up a matching gift challenge in any amount. Thanks for your support to help bring this project closer to fruition.



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Choral Compline

Join us this coming **Sunday, May 15 at 8:00 PM** for a short, 30-minute service of Gregorian Chant and Renaissance polyphony sung in a darkened church lighted only by candles and with the sweet-smelling smoke of incense in the air. *Doors open at 7:30 PM.*



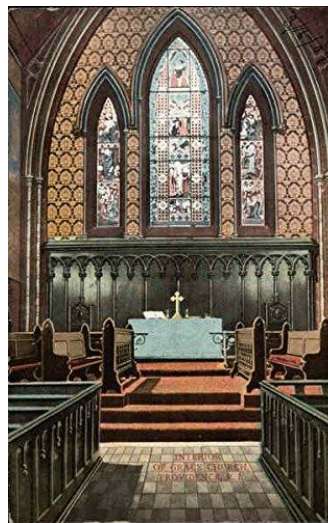
Final Choral Evensong of the Choir Season!

Join us for our final Choral Evensong of the Choir Season on **Sunday, May 22 at 4:00 PM!** The Choir & Choristers of Grace Church will sing music by Philip Moore, Thomas Attwood, Herbert Brewer, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Paul Spicer. A reception will follow in The Pavilion.



'Grace Church Day' on Ascension Sunday

From the centennial History of Grace Church [1929]: "Ascension Day, May 1 [1913], saw the active operation of a plan dear to [the Rector's] heart, namely the observance of that festival as 'Grace Church Day,' comparable to Trinity Sunday or the appropriate Saints' Day for a Church bearing the name of the Trinity or of some saint." More than a century later, it's still a good idea! Ascension Sunday will therefore be celebrated on May 29th this year as "Grace Church Day" with a pot-luck lunch after the 10:00 AM Eucharist. The lunch is being coordinated by our Junior Warden, Diane Stamp. We'll need volunteers to help with set-up and/or clean-up that day, so if you're able to help, kindly let her know at deestamp@gmail.com You can also let her know what dish you will bring via email or by signing up on the poster in the Pavilion. Thank you!



Inquirers' Class 2022

The 2022 Inquirers' Class takes place every **Sunday at 9:00 AM in the Chafee Room through June 5**. The clergy lead discussions on various aspects of 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 to come to any of the classes. Any questions, please email the Rector at jhuyck@gracepvd.org



Upcoming Choral Concert: The Marywood University Chamber Singers



On **Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 PM**. The Marywood University Chamber Singers, directed by Rick Hoffenberg, will sing a concert of works by Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina, Samuel Barber, and Wolfram Buchenberg, along with several folk songs and spirituals.

The Marywood University Chamber Singers are a select ensemble of undergraduates pursuing a variety of majors. They have performed on music series throughout the Northeastern United States and are featured on an annual PBS broadcast. They embark on a concert tour each May to various parts of the United States and Canada. Recent venues have included Steinway Hall and St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in New Jersey, First Church and Faneuil Hall in Boston, Yale University's Marquand Chapel, Notre Dame Basilica in Montreal, and several locales in California, Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana. The Marywood University Chamber Singers were finalists in the Collegiate Choral Division of The American Prize. After being the featured choir for the 2021 National Meeting of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, the ensemble was invited to be the featured choir again for the 2022 ACCU National Meeting in Washington, DC.

Outdoor Sunday School & First Communion

In May/June, Sunday School kids will be learning about the Eucharist. All kids age 4 through grade 5 are welcome for any or all of these sessions! Just meet in the Pavilion courtyard at 10am, a few minutes before the service starts. Class is outside, so please dress for the weather. (Younger children are welcome upstairs at the nursery.)

If you have a child in 2nd grade or above who would like to use these four upcoming Sunday School sessions as preparation for an informal "first communion" day in June, please plan to attend all of the sessions, if possible. The "first communion" experience is completely optional, according to each family's wishes, and children who have already taken communion are welcome at Sunday School just to learn more about the Eucharist, as well. (Anyone who has been baptized is welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church at any age.) Please contact the Rector with any questions at 331-3225.



Food Donations

Grace Church has partnered with a fellow Episcopal parish here in Providence, St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Church, to support their Food Pantry. We invite you to bring non-perishable items to Grace on Sundays when you come to church and place them in the woven baskets in the rear of the church. We'll deliver the donations to Sts. Peter & Andrew. All non-perishable donations are welcome but especially encouraged are tuna, peanut butter, cereal, diapers & wipes, toilet paper, and paper towels. Thank you for your generosity!



Communion Procedure Update



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

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.

Open House at ECC

All those with children entering grades 2 through 12 are invited to attend an Open House at the The Episcopal Conference Center on May 22, from 2:00-5:00pm. Meet the staff, tour the property, and learn about their rewarding camp programs.



A list of the upcoming summer programs at ECC [can be found here](#). ECC is located at 872 Reservoir Rd in Pascoag, RI.

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 Enjoy the video!

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



Thursdays at Noon Concerts

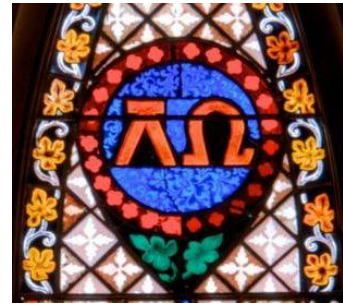
The next concert will be on May 19,
played by **Carolyn Craig**, Organ Scholar at
Christ Church in New Haven, CT.

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!



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 Fifth Sunday of Easter May 15, 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter](#), [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!

May 15, 2022 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



For the texts of the readings for The Fifth Sunday of Easter, [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.](#)