

GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

January 20, 2023

Spotlight: The Pilgrimage of a Lifetime!

Parishioners Ben and Jennifer West spent most of the month of October on a “Cathedral Crawl” pilgrimage they had been hoping to undertake for several years. They travelled by rail from city to city in England visiting several cathedrals. The Wests have kindly written a short summary of their trip and we thought it would be of interest to the wider Grace Church community.

"We had surveyed friends at Grace and the diocese to find out which cathedrals might be most interesting. We really can't say which cathedral was best, as all are grand, with intricate details. Perhaps it was going to Evensong at each one...or maybe the incredible friendliness of the British people. Here are brief observations about each cathedral.

Durham: the hospitality was wonderful, and two saints are buried there ([St. Cuthbert](#) and the [Venerable Bede](#).)

York Minster: High Mass on Sunday morning was stunning, gold gilt was covering everything, and the rare medieval stained glass (the glass at all of the others was Victorian, as Henry VIII had the windows smashed out during the Reformation).

Ely: the beautiful painted ceiling and [Octagon Tower](#) are captivating. A woman ([St. Etheldreda](#)) was responsible for its building.

Canterbury: impressive because it is the mother church of the Anglican Communion. Half was covered in scaffolding, as there is much on-going reconstruction. The history within the cathedral was overwhelming.

***Salisbury:** The tallest spire of any church in England (404 feet!). A beautiful Sunday morning Eucharist where we were welcomed graciously. A modern baptismal font in the middle of the nave (probably 10 feet in diameter), spoke to the promise for the future.

We attended twelve Evensong services in total: three with all-girl choirs, two with all-boys, and the rest with mixed voices. Some of the pipe organs were incredible (especially York Minister, which just completed a full organ restoration). We came home to Grace Church, were reminded of its beauty, and



realized that our choir is as good or better than any we heard. For Little Rhody we are grand in our own right."

****As a particular note of interest for the Grace Church community, is that our Choir & Choristers will be undertaking a tour to the UK to sing services at Salisbury Cathedral and Southwark Cathedral in London this coming August! Stay tuned as we provide updates on the trip!***

Pick up some chalk!

All are welcome to take a piece of chalk that was blessed at our Epiphany Lessons & Carols Service to mark the doors of your home in this new year! Feel free to also take a card with instructions for marking the door of your home with the Epiphanytide blessing!

Both the chalk and the instruction cards are located on a table in the rear of the church.



Virginia Rathbun Stuart (July 29, 1921-December 24, 2022)

It is with great sadness, but also great hope in the resurrection, that we announce the passing of our oldest Grace Church parishioner, Virginia Stuart.

Our prayers are with her family and friends at this time.

To read Virginia's obituary, [please click here.](#)

A memorial service will be held at Grace Church on Friday, January 27 at 11:00 AM.

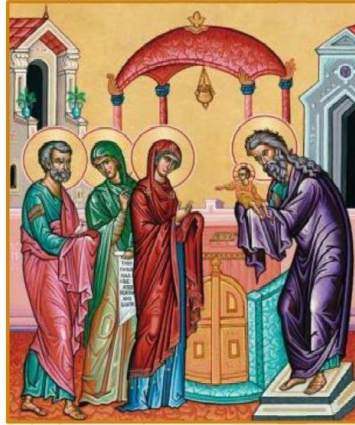


Nametags Available!

You, too, can have a nametag to wear at Grace! Nametags help us build connections with one another. If you would like one made, please clearly print your name on one of the sign-up sheets at the back of the church, entering the Pavilion, or in the Narthex. Don't forget to drop them in the Nametag Return bin when leaving the courtyard or exiting into the Grace parking lot! We'll have it waiting in the Narthex for the next time you join us.



FESTAL CHORAL EVENSONG
WITH THE BLESSING OF CANDLES FOR CANDLEMAS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2022
4:00 PM



*The combined choirs and choristers of
Grace Church, St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich,
and St. Paul's, Fairfield will sing music of
Johannes Eccard, Richard Ayleward, Charles Wood,
Samuel Sebastian Wesley, and others.*

*Under the direction of British conductor,
Dr. Barry Rose, OBE,
former Director of Music of
St. Paul's (London), Guilford,
and St. Alban's Cathedrals.
A reception follows in The Pavilion.*



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Sunday Morning Worship: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 22, 2023

Every Sunday Morning, Grace Church offers a 'live-stream' broadcast of our Sunday morning 10:00 AM 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!](#)
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This service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church Facebook Page](#) and the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the links provided above to watch. The service will also be archived on the [Grace Church website](#) 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.

To view the Order of Service for **The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**,
[CLICK HERE!](#)

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

January 22, 2023 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



For the texts of the readings for **The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**, [please click here.](#)

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