



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

March 3, 2023

CHORAL EVENSONG celebrating

400 YEARS OF WILLIAM BYRD



SUNDAY, MARCH 5th, 2023 4:00 PM

A special service of Choral Evensong featuring music by 16th century English composer William Byrd (1540-1623), in observance of 400 years since his death. Sung by The Choir & Choristers of Grace Church. A reception follows in The Pavilion

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Lent at Grace Church

Grace Church has several additional offerings during the penitential and reflective season of Lent which are listed in the Lent 2023 Brochure found on the tables in the rear of the church. We hope that these opportunities will guide and aid your prayers and spiritual life during Lent, so please do join us!

Considering Baptism?

The Easter Vigil (April 8, at 8pm) service is a traditional service for adult baptisms and the season of Lent leading up to Easter is a time of preparation for that sacrament. If you've never been baptized and feel drawn to do so, give the rector a call anytime at 331-3225 or send him and email at <u>jhuyck@gracepvd.org</u>

Lenten Book Club: "Uncommon Gratitude: Alleluia for All That Is"

This is a six-session book club from the Episcopal Church on "Uncommon Gratitude: Alleluia for All That Is" by Joan Chittister and Rowan Williams. The book is broken into three sections: discovering what we are, becoming who we are, and growing into the unknown; however, we'll break this up a bit more to decrease the reading for each session. This is a perfect book to explore during Lent because as the book jacket describes, it looks at things which are easy to give thanks for and some that are much harder.

> For more information <u>please click here</u>, and to register <u>please use this link</u>.



Thursday Lenten Eucharists

Next **Thursday, March 9 at 6:00 PM**, join us each week for a short Eucharist service with music, prayers, and a brief sermon preached by "priest-parishioners", retired clergy who have made Grace Church their spiritual home. The service takes place in the Chancel near the High Altar amongst candlelight and incense for a more intimate worship experience. A light potluck supper in The Pavilion follows the service. The next preacher in the series is **The Rev. Cathy Boyd**.







The Way (Stations) of the Cross

Grace Church will offer the short liturgy of The Way of the Cross (also called "Stations of the Cross") **every Friday at 12 Noon during Lent.** During this lunchtime service participants walk to 14 stations posted throughout the church commemorating Christ's journey to Mount Calvary and his death on the Cross.

Coffee Hour Donations Needed!

Ever wonder where that delicious food at Coffee Hour comes from? From you! Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to bring food to share at Coffee Hour. Homemade or store-bought, fresh fruit or baked goods – whatever you are moved to share! Simply place items on the large rectangular tables in The Pavilion before church. Your fellow parishioners thank you!

Thursdays @ Noon Concerts Kevin Neel, *Organ* March 9, 2023 at 12 Noon

Next Thursday, we welcome organist Kevin Neel, Director of Music at All Saints' Church in Worcester, MA. He previously served as Organist & Chapel Choir Director at Emmanuel Church in Boston and holds degrees in Organ Performance and Choral Conducting from Indiana University and Boston University.

He will play a free, 30-minute program music by Amy Beech, William Grant Still, J.S. Bach, and Healey Willan.

To view upcoming concerts, please click here!

The Thursdays @ Noon Concert Series serves as a form of outreach to the greater metropolitan area of Providence by providing diverse programs of music, free of charge for the enjoyment of the community and any visitors to the city.





Sunday Morning Worship: The Second Sunday in Lent March 5, 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 YouTube Link ~ <u>Click here!</u>

This service will be live-streamed to the **Grace Church YouTube Channel**. Please use the link provided above to watch. The service will also be archived on the <u>Grace Church website</u> 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 Second Sunday in Lent, <u>CLICK HERE!</u>

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

March 5, 2023 The Second Sunday in Lent

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

> For the texts of the readings for The Second Sunday in Lent, <u>please click here.</u>

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