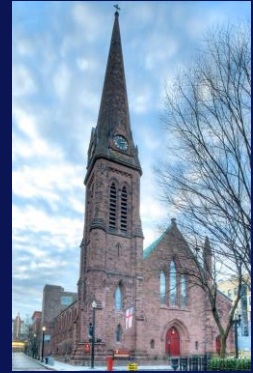


# GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

March 24, 2023

## Spotlight: Know Thy Parish - Leigh Hubbard



1. **When did you come to Grace?** I came to Grace for the first time with my Partner, Bill, in 2007, or thereabouts. The Rev. Bob Brooks was the Rector at that time, and the Associate Rector was Rich Barduch. One Sunday morning we happened to sit behind Dave and Lavonne Seifert. We were overcome by the architectural beauty of the place, the singing of the choir, and the diversity of the congregation. We had visited 2 other Episcopal churches, but Grace was special.
2. **What brought you here and what keeps you here?** Dave and Lavonne turned around during the Peace and said "hello", and after the service they introduced themselves and asked about us. Even though we had just met, they seemed to have a genuine interest in us. We came back again, and again. My parents are musicians, and I was motivated to sing the hymns, figure out the psalm, and participate in the other sung parts of the service, all of which were new to me (having come from a Methodist church background). One day after the final hymn, Rich approached us and asked if we would be interested in chaperoning the middle school youth group. Not leading it, just chaperoning, making sure everyone was safe, etc. I said "yes", and eventually Bill, my partner, came around too. A year later we were co-leading it with Liz Richards, and going on our first youth group mission trip to New York City! It was one of the most memorable, spiritually satisfying trips I have ever been on. Bearing witness to this group of kids, many of whom had never been out of RI, doing this work, interacting gracefully with people wildly different than themselves, being open to being goofy, emotional, and excited about what they were doing and who they were with. It was all fantastic!
3. **What ministries are you involved in at Grace?** Bill and I helped lead Youth Group from 2010 to 2015. I picked up singing in the choir and crucifering service along the way, and now these are the missions that link me to Grace, that and the joy of watching my kids learn and grow here. Serving as a Crucifer is a great, silent yet active way to be involved. It allows me to be up close and personal with the priest reading the gospel, to be the person that carries the symbol that begins and ends the service, and to help at the eucharist, all of which I consider to be great honors. Singing has been a leap of faith. I am not a trained singer, but came in being able to read music and carry a tune. Rehearsals and performances take attention, listening, and a bit of faith. Our choir director, Vince Edwards, somehow makes it seem possible (which is never easy), and we trust him.
4. **What's something that your fellow parishioners might not know about you?** Most folks know I'm a Registered Nurse. However, in that role some may not know that I've had the

privilege of caring for people who often feel uncomfortable in traditional healthcare settings. I helped to manage Open Door Health, a clinic focused on the care of the LGBTQ+ community. We also cared for people who were recent immigrants, undocumented, recently incarcerated, and/or chronically unhoused. In welcoming people who were hesitant to trust others, helping them access care they needed, gain health, I felt in those moments I was doing God's work. I'm an advocate for improved mental healthcare access and for resources that help prevent overdose from tainted drug use. Additionally, I serve as the President of the Rhode Island State Nurses Association, and in that role I have a front row seat to legislation that affects the health of our community and the healthcare workforce in RI.

---

## Parking for Specific Holy Week Services

Free parking will be available for the Maundy Thursday and Easter Vigil services at the lot on Snow Street between Westminster and Chapel Streets (opposite the church's lot, which is always available for parishioners!).



---

## Easter Vigil Champagne Reception!

Join us for The Great Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter on **Saturday, April 8 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!



---

	<h2>HOLY WEEK AT GRACE</h2> <p><b>PALM SUNDAY – 8 AM &amp; 10 AM</b> <i>with The Blessing &amp; Procession of Palms</i></p> <p><b>SPY WEDNESDAY: TENEBRAE – 8 PM</b> <i>A Service of Darkness &amp; Light with Chant</i></p> <p><b>MAUNDY THURSDAY – 7 PM</b> <i>with Foot-washing, The Stripping of the Altar, &amp; The Garden Watch</i></p> <p><b>GOOD FRIDAY – 12 NOON &amp; 6 PM</b> <i>12 Noon – Sung Passion; 6 pm – The Stations of the Cross</i></p> <p><b>HOLY SATURDAY: THE GREAT VIGIL – 8 PM</b> <i>Candlelight, Baptism, &amp; The First Eucharist of Easter</i></p> <p><b>EASTER SUNDAY – 8 AM &amp; 10 AM</b> <i>Choir, Organ, &amp; Brass Quartet at 10 am</i></p> <p>✠ <b>ALL ARE WELCOME!</b> ✠</p>	
---	--	---

---

## Holy Week & Easter 2023

Holy Week is around the corner! You can see all our additional worship services listed in our **Holy Week & Easter 2023 Brochure found on the tables in the rear of the church.** We hope that you will be moved to join us for the various unique services as we trace Christ's journey from his entry to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, to his Resurrection on Easter Day!



### Our Guest Preacher for the Triduum: *The Right Reverend Andrew St. John*

Bishop Andrew St. John was formerly Assistant Bishop of Melbourne, Australia before relocating to New York City in 2003. After two years as Interim Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity on East 88<sup>th</sup> Street he was appointed Rector of the Church of the Transfiguration on East 29<sup>th</sup> Street until his retirement in 2016. At present he acts as an Assisting Bishop in the Diocese of New York and serves as Bishop-in-Residence at Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue. *Bishop St. John will preach on Maundy*

*Thursday, and Good Friday. He is a friend and mentor of Fr. Jonathan's, and was the Officiant at the marriage ceremony of Fr. Jonathan and his wife Anne.*



---

## Prayer Request Submission Process

Each week we offer special prayers for individuals or families on our Prayer List during our Sunday services and weekday prayer group. If you would like to submit a name(s) for inclusion in the Prayers of the People and intercessory prayers, please email [prayers@gracepvd.org](mailto:prayers@gracepvd.org) or call the parish office at (401)331-3225 or fill out a Prayer Request Submission form on the church website **or** use the QR code in the graphic below: [www.gracechurchprovidence.org/worship-services/prayerrequests/](http://www.gracechurchprovidence.org/worship-services/prayerrequests/)

**PRAYER REQUEST SUBMISSIONS**

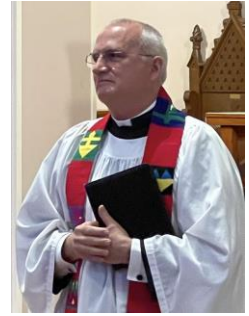
*To submit a Prayer Request, scan the QR Code below and fill out our form.*



*"Prayer is not the reverberation of sound; it is the articulation of love. It is with the heart rather than the lips that we pray."  
— St. Augustine*

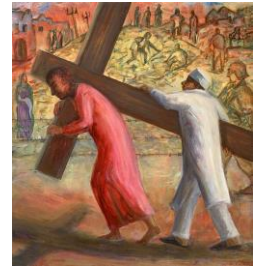
## Thursday Lenten Eucharists

Next **Thursday, March 30 at 6:00 PM**, join us for the last of our short Lenten Eucharist services that feature music, prayers, and a brief sermon preached by retired clergy that have made Grace Church their parish. The service takes place in the Chancel near the High Altar amongst candlelight and incense for a more intimate worship experience. A light supper in The Pavilion follows the service. The last preacher in the series is **The Reverend David 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.



## Thursdays @ Noon Concerts

**March 30, 2023**

**Alexander Hardan, Violin**  
**& Dasha Bukhartseva, Piano**



Violinist Alexander Hardan, is a PhD student in musicology at Brown University and pianist Dasha Bukhartseva, received her D.M.A. from Stony Brook University. They will perform music by Johannes Brahms and Niccolò Paganini. We hope you join us for this unique musical offering!

**There will be no concerts on April 6 and 13 due to Holy Week and Easter.**

**The next concert will be on April 20 featuring organist Steven Young.**

**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 Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 26, 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: [Click here!](#)**



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 [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 Fifth Sunday in Lent](#), please [CLICK HERE!](#)**

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

---

## March 26, 2023

# The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Fifth Sunday in Lent](#), [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.](#)