



GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

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FESTAL CHORAL EVENSONG WITH THE BLESSING OF CANDLES FOR CANDLEMAS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD 4:00 PM

*The combined choristers of **Grace Church (Providence)**, **St. Luke's Church (East Greenwich)**, and **St. Paul's Church (Fairfield)** will sing music of **Thomas Tallis**, **Herbert Howells**, **Sir Charles Villiers Stanford**, **Alan Gray**, and others under the direction of British conductor, **Dr. Barry Rose, OBE**, former Director of Music of **St. Paul's (London)**, **Guildford**, and **St. Alban's Cathedrals**. Candles for use in the new year will be blessed and a festive reception follows in **The Pavilion**.*

This weekend we warmly welcome British organist and choir director [Dr. Barry Rose, OBE](#), former Director of Music at St. Paul's (London), Guildford, and St. Alban's Cathedrals in the U.K. On **Saturday, February 3 at 4:00pm** Dr. Rose will conduct the combined choirs and choristers of Grace Church, St. Luke's Church (East Greenwich), and St. Paul's Church (Fairfield) in a special Festal Choral Evensong service in observance of the Feast of the Presentation, also known as [Candlemas](#).



Dr. Rose is best known for founding the choir and the pattern of daily sung worship at the then-new [Guildford Cathedral](#) in 1961, as well as directing the music at the 1981 wedding of [Charles, Prince of Wales](#) (now King Charles III) and the late [Diana, Princess of Wales](#) at St Paul's Cathedral in London. In 1971 he succeeded George Thalben-Ball as Religious Music Adviser to the British Broadcasting Company's Head of Religious Broadcasting. During his time as Master of the Choir at St. Paul's Cathedral, several of Rose's recordings of the choir for EMI Records were awarded platinum, gold, and silver status. In 1998 Dr. Rose was made an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) for his services to church music as part of Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday Honours that year.

Graced with Socks: The 20s/30s Sock Drive!

The Grace Church 20s/30s Group is holding a Sock Drive for those in need on the Sundays **February 4 and February 11**. Drop pairs of new socks in the red hamper located in The Pavilion February 4-13 and the donations will be dropped off to PVD homeless shelters on Valentine's Day. Please join our community in fulfilling a need this time of year. Last time, in 2020, we donated over 500 pairs of socks, and this year we've been asked for thick ones in regular and larger sizes. **Another top requested item in the community is underwear of all types, if you would prefer to assist with that need.** Thank you for sharing the warmth!



ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14TH, 2024

SPOKEN HOLY EUCHARIST
WITH THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES
12:00 NOON

CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST
WITH THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES
7:00 PM

*Music by Adrian Batten, Richard Lloyd,
Herbert Howells, and Gregorio Allegri,
sung by the Choir & Choristers of Grace Church.*



FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERT

**OBOE D'AMOUR: SONGS
OF LOVE & ROMANCE**

THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 15TH
12:00 NOON

Cheryl Bishkoff, Principal Oboe of the Rhode Island Philharmonic, accompanied by Vince Edwards, will play works by J.S. Bach, Robert Schumann, and others appropriate for Valentine's Day.

THIRD THURSDAYS @ TWELVE (NOON): A CONCERT SERIES

Free, diverse, 45-minute concerts for the enjoyment of
the city of Providence and its visitors!

Please feel free to stay for the entire concert or for five minutes - whatever works best for your schedule!





CHORAL COMPLINE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

8:00 PM

Doors open at 7:30 PM

30-minutes of Gregorian Chant & unaccompanied Renaissance Polyphony
sung amongst hundreds of candles and fragrant incense



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Sunday Morning Worship **The Fifth Sunday after The Epiphany**

~ 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 after the Epiphany,**
[CLICK HERE!](#)

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

The Fifth Sunday after The Epiphany

February 4, 2024

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



For the texts of the readings for **The Fifth Sunday after The Epiphany**,
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