



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

## The Way (Stations) of the Cross Services during Lent

Join us for this short liturgy during which participants walk to 14 stations posted throughout the church commemorating Christ's journey to Mount Calvary and his death on the Cross. This service lasts about 25 minutes and is scheduled for every Friday at 12 Noon during Lent.

There is NO service of Stations of the Cross today (March 1) due to Grace Church hosting the American Choral Directors Association Conference. But the services will resume next Friday, March 8.

#### 20/30's+ Sock Drive Report

Thank you for your contributions to the sock & underwear drive for Crossroads RI during the month of February. On Valentine's week we dropped off more than 500 pairs of socks and at least 150 pairs of undergarments as well! The team at Crossroads was incredibly grateful to have this donation to offer the community in need.

## March 3rd is Refugee Bin Day at Grace Church

In recent years people at Grace Church have contributed more than two dozen bins of supplies to help greet and settle newly arrived refugees in our community. Now some of those bins are empty, needing to be "adopted" (and filled) for a new set of new arrivals. We have about a dozen bins which we are handing out along with a list of desired items for different rooms (e.g. kitchen, child's room, single adult, etc). Or, you can provide your own bin! Since this is a wonderful way to translate a Lenten spiritual discipline into a physical act of love for our (new) neighbors, please pick up



a list/bin on Sunday, choose a room, and return it (filled) in two weeks by March 17th, so we can be ready for Holy Week the following week! Thanks for your participation in this unusual Grace ministry.







## Dorcas International Institute of R.I. Executive Director Visit Sunday, March 3rd at 9:15am in The Pavilion

Join us as we welcome Kathy Cloutier at Grace. Kathy will give a short presentation in the Pavilion about the work Dorcas International is doing here in Rhode Island and the impact we here at Grace Church have made.

A seasoned, visionary and versatile executive with more than two decades of leadership experience within both the non-profit and private sectors, Kathy Cloutier is a steadfast proponent of equity, opportunity and social justice. She is a founding member of Rhode Island's Immigrant Coalition, the Greater Providence Adult Education Consortium, and Rhode Island's Refugee Support Network. Kathy is now in her 10th year serving as the Executive Director of Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island, a multi-service organization assisting more than 5,000 immigrants, refugees and established residents in need each year, as they seek to build a successful life in Rhode Island.

### **Thursday Lenten Eucharists**

Join us next **Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 PM** for a short Eucharist service with music, prayers, and a brief reflection on specific pieces of Christian artwork offered by lay parishioners of Grace Church. 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 parishioner and RISD Professor, <u>Nancy Friese.</u> She will offer a reflection on the etching titled <u>"A Florida Forest"</u> by the American 19th century landscape printmaker, Mary Nimmo Moran.

## **Upcoming Collegium Ancora Concert**

Experience the sublime combination of music and text on **Sunday, March 17 at 4:00 PM** in a concert entitled *Mercy & Peace: A MASSive Experience* featuring the Mass in G minor for Double Choir by Ralph Vaughan Williams and the Missa Brevis for Choir and Organ by Zoltán Kodály sung by Collegium Ancora. Collegium is a professional chamber choir in Rhode Island and is the 'ensemble-in-residence' here at Grace Church. Tickets are available for purchase at: <u>http://tiny.cc/massiveexperience</u>







#### Lent at Grace 2024 Brochure

The penitential and reflective season of Lent begins next week as Christians around the world observe Ash Wednesday. Here at Grace Church we will have several additional offerings during Lent which are listed in the Lent 2024 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!

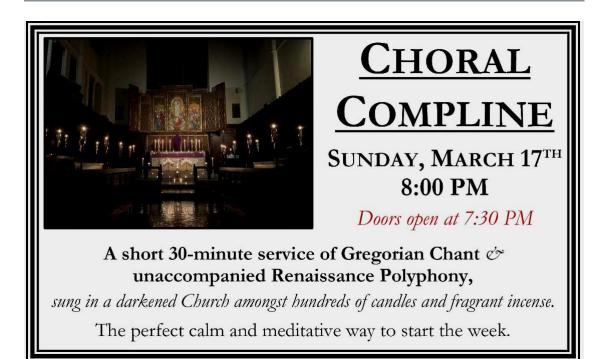


To view a PDF version of the brochure, please click here!

## **Shawl Ministry Prayer Cloths**

Shawl Ministry is making prayer cloths with cards which say: "This Prayer Cloth is a symbol of God's grace, peace and love. Keep it in your pocket. Let it remind you of God's presence. You are never alone." Adrienne Southgate is going on a pilgrimage to the Isle of Iona in Scotland. She would like to take prayer cloths from Grace Church to give to each of the 30 participants in this program. Can you knit some for us? Please email janeditmars@gmail.com if you need the instructions. Thank you for your help!







FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERT BENJAMIN BRITTEN'S CANTICLE II, OP. 51: ABRAHAM & ISAAC

## THURSDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 NOON

Rising star vocalists Eliana Barwinski and Sam Denler will offer a unique concert centered around Benjamin Britten's Canticle II: Abraham and Isaac, Op. 51, composed for alto and tenor duet with piano accompaniment. Other works by Antonín Dvořák, Sergei Rachmaninov, Herbert Howells, Gustav Mahler, and Johann Sebastian Bach will be included.

**THIRD THURSDAYS (a) 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!



### **Considering Baptism?**

The Easter Vigil (March 30, at 8:00 PM) 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>



### ~ 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 <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 Third 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!

# The Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 in Lent**, please click here.

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