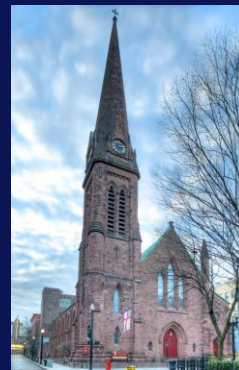


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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

March 15, 2024

## [Collegium Ancora Concert on Sunday!](#)

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: <http://tiny.cc/massiveexperience>

COLLEGIUM  ANCORA  
*presents*

*Mercy and Peace:*

**A MASSIVE  
EXPERIENCE**

MASS IN G MINOR      MISSA BREVIS  
*Ralph Vaughan Williams      Zoltan Kodaly*

17 MARCH 2024 | 4PM  
*Grace Episcopal Church, Providence*

TICKETS \$20

[COLLEGIUMANCORA.ORG](http://COLLEGIUMANCORA.ORG)



# CHORAL COMPLINE

SUNDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>

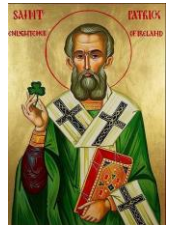
8:00 PM

*Doors open at 7:30 PM*

A short 30-minute service of Gregorian Chant & unaccompanied Renaissance Polyphony,  
*sung in a darkened Church amongst hundreds of candles and fragrant incense.*  
The perfect calm and meditative way to start the week.

## Music for St. Patrick's Day!

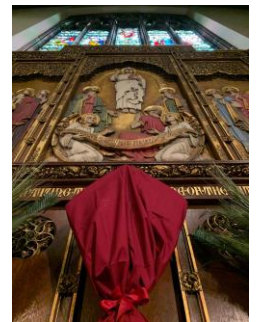
In honor of St. Patrick's Day on Sunday, parishioner and musician Joy Williams will play some Irish laments, slow aires, jigs, and reels on her high, middle, and low blackwood Irish whistles during Coffee Hour. Some tunes are traditional and some are composed by Joy herself. Beannacht De Ort! (God's blessing on you!)



## Holy Week & Easter 2024

Grace Church is very happy to celebrate the yearly observance of the Paschal Triduum and offer the many unique services that lead up to the Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Day.

To learn about the multiple worship opportunities during Holy Week, please pick up a copy of the Holy Week & Easter 2024 Brochure found on the tables in the rear of the church or by [clicking here](#).



We hope that you join us for these moving liturgies that illustrate the progression of Christ's betrayal and death to his glorious resurrection!

## Capital Campaign Feasibility Survey: *The Organ and Mural*

We are asking Grace parishioners to complete a Feasibility Survey regarding a possible Capital Campaign to restore our pipe organ and the chancel arch mural. Remember – this is not a pledge form, only a survey to help us determine our ability to raise the needed funds for these projects. **Please complete the survey before Sunday, March 24** if possible. If you need a printed version of the survey, please contact the office. As we approach our 200th Anniversary as a parish (in 2029) it is exciting to think about restoring our pipe organ and beautiful mural, complete with an angel orchestra! Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.



If you have not filled out the survey, please do so by clicking on the button below! Thank you!

[Click here to fill out the Feasibility Survey](#)

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## Easter Vigil Champagne Reception!

Join us for The Great Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter on **Saturday, March 30 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 will be held in The Pavilion. **Please bring a dessert - chocolate or otherwise - to share**, the champagne will be provided! We hope you join us!



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## Easter Flowers & Music Donations/Dedications

Thank you for filling out a card located in the pews, and for your support of Easter flowers and music! Please print dedications legibly: *In memory of... in honor of... in thanksgiving for...* Place your card and gift in the green flower envelopes provided, and return in the offering plate or by mail. Dedications received **by Tuesday, March 26** will be printed in the service bulletins for Easter Vigil (March 30) and Easter Sunday (March 31).



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## Coffee Hour Donations Needed!

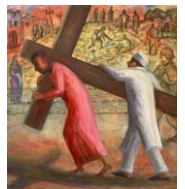
Ever wonder where that delicious food at Coffee Hour comes from? From you! Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to bring food to share at Coffee Hour. Homemade or store-bought, fresh fruit or baked goods – whatever you are moved to share! Simply place items on the large rectangular tables in The Pavilion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



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## 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.



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## Refugee Bins 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 by this Sunday, March 17th**, so we can be ready for Holy Week the following week! Thanks for your participation in this unusual Grace ministry.

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## Final Thursday Lenten Eucharist

Join us next **Thursday, March 21 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 UMass Dartmouth Professor, **Matthew Sneider**. He will offer a reflection on two pieces both titled "Compianto", one by 14th century Italian painter and architect, [Giotto di Bondone](#), and the other by 15th century Italian sculptor, [Niccolò dell'Arca](#).

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## 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](mailto: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 @ 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!*





## HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024

### THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>

Spoken Holy Eucharist *with* The Blessing of Palms

**8:00 AM**

Festal Sung Eucharist *with* The Blessing & Procession of Palms

**10:00 AM**

### SPY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>

The Office of Tenebrae: A Service of Candlelight & Shadows

**8:00 PM**

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>

Choral Holy Eucharist *with* The Washing of Feet,  
Procession to the Altar of Repose, & Stripping of the Altar

**7:00 PM**

The Garden Watch *in* The Chapel of the Messiah

**8:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight**

### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

The Solemn Liturgy of The Passion

**12:00 Noon**

The Way (Stations) of the Cross *with* Music

**6:00 PM**

### HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>

The Great Vigil, The Renewal of Baptismal Vows, & The First Eucharist of Easter  
*(followed by a Champagne and Chocolate Reception in The Pavilion!)*

**8:00 PM**

### THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>

Spoken Holy Eucharist

**8:00 AM**

Festal Choral Eucharist *with* Brass & Timpani

**10:00 AM**

*On Easter Day, all children are most welcome to participate in  
The Easter Egg Hunt during Coffee Hour following the 10 AM Eucharist!*



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# Sunday Morning Worship **The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

~ 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**

**[CLICK HERE!](#)**

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

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## **The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 17, 2024**

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.](#)**

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