

# GRACE ABOUNDS

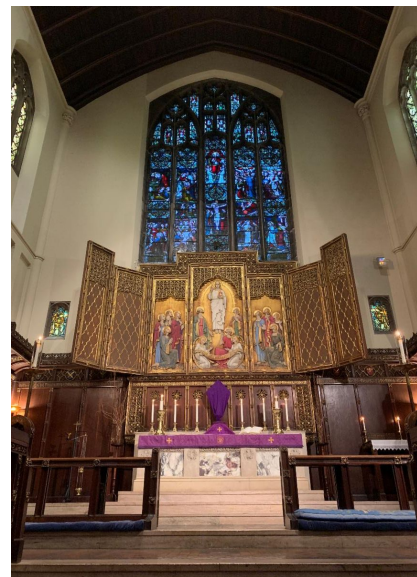


**Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church - March 7, 2025**

## Lent at Grace Church

There are several opportunities to worship here at Grace throughout Lent:

- **Friday:** Each week, join us at noon for the short liturgy of **The Way of the Cross (also called "Stations of the Cross")**. 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. To learn about the unique paintings at each of these 14 stations - made by New York City artist Gwyneth Leech - [please click here](#).
- **Sunday:** As usual, we'll gather at 10am each Sunday morning to celebrate **Holy Eucharist, with our Choir** singing seasonal anthems and psalms.
- **Thursday evenings:** Starting at 6pm, join us for a **brief service of Holy Eucharist, followed by a supper in The Pavilion**. Each week's menu will vary, based on who volunteers to bring it that evening. (We also have a supply of delicious soups donated by Blount Fine Foods to help with the meal.)



In addition, our Choir and Music department will present several programs throughout the Lenten season:

- **Sunday, March 9: Compline** - A 30-minute service of Gregorian chant and Renaissance polyphony, sung by the Grace Church Schola in a darkened church lighted by candles and filled with fragrant incense. *Doors open at 7:30pm.*
- **Sunday, March 23: Choral Evensong** - Music of Wood, Spicer, Knight, Dyson and featuring Gerald Finzi's masterpiece *Lo*, the full, final sacrifice sung by the Choir & Choristers of Grace Church. *A reception follows in The Pavilion. Doors open at 3:30pm.*
- **Third Thursdays at Noon:** provides diverse programs of music - free of charge - for the enjoyment of the community and visitors to the city.
  - **March 20 - "Seraphim and Cherubim"** featuring Collegium Ancora singers Soprano Jess Huetteman and Tenor Brad Kleyla.
  - **April 17 - Brown University Chamber Ensemble** featuring students

participating in Chamber Music Ensembles in the Music Department at Brown University.

[Click here to download a full schedule of Lenten activities](#) - and join us as you travel this time with Christ.

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## Choral Compline - Sunday

The beautiful service of Compline will be held this Sunday, March 9, at 8pm. Doors open at 7:30pm, and parking is available in our lot. This mesmerizing service lasts less than half an hour, and features Gregorian chant, hundreds of candles, and fragrant incense.

Please consider joining us, and invite a friend – it's a great way to introduce folks to Grace

Church!

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## Thursday Lenten Eucharist and Supper - Starts Thursday

You are invited to join us on Thursdays in Lent - from March 13 through April 10 - for a Lenten Eucharist and Supper.



Our supper next Thursday, March 13 will be provided by Grace's 20s/30s+ Group (many thanks to them!); they also invite you to bring sweets and/or salads to share. On the other Thursdays, we'll look for volunteers to help provide the meal.

We've received a donation of delicious soups from [Blount Fine Foods](#), which can be used on those evenings as well. (Thanks to Holly and Michael Gray for collecting that donation from Blount!)

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## Parish Directories

If you didn't get your Parish Directory on one of the last two Sundays, please contact the Parish Office so we can arrange to get one to you. And if you spot corrections or need to update your photo, please let us know at (401-331-3225 or [admin@gracepvd.org](mailto:admin@gracepvd.org)).

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## Our Mural Restoration - Lots of News!

It's been a banner week for our Chancel-Arch mural restoration project!

- First, Gianfranco, Corinna, and Travis packed up their tools on Tuesday - they're

done! We can't thank them enough for all they and Travis have done to bring new life and energy to our historic mural. From the pieces we've seen, the transformation has been remarkable - and soon, we'll be able to see the whole thing! (Scaffolding will be removed next Monday and Tuesday, March 10-11.)

- Second, Grace Church is in the news! Earlier this week, **Sophia Szabo from WPRI/Channel 12** stopped by to meet Gianfranco and our rector, Jonathan Huyck, and learn more about the project. Check out the video below:



- Next, **Nish Kohli from the Providence Journal** visited on Tuesday to meet with Gianfranco and Jonathan as well to see what we're doing here at Grace. That piece should be published in the coming days.
- And if that weren't enough, **ABC6's Laralyn Jackson** was here later in the week getting our story to share on their network as well! (It may air today at noon, so keep an eye out.)

We're grateful for this attention to the work Grace has continued to invest in our historic space in Providence, and appreciate the generous support of our congregation and donors who make this work possible - **thank you!**

If you'd like to know more about Gianfranco's team and see examples of their work, visit their website: <https://www.gpstudio.net/>.

Many thanks to **Dave Hughes** for managing many aspects of this project - including working with Gianfranco and his team, sourcing the scaffolding, and arranging for the press coverage. We couldn't have done it without you, Dave!

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## Sunday School and Youth Group

[Sunday School](#)

Sunday School (age 4 – Grade 6) meets during the Sunday morning service (other than the 2nd Sunday of the month, when kids attend the main service with their families). The children and teachers process from the church to the Sunday School rooms after the opening prayer. Kids can gather in the northwest corner of the church with the Sunday School teachers or sit with their families and join in the procession as it goes by. Questions? Call the parish office at 331-3225 or email [sundayschool@gracepvd.org](mailto:sundayschool@gracepvd.org).

### **Youth Group**

Youth Group (Grades 7-12) meets from 7 to 8 p.m. on Fridays. Teens can come to the Youth Group room at 7p.m., or come for pizza first in the choir room (Cronhimer Hall) at 6:30p.m. Questions? Feel free to call the parish office at 331-3225 or email [youthgroup@gracepvd.org](mailto:youthgroup@gracepvd.org).

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## **Shawl Ministry - Our Project for March!**

Shawl Ministry is now making dishcloths for the women's shelter and for those who come to the food pantry at St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Church. We invite you to join us in the Pavilion on Wednesdays from 10-11 am.

You are also welcome to knit or crochet at home using any dishcloth pattern. Completed items may be dropped off at the church throughout the month of March. Thank you for helping us with this project!

For more information, please contact Jane Ditmars at [janeditmars@gmail.com](mailto:janeditmars@gmail.com)!

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**Sunday Worship:**

## **The First Sunday of Lent**

**March 9, 2024**

Most Sunday mornings, Grace Church offers a "live-stream" broadcast of our 10:00 AM service of Holy Eucharist. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sundays to participate in our worship life at Grace.

~ [Click Here to Join This Sunday's Service on YouTube](#) ~

**Livestreamed Worship:** When available, this service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the link provided above to watch. The service also will be archived on the [Grace Church website](#) for on-demand viewing after Sunday morning.

**Order of Service:** To view a downloadable version of the Order of Service for the **The First Sunday of Lent**, please [click here](#).

**Collect for This Sunday:** *Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Readings:** For the texts of the readings for Sunday worship, [please click here](#).

**More About the Episcopal Church:** [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. [Click here](#) for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island.

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

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**Planning a Special Event? Rent The Pavilion at Grace!**

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