



# GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - Thursday, March 20, 2025

## Choral Evensong - This Sunday!

All are invited to join the Choir and Choristers of Grace Church for a Choral Evensong this Sunday, March 23, starting at 4pm. They will sing music of Wood, Spicer, Knight, and Dyson, as well as Gerald Finzi's 1946 masterpiece, "Lo, the full, final sacrifice."

The performance is free; a reception follows in The Pavilion.



## March Madness - Some Parking Restrictions and Road Closures This Week

Earlier this week, we received this announcement from City Hall:

*March Madness Road Closures Week of March 17<sup>th</sup> - In preparation for March Madness, the City of Providence has compiled essential information regarding [road closures](#), parking options, detours and other logistics to ensure a smooth experience for residents, businesses and the thousands of basketball fans anticipated to visit Providence in the upcoming week.*

*"March Madness is an incredible time for Providence, bringing together fans, local businesses and neighbors to celebrate the excitement of college basketball," said **Mayor Brett P. Smiley**. "We are committed to ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone attending, and we appreciate support from neighbors and visitors as we navigate these necessary [road closures](#) and public safety logistics." Click [here](#) for details.*

These parking changes and road closures will affect different sections of different streets at different times, between March 18 and March 22. So, when you come to Grace for Lenten activities, please take a look and allow a few extra minutes if needed.

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## Thursday Lenten Eucharist and Supper - Tonight

You are invited to join us on Thursdays in Lent - through April 10 - for a Lenten Eucharist and Supper. The Eucharist begins at 6pm in the Chancel, with a supper immediately following in The Pavilion.

Our supper tonight is provided by church members (thanks for your generosity!), with an additional option donated by [Blount Fine Foods](#). Please bring sweets, sides, and/or salads to share. Come for the Eucharist, the supper, or both. All are welcome!

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## Lent at Grace Church

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

- **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.)
- **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.



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

- **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.
  - **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.

**Seasonal Change to E-News:** Note that, during Lent, we'll publish the "Grace Abounds" weekly e-news on Thursday instead of Friday so you're aware of events happening on Thursdays and Fridays. We hope to see you at some of them!

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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 Third  
Sunday of Lent**





## March 23, 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 Third Sunday of Lent**, please [click here](#).

**Collect for This Sunday:** *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.*

**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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*The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel through worship, proclamation and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.*

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