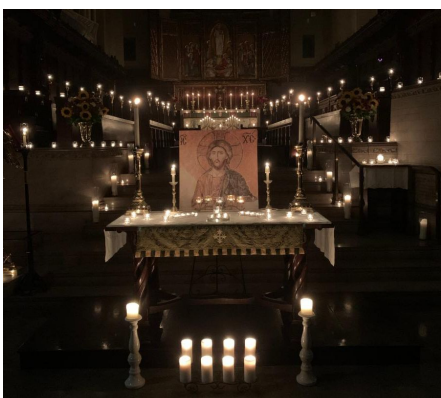




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## Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - May 16, 2025

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### Choral Compline - Sunday

The beautiful service of Compline will be held next Sunday, May 18, 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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### Words from Our Presiding Bishop on Refugee Resettlement



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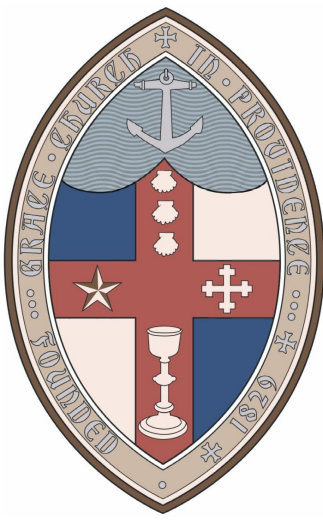
We're sharing with you here [a letter written on Monday from the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Reverend Sean Rowe](#), explaining the status of Episcopal Migration Ministries. As we here at Grace Church have been involved locally in helping refugees get settled in Providence through Dorcas International Institute, I wanted to share with you this larger picture of where the Episcopal Church stands in regards to this Gospel work of welcoming the stranger.

Whatever the future may bring, Grace stands ready to help those who have found a new life in this city and state as they continue to put down roots and raise their families.

Blessings to you all,  
Jonathan

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# Grace Church Day - June 1



On Sunday, June 1, we will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension; Ascension Day is 40 days after Christ's resurrection which is May 30 this year.

A church's "feast of title" can be transferred to the nearest Sunday. Churches named "Grace" don't technically have a "feast of title" but historically we have adopted Ascension Day as ours. Our precedent for this practice dates to May 1, 1913, the first Ascension Day with the newly added Chancel designed by Ralph Adams Cram. From *A History of Grace Church*:

*"Ascension Day, May 1, saw the active operation of a plan dear to [the rector] Dr. Crowder's heart, namely the observance of that festival as 'Grace Church Day,' comparable to Trinity Sunday or the appropriate Saints' Day for a Church bearing the name of the Trinity or of some saint."*

This day is all the more appropriate as the great Triptych above the High Altar is, indeed, a depiction of the Ascension of Christ. Additionally, a panel in the great chancel window above the High Altar and Triptych includes a traditional Ascension image: the feet of Christ just disappearing into the sky above as St. Mary and the Apostles look upwards.

In 2025, we will add to that celebration a re-dedication of our newly restored Chancel Arch mural which depicts Christ in Majesty. Following the service, all are invited to join us for a potluck luncheon in the Pavilion. Please add your name to the sign-up sheets in the Pavilion during coffee hour!

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## Did You Know...?

From late spring through early fall, Grace Church's courtyard hosts a children's storytime led by librarians from the Providence Public Library. Their time together includes stories, singing, and fun activities for toddlers and parents!



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## **Shawl Ministry - Join Us!**

The Shawl Ministry currently is making baby hats to donate to Women & Infants and Hasbro Hospitals. We will be working on them every Wednesday from 10am to 11am in The Pavilion. Please join us to knit and crochet for local newborns. Or, feel free to knit baby or preemie hats at home to add to our collection.



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

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## **Upcoming Holiday**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 26, for the Memorial Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 27.

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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).

*Note that the final day for Sunday School is Sunday, June 15.*

### **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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# **Worship with Us!**

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### **May 18, 2024**

Most Sunday mornings, Grace Church offers a "live-stream" broadcast of our 10am 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.

**Livestreamed Worship:** Our Sunday services are live-streamed on the Grace Church YouTube Channel. If you can't join us Sunday morning, visit [our YouTube channel](#) and watch/share at your convenience. (Note that if the recording isn't in [the "Live" listing](#), you may find it in [the "Videos" tab](#).)



*Click the video box to join this Sunday's live-streamed service on YouTube.*

**Click Here to See the Bulletin for This Sunday's Service**

**Collect for This Sunday:** *Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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,  
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