



**Grace** *Abounds!*



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**Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - May 9, 2025**

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## **Visit from Bishop Mark Edington - Sunday!**

This Sunday, May 11, Grace Church is thrilled to welcome to our pulpit The Rt. Rev. Mark D.W. Edington - Bishop in Charge of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe.



Bishop Mark came to this post in 2019 after serving in the Diocese of Massachusetts where he was rector of Saint John's Episcopal Church in Newtonville, Massachusetts, and director of the Amherst College Press. His consecration as Bishop took place on April 6, 2018 at the American Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Paris, France - where our own rector, Jonathan Huyck, served as Canon Pastor for several years and where he is an honorary canon!

Ordained to the priesthood in 2001, Bishop Mark served as the first Epps Fellow and Chaplain to Harvard College in The Memorial Church of Harvard University.

Bishop Mark writes frequently on issues at the intersection of public policy and religion. His essays have appeared in *The Atlantic Monthly*, the *New York Times*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, and other national publications. He has blogged on *The Huffington Post* and on *WBUR's Cognoscenti*, and is a frequent commentator on *New England Public Radio*. He is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations, where he is active in the Religion and Foreign Policy program.

Bishop Mark is a graduate of Albion College, where he received the A.B. in philosophy and political science *summa cum laude*, and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa; the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy; and Harvard Divinity School. He has studied in programs focused on European integration at the *Université libre de Bruxelles*, and on post-Cold War European security at *Christian-Albrechts-Universität*. He is married to Judith, a graduate of Albion College, Boston College, and Harvard Law School, who is Counsel in the Tax Department of Sullivan and Worcester, Boston.

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## Third Thursday: The Path Project - May 15

Our "Third Thursdays at Noon" series continues on Thursday, May 15, with a unique multilingual performance.

**The Path Project**, artistically curated by Eliana Barwinski and Mahima Kumara, aims to unite individuals through the intersection of music, spirituality, and pilgrimage. This year-long project begins with rehearsals of Joby Talbot's acclaimed work, "Path of Miracles," and culminates in a 240-km pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago, concluding with a performance in Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

This sacred journey challenges participants to seek inner strength and endurance, guided by Saint James, the patron saint of pilgrims. As the project progresses, it fosters a sense of community through shared experiences.

The music of "Path of Miracles" highlights five key landmarks along the Camino: Roncesvalles, Burgos, León, Santiago de Compostela, and Finisterre, the latter symbolizing 'the end of the world.' Performed in over seven religious languages, this cinematic piece transports audiences, inviting them to walk alongside us on this profound spiritual and musical journey.

The performance is free and open to all. As is always the case for weekday events, parking in our lot is very limited, so please plan ahead and be prepared for street parking.

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## Choral Compline - May 18

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!

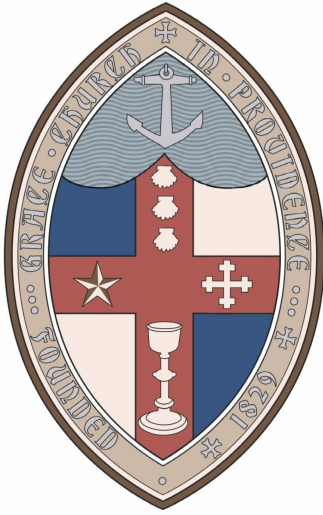


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## Grace Church Day - June 1

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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## 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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## 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!**

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**May 11, 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:** *O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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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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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