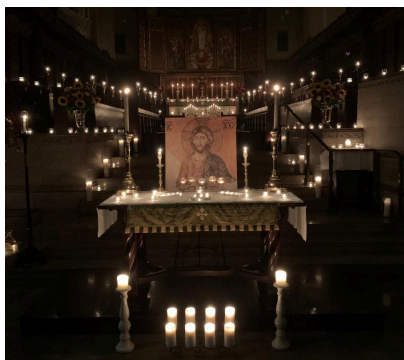




Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - April 17, 2026



Compline This Sunday!

The beautiful service of Compline will be held this Sunday 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!

Collegium Ancora - "A Choral Kaleidoscope" - Sunday

Grace Church's choral ensemble-in-residence, Collegium Ancora, will present their final concert of the season here at Grace this Sunday at 4pm.

"A Choral Kaleidoscope" will include vibrant choral music inspired by the colorful imagination of composer Joshua Shank. Centered around his lively "Color Madrigals," this program explores a spectrum of musical moods and textures, with each piece reflecting a different shade of sound and expression.

Come experience an engaging journey through choral color—bright, playful, reflective, and bold—brought to life in the warm acoustics of this beautiful Providence venue. All are welcome to attend this celebration of choral artistry and musical color.

For tickets and information, [click here](#).

COLLEGIUM  ANCORA

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FEATURING 'THE COLOR MADRIGALS' BY JOSHUA SHANK

19 APRIL 2026 | 4:00PM
GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE
300 WESTMINSTER ST.

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David Heinze: An Organist's Trip to London

On March 7, 2026, David Heinze - Grace Church's Associate Director of Music from 2019 to 2024 - traveled to London to receive his Fellowship diploma and prizes at the Annual Conferment Ceremony of the Royal College of Organists. This ceremony was held at Southwark Cathedral, where the Grace Choir sang services in the summer of 2023. The Fellowship diploma is earned by an intense examination that includes tests of playing solo repertoire, keyboard skills (such as continuo realisation, score-reading, sight-reading), and improvisation as well as written assessments in fugue/counterpoint, music analysis, stylistic completion, editorial analysis, and essays on a collection of set works by a specific composer and 100 years of organ building/music history.

The RCO describes the diploma like this: "Fellowship of the College indicates a standard of professional expertise in organ playing technique, advanced keyboard

skills, and interpretative understanding, which at this level will be stylistically well informed. It also indicates accuracy in advanced aural perception, and accomplishment in those written disciplines (advanced stylistic techniques and analysis of performance and historical issues in relation to organ repertoire and its broader musical context) which support practical musicianship." In addition to passing the exam, David won prizes for high marks in the playing of solo organ repertoire (Turpin-Durrant Prize) and earned the highest marks in improvisation (Dixon Prize).



Divine Providence also had a hand in this trip. The current President of the RCO is Sarah MacDonald, under whom David studied as an Organ Scholar at Selwyn College during graduate studies at the University of Cambridge. Thus, Sarah was the one to officially confer the diploma during the ceremony. (*See photo at left.*)

Another highlight of the trip was a generous (and unsolicited!) invitation from Andrew Nethsingha, Organist & Master of the Choristers of Westminster Abbey (*see picture below, left, and photo above of David inside the Abbey*). Andrew asked David to sit 'in Quire' - i.e., the official choir stalls where dignitaries usually are seated during special services of prominence at the Abbey, such as Royal Weddings, Funerals, and

the Coronation - for Sunday services. David met and worked with Andrew when the latter was guest conducting the Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys whilst David sang and was organ scholar for that group. David also worked with Andrew during his time in Cambridge as an Organist for St. John's Voices (a mixed voice choir) while Andrew was Director of Music at St. John's College. Andrew is the in-coming president of the RCO when Sarah completes her term in July, and he must have seen David's name on the list of FRCO recipients and kindly reached out to offer this opportunity.

A heartfelt surprise was the attendance of Huw Lewis, David's former organ professor from Hope College (Holland, Michigan). He himself earned the FRCO in his teens, and he flew over from Detroit to London to celebrate this milestone with David. (*See picture below, right.*)

A hearty Grace-Church congratulations to David on this amazing accomplishment!



The Pipes Are Calling!

After a break during Holy Week and Easter, [The Pipes Are Calling](#) returned with more posts recapping last week's visit from Casavant. You can tell from reading these that they worked hard in the short time they were here - meeting with Grace staff and with E.F. O'Donnell and Sons - our local contractor for this project. The pictures and descriptions of the details involved in an instrument of this size and complexity certainly help explain why the process takes more than two years!



We're fast approaching the time when scaffolding is re-erected in the church and installation begins in earnest. Stay tuned throughout as Director of Music Vince Edwards continues documenting - in words and pictures - every aspect of the project and its progress.

Thank you for sharing this journey with us, and follow this blog to follow the action in real time. Visit the blog at [thepipesarecalling.blog](#) - and be sure to share the link with friends!



Shawl Ministry at Grace - We (Still) Need Your Help!

Shawl Ministry has made more than 60 custom dishcloths for our friends at Pete and Andy's Food Bank, and they'll tie each to a new bottle of dishwashing liquid before we take them to the food pantry.

We still need 30 new bottles of dishwashing liquid - any size, any brand - can you help us? Please bring your donations to church on Sunday, and we'll wrap each with one of our brightly colored dishcloths. All donations will be delivered to Pete & Andy's in the coming weeks.

And remember that you're invited to join us each Wednesday at 10am in the Pavilion at Grace as we use God's gifts in service to others. Thank you for your help!

Cemetery Spruce-Up - Join Us!



On Saturday, May 2, from 9am to noon, Grace Church will support the annual **Care for The Square** spruce-up event in Trinity Square, which is anchored by the increasingly-beautiful Grace Church Cemetery.

Many members of the Trinity Square neighborhood come to work in our cemetery, so it's important that Grace Church makes a strong showing at this family-friendly outreach event.



If you have gardening tools, feel free to bring them; if you forget, don't worry - we have plenty of rakes and other tools! Senior Warden Joel Goloskie will lead a short guided tour, including the stately gravestone of Bishop John Henshaw who served as rector of Grace Church and led the construction of the beautiful church building we enjoy to this day.

The Cemetery is located at 10 Elmwood Avenue, just a few minutes' drive from Grace Church. A sign-up sheet will be in the Pavilion, but please join us even if you haven't signed up. All are welcome!



"Commuter's Bible Study" - This Friday!

This week's Scripture readings relate more post-resurrections events: the disciples exhorting the Israelites to be baptized, a little bit of prophecy, and another of Jesus' appearances - this one when he encounters two travelers on the road to Emmaus.

Join us for Bible study at 7am tomorrow morning on your own road (to Emmaus or elsewhere!) for questions and conversation about these passages and the messages you find there. Parking in our lot is free and available!

Worship with Us!

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

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 live-streamed service on YouTube.

[Click Here to See the Bulletin for This Sunday's Service](#)

Collect for This Sunday: *O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

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

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