



GRACE CHURCH
IN NEWARK

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Prelude – O man bewail thy grievous fall (BWV 622)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Introit

Graduale Romanum

Please stand at the sound of the bells. The Cantor sings the Introit as the ministers enter.

Invocabit me, et ego exaudiam eum:
eripiam eum, et glorificabo eum:
longitudine dierum adimplebo eum.
*Ps. Qui habitat in adiutorio Altissimi, in
protectione Dei cæli commorabitur.*

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days. *Ps.* He who abides in the shelter of the Most High, shall remain under the protection of the God of Heaven. *Psalm 90*

Prayer Biddings

Please remain standing for the prayer biddings and The Great Litany that follows.

- ✠ **The Church:** Pray for *Sarah Mullally*, Archbishop of Canterbury, *Sean Rowe* our Primate, *Carlye Hughes* our Bishop, and *Leo* and *Bartholomen*, primates of the other branches of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Pray for the growth and sustainability of our parish, our various ministries, and our leaders, the Members of Vestry, *Andre* and *Tracy* our Wardens, *Michael* our Ministry Fellow, *Emmanuel* our Director of Choristers *Luke* our Candidate for the Priesthood in seminary, *Egan* our Nominee for the Priesthood, and *Brent* our Rector.
- ✠ **The Nation & World:** Pray for *Donald*, President, Members of Congress, Justices of the Supreme Court, *Mikie*, Governor, and *Ras*, Mayor. Pray for the people of the nations of the world, especially Palestine, Israel, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Jamaica, Haiti, Ukraine, and Russia. Pray for peace and justice in the Middle East, for those who are suffering, and all who have been killed.
- ✠ **Parish Prayer List:** Pray for our parishioners, family and friends, especially *Madibah Brown*, daughter of Tony Kearney, *Brandon Allmon-Jackson*, partner of Matthew Greene, *Gabriel Bowman*, husband of Rose, and *Scott and the Norris Family*; and give thanks for the marriage of *Sein Dokubo* & *Aisha Jimokuku* (2/14/26).
- ✠ **Birthdays:** Give thanks for those with birthdays this week, especially *Peter Woolley* (2/23), *Ron Hoglund* (2/25), *Nneka Moneme* (2/27), and last week, *Ernest Clay* (2/20).
- ✠ **Departed:** Pray for the recently departed, especially *Floyd Ewing*, *Jesus Santiago* (2/7/26), friend of James Porter, *Jean Kilbridge* (2/9/26), grandmother of David, *Susy Norris*, priest (1/28/26), and in years past, especially, *Eugene Wagner* (2/26/2017), *Marie Gaspard* (2/27/2021), *Evelyn Kearney* (2/27/2021), mother of Tony, *Deloris Katz* (2/28/2019), sister of Joan Knowles, *Bruce Ford* (2/28/2025), and *Charles Gompf* (2/17/1952), priest, and former rector of Grace Church in Newark.

The Great Litany

The Priest begins the Litany.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

After the following invocations the People respond



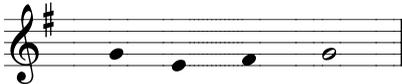
Have mer- cy up- on us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful, *Have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, *Have mercy upon us.*

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.



Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation, *Spare us, good Lord.*

After each of the following petitions the People respond



Good Lord, de- li- ver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

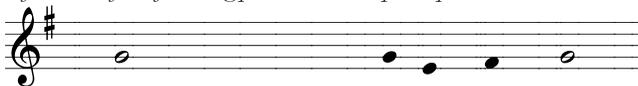
By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of thy Holy Ghost, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

After each of the following petitions the People respond



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

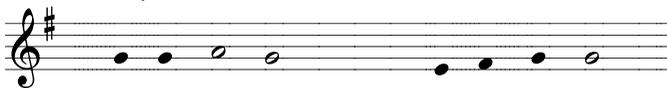
That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,



People Have mer- cy up- on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,



People Have mer- cy up- on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,



People Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.



People O Christ, hear us.

Kyrie

Missa de Angelis (15-16th centuries)

Please remain standing and join in singing the Kyrie. Please repeat each petition after the Cantor.

Collect of the Day

Please sing “Amen” on a monotone throughout the service unless otherwise indicated. The “Collect of the Day” is a prayer which sets the theme for the day, reflected in the Gregorian Chant, as well as the readings, and post-communion prayer.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

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.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-17, 25 – 3: 7

Please be seated for the Readings and the Psalm.

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up – for the LORD God had not caused

it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground – then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual – Psalm 51: 1-11

Setting by James McGregor (1930-2022)

The Cantor sings the refrain, then all repeat.



Cre- ate in me a clean heart, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. *All repeat refrain*

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment. Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother’s womb. *All repeat refrain*

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly. Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice. *All repeat refrain*

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. *All repeat refrain*

Second Reading

Romans 5: 12-21

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Tract

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty. There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Psalm 91*

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Please remain standing for the Gospel, which is censed with frankincense and myrrh as a way of giving honor to the ancient account of the life, death, and resurrection of Our Lord. It is customary to make three small signs of the cross with one's thumb on the forehead, lips, and heart, asking God for the Gospel to be in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

Priest The ☩☩☩ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus was baptized, he was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it

is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G-clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a treble clef, a sharp sign, and a common time signature. The melody starts with a whole rest, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, and a half note on B4.

Homily

Father Bates, Rector

Please be seated when the homilist says “✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Nicene Creed

Please stand for the Creed. The music can be found inside the back cover of the blue hymnal.

Confession of Sin

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel or bow profoundly for the Confession and say

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest proclaims God’s absolution of sin saying

Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Please stand for the peace.

Priest The peace of the Lord be al- ways with you. *People* And al- so with you.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G-clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a treble clef, a sharp sign, and a common time signature. The melody starts with a whole rest, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a half note on C5. There is a double bar line, followed by a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a half note on C5.

Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please be seated during the preparation of the Altar, stand for the hymn, then stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer. All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive the Blessed Sacrament; Speak to the priest to discuss baptism. Please receive the bread on the tongue or folded hands with palms up. Wine may be sipped, but dipping bread is not allowed. If you need the Blessed Sacrament brought to your pew, please signal an usher.

Offertory Antiphon

Graduale Romanum

The Cantor sings the Offertory Antiphon.

Scapulis suis obumbrabit tibi Dominus, et sub pennis eius sperabis: scuto circumdabit te veritas eius.

The Lord will overshadow you with his pinions, and you will find refuge under his wings. His faithfulness will encompass you with a shield.
Psalm 91

Offertory Anthem – Ave verum corpus

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

The Choristers sing the Anthem.

Ave verum corpus, natum ex Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine. O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Iesu, fili Mariae.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind. Whose pierced side flowed with (water and) blood, May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death. O clement, O pious, O sweet Jesus, son of Mary.

Hymn 147

Now let us all with one accord

Please stand and join in singing the hymn.

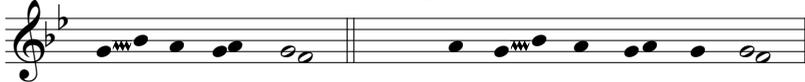
Eucharistic Prayer A

Sanctus – Missa de Angelis (15-16th centuries)

Please remain standing for the following.



Priest The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.



Priest Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.



Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.

By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you,
 joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven,
 who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

San - - ctus, San - ctus, San - - ctus_

Dó - mi - nus De - us_ Sá - - - -

-ba - oth. Ple - ni__ sunt cae - li et__ ter - ra__

gló - ri - a__ tu - a. Ho - sán - na__ in ex - cél -

sis__ Be - ne - dí - ctus qui__ ve - nit__ in nó - mi - ne

Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - - - na__ in__ ex -

- cél - - - - sis__

Please kneel or remain standing as the Priest continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself;
 and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death,
 you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son,
 to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you,
 the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross,
 and offered himself in obedience to your will,
 a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
 and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
 “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;
 and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father,
in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son,
the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us ✠ also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,
and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace;

and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Please affirm the consecration of the Bread & Wine as the Body & Blood of Christ by exclaiming the Great Amen.



People A- MEN.

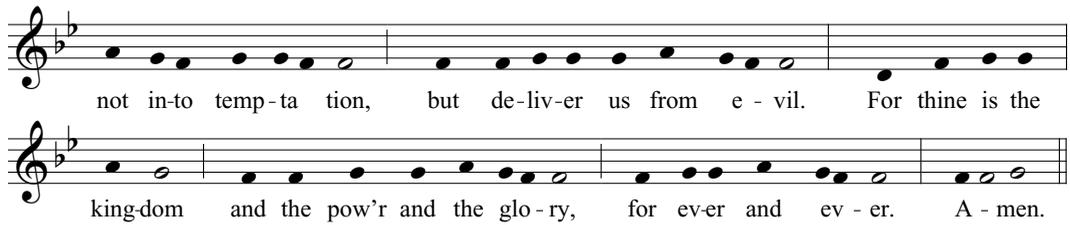
The Lord's Prayer

The Priest begins

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Please continue

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal - low ed be thy Name,
thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres -
-pass-es, as we for-give those who tress-pass a-gainst us. And lead us



not in-to temp-ta tion, but de-liv-er us from e - vil. For thine is the
king-dom and the pow'r and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.

The Fraction

The Priest breaks the bread.



Priest Christ our Pass-o- ver is sac- ri- ficed for us.

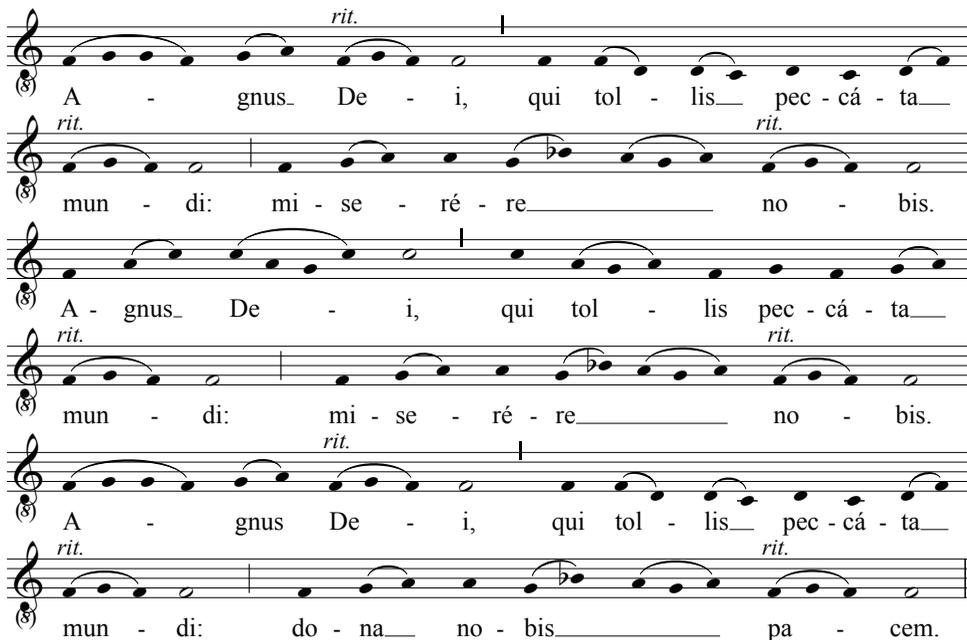


People There- fore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei

Missa de Angelis (15-16th centuries)

Please join the Cantor in singing the Agnus Dei.



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A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta
rit. mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.
rit.
A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta
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rit.
A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta
rit. mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Invitation to Receive the Blessed Sacrament

Please come forward immediately after the following invitation in order to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

✠ Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The people may privately say the Prayer of Humble Access for preparation to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion for all who worship remotely or do not wish to receive the Blessed Sacrament

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Graduale Romanum

The Cantor sings the Communion Antiphon.

Scapulis suis obumbrabit tibi Dominus, et sub pennis eius sperabis: scuto circumdabit te veritas eius.

The Lord will overshadow you with his pinions, and you will find refuge under his wings. His faithfulness will encompass you with a shield.
Psalms 91

Hymn 140

Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun

Postcommunion Prayer

After any remaining Sacrament has been consumed and the Altar has been cleared the Priest says

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us bread from heaven to nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us, we pray, to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from your mouth: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer over the People

The Priest prays over the people.

Bow down before the Lord. Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



People A- men.

PLANNING FOR THE END OF LIFE

This Lent marks the third year of our parish's effort to encourage thoughtful preparation for the end of life. In the first year, we reflected on funeral planning; in the second, on advance directives; and this year, we turn our attention to the making or updating of wills.

The parish will provide resources to assist you in this important work. As you make your plans, you may also wish to remember the Church in your will as an expression of gratitude and a means of supporting its mission for generations to come.

It is not too late to take part in any aspect of the program. All materials are available in the Parish Hall. Please ask Father Bates if you would like guidance.

SPONSORS FOR HOLY WEEK SINGERS

The chant and music of Holy Week is a large part of what makes our observance solemn and reverent. Much of the music, such as the Passion chant and the Reproaches on Good Friday, requires additional voices. To help defray the cost, we are asking parishioners to consider sponsoring a singer for \$125 each. Please let us know by using the sheet at the sign-up table at coffee hour. Please also make sure to include the memo "Holy Week singer" in your donation and you may also wish to indicate if it is given as a memorial. Thank you to Darriea Pigott and Egan Pemberton for their donations.

FORMATION CLASS

Join Father Bates beginning today after Coffee Hour around 12:30 p.m. for adult formation classes. The class will cover our Anglican beliefs ranging from baptism, eucharist, the other sacraments, the creeds, Bible, prayer, among other practices and beliefs. This class is appropriate for anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of our faith, especially people interested in being baptized or confirmed as an Episcopalian.

JOIN BIBLE STUDY ON THURSDAY NIGHTS!

Bible study continues on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. We are exploring the Gospel according to St. John during Lent and Eastertide. Please speak with Michael Banks, Ministry Fellow, for details and materials.

20S & 30S GROUP

Please speak with Michael Banks, Ministry Fellow, about joining our 20s and 30s for fellowship and friendship throughout the year if you are within the age range of 20-39.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

The Forward Day by Day devotional booklets for February through April are available in the Parish Hall in both regular and large print editions. It is also available for free online along with many other devotional resources at <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/fdd/> as well as on their phone app available in the App Store.

GIVING ENVELOPES

Envelopes for your pledges for 2026 will be available at Coffee Hour if you requested them. If you don't see your name and would like envelopes, please speak with Father Bates.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2026 HAS OPENED

Confirmation is a mature public affirmation of faith and commitment to life in the Episcopal Church, offered through prayer and the laying on of hands by the bishop. It is appropriate for adults and youth who were baptized earlier in life and now wish to make this affirmation for themselves, as well as for those coming to the Episcopal Church from another Christian tradition who have not previously been confirmed by a bishop in the historic apostolic succession. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please speak to Father Bates.

COME SING WITH THE GRACE CHURCH ADULT CHOIR

Do you love singing and want to be more involved in the life of the Church? We'd love to invite **you** to join the **Adult Parish Choir** at Grace Church! Whether you've sung in choirs before or are simply drawn to the beauty of sacred music, this is a great opportunity to help lead worship—especially for **holidays and special liturgies** throughout the church year. The Choir will rehearse regularly and sing at Masses on Sundays and for major feasts. It's a meaningful way to serve, grow musically, and be part of a supportive community rooted in faith and tradition. **Interested? Speak with or send Michael Banks, Ministry Fellow, an email (mtbanks@gracechurchinnewark.org) with any questions about rehearsal schedules, commitments, or expectations. Singers of all skill levels are welcome.** Come and see what it's like to sing for the glory of God at Grace Church!

CHORISTER SEASON HAS BEGUN

Please help us to recruit new children to the program, whether your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, or neighbors, or friends of the family. *The program is tuition free and the Choristers receive a stipend.* Please help us get the word out! The Chorister rehearsals are now on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. during the school year. The children will perform twice per month.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We warmly invite you to join us in serving our neighbors in need at our weekly Food Ministry. Every Saturday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, we gather to provide nourishment and support to those facing hunger in our community. Your hands and heart can make a difference. Whether you're new to serving or a regular participant, your presence is a blessing to those we serve. Come and be a part of this meaningful work, as we show God's love through action. Please contact Michael Banks for more information at mtbanks@gracechurchinnewark.org.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Coffee hour hosts are needed for upcoming months. Consider signing up to bring a small dish (coffee cake, Dunkin Donuts, bagels, etc.) for us to share during this time of fellowship. Friends can team up to cook or bring a dish as well. The sign-up sheet is located in the Parish Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets on the first Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Parlor. Any school age child is welcome to join for a lesson on the day's scriptures. The children will join the Mass after the Peace for Holy Communion. For more information speak to Mariyam Kayjay or Father Bates.

PRAYER LIST

Active members of our parish – Mark McFadzean and family; Comfort Abogan; Ethelyn Washington; Alman Clarke; The Elisee Family; Dolores Carter-Brown; Monique Williams; Bernice Tillis; Valerie Munro; Akintoye Lapite; Oyinkansola Lapite; Aidan Mandigora, and his parents Grant and Nezile; Fred Gaspard; Jordan Elisée; James Porter; Joan Knowles; Beatrice Breton; Brisco Kayjay; William Carter; Paola Breton.

Friends of our parish – Madihah Brown, daughter of Tony Kearney; Brandon Allmon-Jackson, partner of Matthew Greene; Scott and the Norris family; Gabriel Bowman, husband of Rose; Damion H. Arthur, son of Pat Arthur; Tiffany Blanco, niece of Judith Alexander-Edwards; Anthony Mack, Sr., cousin of Judith Alexander-Edwards; Ed & Linda Naskret, parents of Allie Ulrich; Aisha Lemon, wife of Rosemary Kearney's co-worker; Frank Barber, Jr., friend of Courtney Dover; Brandon Bates, brother of Father Bates; Joseph Johnston and his family; Evelyn Cruz, mother of Ed Cruz; Geraldine Clarke, wife of Alman; Joanne Murray, mother of Andre Murray; Robert Alexander, brother of Judith Alexander-Edwards; Susan Webb, daughter of Sylvia Christie, and Isabelle Wiltshire, granddaughter of Sylvia Christie; Clifford 'Cliffy' Gunsam and Ellen Greenwood, friends of Sylvia Christie; Tiffany Colon, daughter-in-law of, and Heather Hall Chambers, sister-in-law of, Jewel Lowe; Elizabeth Silva, former sexton of Grace Church; Max Woolley, son of Peter Woolley; Christal Phillips, sister of Nadia; Kenneth J. Jones III, nephew of Courtney Dover; Marjorie & India Calloway, Laverne Poole, Henrietta Pemberton, Mary Carroll, Annie Myhand, friends of Joan Knowles; Nate Williams, Connie Jeffrey, Louis Neblett, Brooklyn Joan, nephews and niece of Joan Knowles; Shamar O'Neil, Ronney Davis, Charon Davis, Mike and Joan Knowles' grandsons; the Riddick family, relatives of Joan Knowles; Cheryl Abernathy; Elijah Lassiter, great-grandson of Daphine Turner; Tom Durrell, husband of Sandra; Jean Armand Gaspard & Nicole Brevil, brother and sister-in-law of, and Wilner Altidor, brother-in-law of, Fred Gaspard; Michelle Portee, Ariel Maldonado, and Stan Zilinski, friends of Fred Gaspard; Yvonne Dunn, sister of Alman Clarke; Joseph Jolly, husband of Deleena and father of Brisco and Mariyam.

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. – Said Mass

A simple spoken service celebrated at a side altar

10:30 a.m. – High Mass

An elaborate sung service with music, acolytes, and incense

Weekday Services – Tuesday through Friday

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer

12:10 p.m. – Midday Mass

Anointing for Healing offered Thursdays

5:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer

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Andre Murray & Tracy Cummings, *Wardens*

Judith Alexander-Edwards, Luis Sanchez, & Peter Woolley, *Vestry Class of 2026*

Rosemary Kearney, Darriea Pigott, *Vestry Class of 2027*

Comfort Abogan, Shevon Armstrong, & Jason Scully, *Vestry Class of 2028*