



# GRACE CHURCH

IN NEWARK

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**Prelude** – Andante soavemente e dolce  
John Romeri, Organist

Charles Macpherson (1870-1927)

## Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord

*Please stand at the sound of the bells and join in singing the hymn, which can be found in the blue hymnal. After the procession, the Priest sprinkles the people with holy water as a sign of their baptism.*

## Introit

*Graduale Romanum*

*The Cantor sings the Antiphon. The Priest kisses and censes the altar with frankincense and myrrh, the gifts of the Magi at Jesus's birth, in honor of Christ's sacrifice, and presence among us in the Blessed Sacrament.*

Venite adoremus Deum, et procidamus  
ante Dominum: ploremus ante eum, qui  
fecit nos: quia ipse est Dominus Deus  
noster. Ps. Venite, exsultemus Domino:  
iubilemus Deo salutari nostro..

Come, let us worship God and bow down  
before the Lord; let us shed tears before the  
Lord who made us, for he is the Lord our God.  
Ps. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a  
joyful noise unto God our Saviour. Ps. 95

## Kyrie

Robert Powell (1937-2025)

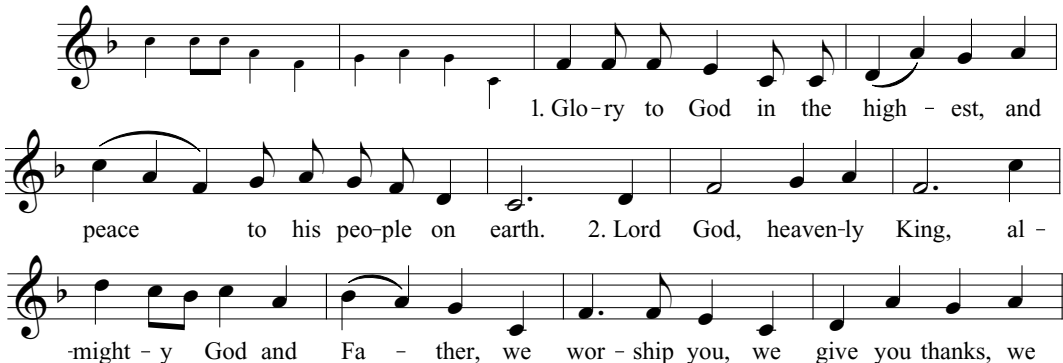
*Please remain standing and join in singing the Kyrie. Please repeat each petition after the Cantor.*



Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

## Gloria in excelsis

Robert Powell (1937-2025)



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the  
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sins of the world; have  
mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Collect of the Day

*Please sing "Amen" on a monotone throughout the service unless otherwise indicated. This prayer 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.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Habakkuk 3: 1-6, 17-19

*Please be seated for the Readings and the Psalm.*

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of the prophet Habakkuk.

A prayer of the prophet Habakkuk according to Shigionoth. O LORD, I have heard of your renown, and I stand in awe, O LORD, of your work. In our own time revive it; in our own time make it known; in wrath may you remember mercy. God came from Teman, the Holy One from

Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. The brightness was like the sun; rays came forth from his hand, where his power lay hidden. Before him went pestilence, and plague followed close behind. He stopped and shook the earth; he looked and made the nations tremble. The eternal mountains were shattered; along his ancient pathways the everlasting hills sank low. Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will exult in the God of my salvation. GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights?

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

## **Gradual – Psalm 27: 1-7**

Lionel Dakers (1924-2003)

*The Cantor sings the Gradual alone.*

- 1    The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
      whom then shall I fear? \*  
      the LORD is the strength of my life;  
      of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2    When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
      it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  
      stumbled and fell.
- 3    Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
      yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4    And though war should rise up against me, \*  
      yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5    One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
      one thing I seek; \*  
      that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days  
      of my life;
- 6    To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
      and to seek him in his temple.
- 7    For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  
      in his shelter; \*  
      he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
      and set me high upon a rock.

## **Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 2: 1-11

*Reader*     A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of

the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" – these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia

*Please stand. The Cantor sings the Alleluia, then all repeat.*



*Cantor* I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

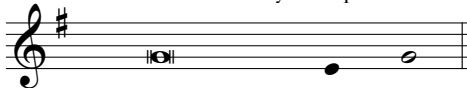
*All repeat Alleluia*

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5: 13-20

*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.*

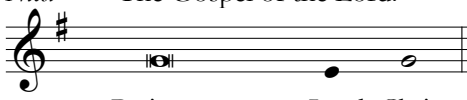
*Priest*     The ☩☩☩ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



*People*     Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

*Priest*      The Gospel of the Lord.



*People*      Praise to you,      Lord Christ

## 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.*

## Prayer Biddings

*Please remain standing for the Prayers of the People. The Priest makes special prayer biddings.*

- ✠ **The Church:** Pray for *Sarah Mullally*, Archbishop of Canterbury, *Sean Rowe* our Primate, *Carlye Hughes* our Bishop, and *Leo* and *Bartholomew*, 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, especially, *Comfort Abogan*, and our family and friends, especially *Kevin Garth* and *Scott and the Norris Family*.
- ✠ **Birthdays:** Give thanks for those with birthdays this week, especially *Remy Haggins-Briggs* (2/8) and *Fred Gaspard* (2/12), and last week, *Tracy Cummings* (2/4), *Callum Scully* (2/4), and *Luis Sanchez* (2/07).
- ✠ **Departed:** Pray for the recently departed, especially *Susy Norris*, priest (1/28/26), *Victor Delgado* (1/14/26), friend of James Porter, *Laura Dreyer* (1/7/26), teacher of Egan Pemberton, and in years past, *Carla Armstrong* (2/2/19), mother of Shevon, *Norma Khurdan* (2/5/2020), *George Bowen*, priest (2/7/23), and *Eleanor E. Hill* (2/9/22) grandmother of Courtney Dover.

## Prayers of the People

*The Cantor leads the Prayers of the People*

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church throughout the world: that the Lord God would deign to keep it in unity, peace, and safety.

*Here and after every petition, the people respond*



*Cantor* Lord, in your mer- cy, *People* Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all who minister in Christ's holy Church: that in their various callings they may serve God faithfully and devoutly.

Let us pray for all who do not know God as he is revealed in Jesus Christ: that the light of the Gospel may shine in their hearts.

Let us pray for all the nations and peoples of the world, and for those who bear authority among them: that in all their doings they may seek both peace and justice.

Let us pray for the sick and the sorrowful, the hungry and the homeless, the desolate and the oppressed: that the Father of mercies would strengthen, support, and relieve them.

Let us pray for the faithful ✠ departed: that the Lord our God would grant them refreshment, light, and peace.

*The Priest adds a concluding Collect*

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## 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.

## 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.*

Perfice gressus meos in semitis tuis, ut non  
moveantur vestigia mea: inclina aurem  
tuam, et exaudi verba mea: mirifica  
misericordias tuas, qui salvos facis sperantes  
in te, Domine.

Render secure my footsteps in your paths so that  
my feet do not slip; incline your ear and hear my  
words; display your wonderful mercies, O Lord,  
Saviour of those who place their hope in you.  
*Psalms 17*

### Hymn 488

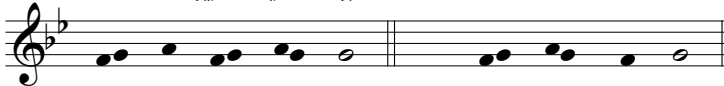
Be thou my vision

*Please stand and join in singing the hymn.*

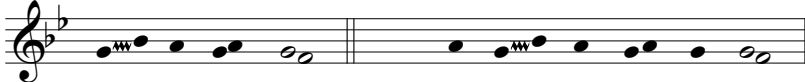
### Eucharistic Prayer B

*Sanctus – Robert Powell (1937-2025)*

*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.

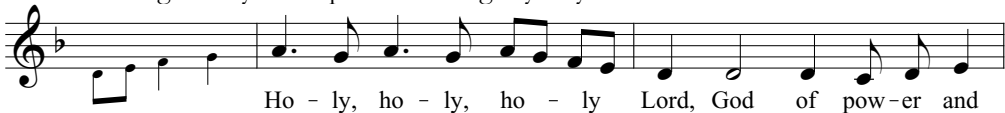
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh,  
you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,  
to give the knowledge of your glory  
in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

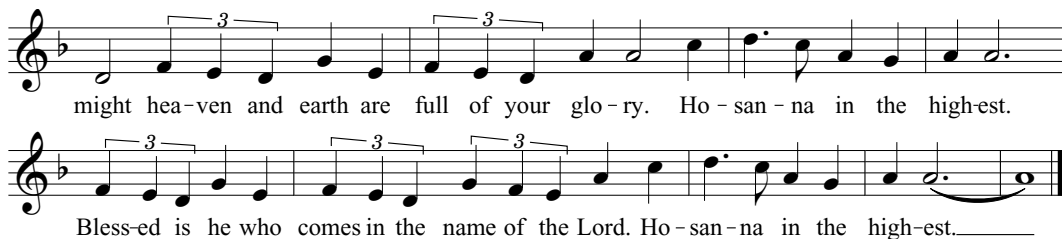
Therefore we praise you,

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and





*Please kneel or remain standing as the Priest continues.*

We give thanks to you, O God,

for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation;  
in the calling of Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts

that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him,  
being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ,  
and bring us to that heavenly country where,

with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints,  
we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

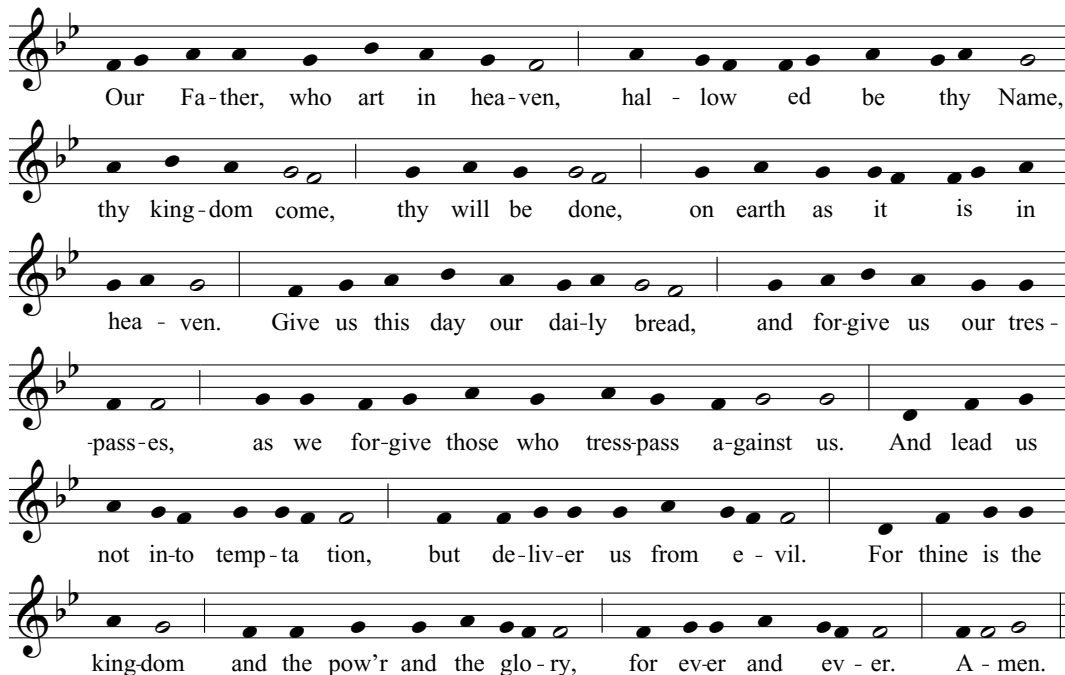


## The Lord's Prayer

*The Priest begins*

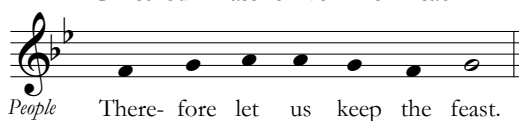
And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Please continue*



## The Fraction

*The Priest breaks the bread.*



## Agnus Dei

Robert Powell (1937-2025)

*Please join the Cantor in singing the Agnus Dei.*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## 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.*

Introibo ad altare Dei, ad Deum qui lætificat  
iuventutem meam.

I will go in to the altar of God, to the God who  
gives joy to my youth. *Psalms 43*

## Hymn 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

### Postcommunion Prayer

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

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God: that we, who have been made partakers of one bread and one cup, may evermore live as one body in Jesus Christ your Son and joyfully proclaim the good news of his salvation; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### Epiphany Blessing

*The Priest offers a blessing.*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.



*People* A- men.

### Dismissal

*The Priest dismisses the people. Please remain standing until the end of the exit hymn, then be seated for the organ piece.*

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



*People* Thanks be to God.

## Hymn 371

Thou, whose almighty word

**Postlude – Toccata in G**  
John Romerì, Organist

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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## GRACE NOTES

Welcome to our visitors this morning. We hope you will fill out a visitor's card located in your pew. All are welcome to join us at Coffee Hour upstairs in the Parish House after Mass. We are very glad to have new families worshipping with us! If you are in need of childcare, ask an usher.

Online giving is easy at [bit.ly/GraceOnlineGiving](https://bit.ly/GraceOnlineGiving) or Venmo (@GraceNewark)

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### NEXT SUNDAY: MARDI GRAS COFFEE HOUR & BURNING OF PALMS

Next Sunday, following High Mass, all are invited to join us upstairs for our annual Mardi Gras coffee hour in anticipation of the beginning of Lent! We are grateful to the Kearney family for hosting this occasion. Please come and enjoy – no additional dishes are needed. Afterwards we will gather outside to burn last year's palms into this year's ashes for Ash Wednesday.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

**Said Mass – 12:10 pm**

**High Mass – 7:00 pm**

*Additional Imposition of Ashes offered:*

*9:30 am – 10:00 am & 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm*

The season of Lent begins Wednesday, February 18. This is the day that Episcopalians, along with Christians of many churches, receive ashes on their foreheads. Priests impose them in the shape of the cross with the words “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” We are reminded of our mortality and our need of God’s forgiveness.

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### **FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY A SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER**

On Fridays during Lent, beginning February 20, parishioners gather at 7:00 pm for Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, two ancient devotions of the Church. During Stations, we make a “pilgrimage” throughout the church, stopping at 14 stations to prayerfully reflect on the events of Christ’s Passion. Benediction follows Stations, where the people adore and are blessed by the Blessed Sacrament, in which Christ’s presence is real among us. There is a simple soup supper and a time of fellowship after the service. If you would like to bring soup and fixings for one of the Fridays for approximately 15 people, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Parish Hall.

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### **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 \$115 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.

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### **FORMATION CLASS**

Join Father Bates beginning the first Sunday of Lent 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.

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### **JOIN BIBLE STUDY ON THURSDAY NIGHTS!**

**Bible study began on Thursday, January 29 in the Parlor at 6:30 p.m.** We will be exploring the Gospel according to St. John in anticipation of 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## END-OF-YEAR DONATION STATEMENTS

End-of-year statements for tax purposes should be going out by email this week. If you don't receive it by Friday, please look in your spam folder for a message from an email address beginning with "iconmail" and coming from the domain "@iconcmo.com," and mark it as "safe" or "not spam." If you still cannot find it, please send an email to Father Bates at [rector@gracechurchinnewark.org](mailto:rector@gracechurchinnewark.org).

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## 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. Classes for formation appropriate for confirmation, baptism, or for your general spiritual benefit will begin in February. Confirmation services are available in May and June. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please speak to Father Bates.

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## 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](mailto: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!

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### **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.

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### **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](mailto:mtbanks@gracechurchinnewark.org).

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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** – Scott and the Norris family; Gabriel Bowman, husband of Rose; Damion H. Arthur, son of Pat Arthur; Tiffany Blanco, niece of Judith Alexander-Edwards; Madihah Brown, daughter of Tony Kearney; 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 Daphne 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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Luke Andersen, *Candidate for the Priesthood*

Egan Pemberton, *Nominee for the Priesthood*

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*