



**GRACE CHURCH**  
IN NEWARK

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**Prelude** - Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639  
Wolff von Roos

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## Entrance Hymn 126

The people who in darkness walked

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

## Introit – Dignus est Agnus

Adapted by Samuel F. Weber (b. 1947)

*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.*

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever. *Ps.* O God, give to the king your judgement, and your justice to the king's son. *Revelation 1, 5 & Psalm 72*

## Kyrie – Mass of the Emmanuel

James McGregor (1930-2022)

*Please join the Choir in singing the Kyrie & Gloria.*

*Cantor* *All*  
Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

*Cantor* *All*  
Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.

*Cantor* *All*  
Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

## Gloria in excelsis Deo

Robert Powell (1937-2025)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al -

-migh - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 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.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

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

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Gradual – Psalm 99

Thomas Norris (1741-1790)

*The Cantor sings the Gradual alone.*

- 1 The LORD is King;  
let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One.
- 4 “O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 “O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,

yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13

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

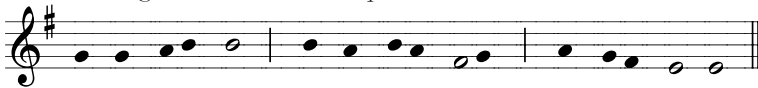
Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia

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



Al- le- lu- ia, Al- le- lu- ia, Al- le- lu- ia.

*Cantor* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

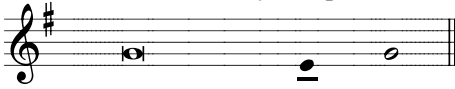
*All repeat Alleluia.*

## Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

*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.*

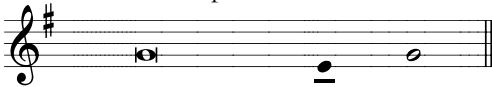
*Priest*     The ✠✠✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



*People*     Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

*Priest*     The Gospel of the Lord.



*People*     Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Homily

Father J. Brent 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 *Stephen Cottrell*, Archbishop of York, *Sean Rowe* our Primate, *Carlye Hughes* our Bishop, and *Bartholomew* and *Francis*, primates of the other branches of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Pray for the growth and sustainability of our parish and for our ministries: The food pantry, coffee hour, choir, choristers, acolytes, ushers and readers, altar guild, virtual grace and bible study, 20s/30s, the ministry fellowship, those who worship online, and our leadership, the Members of Vestry, *Darriea* and *Andre*, our Wardens, *Egan* our Ministry Fellow, *Wolff* our Director of Music, *Eleanor* our Postulant for the Priesthood in seminary, and *Brent* our Rector.

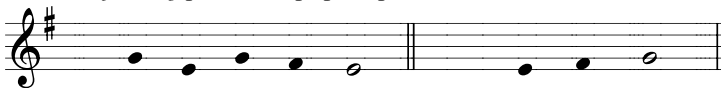
- **The Nation & World:** Pray for *Donald*, the President, Members of Congress, Justices of the Supreme Court, *Phil*, the Governor, and *Ras*, the Mayor. Pray for the people of the nations of the world, especially Palestine, Israel, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Haiti, Ukraine, and Russia. Pray for 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, *Oladele & Comfort Abogan*, *Ethelyn Washington*, *Alman Clarke*, *Dolores Carter-Brown*, *Beverly Brathwaite*, and *The Elisée Family*; and our family and friends, *Frank Barber, Jr.*, friend of Courtney Dover, *Madibah Brown*, daughter of Tony Kearney, *Bruce Ford*, former parishioner, *Beverley Callender*, sister-in-law of Beverley Brathwaite, *Trisha Ferguson*, cousin of Judith Alexander-Edwards, *Orlan Springer*, friend of Keith Beckles, *Clarence Barnes*, brother of Willa Barnes, *Damion H. Arthur*, son of Pat Arthur, *Brandon Bates*, brother of Fr. Bates, *Geraldine Clarke*, wife of Alman, *Andrew Svekla*, brother-in-law of Allie Ulrich, and his wife and children, *Joanne Murray*, mother of Andre Murray, and *Robert Alexander*, brother of Judith Alexander-Edwards.
- **Birthdays:** Give thanks for those whose birthdays are this week, especially, *Sein Dokubo* (3/4) and *Tony Kearney* (3/6), and last week, *Peter Woolley* (2/23), *Ron Hoglund* (2/25), and *Nneka Moneme* (2/27).
- **Departed:** Pray for the departed, especially, *Jody Barber* (2/22/25), friend of Courtney Dover, *James McGregor* (3/2/22), Director of Music Emeritus (1960-2022), *Deloris Katz* (2/28/19), sister of Joan Knowles, *Evelyn Kearney* (2/27/21), mother of Tony, *Marie Gaspard* (2/27/21), wife of Fred, and *Eugene Wagner* (2/26/17).

## 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*

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and 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.

## 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 – Postula a me

Adapted by Samuel F. Weber (b. 1947)

*The Offertory Antiphon is sung by the Cantor.*

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for an inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession. *Ps.* I am appointed king by him over Sion his holy mountain, preaching his commandment. *Psalm 2*

### Offertory Hymn 636

How firm a foundation

*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 al- so 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,

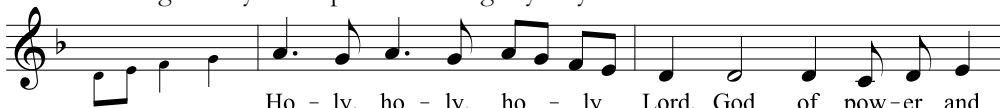
to give the knowledge of your glory

in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

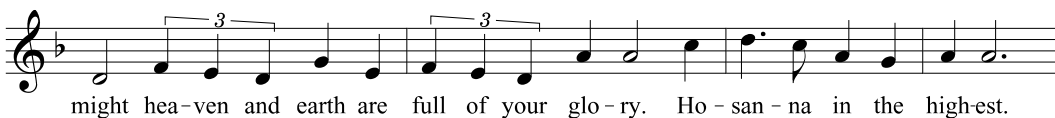
Therefore we praise you,

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



might hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*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.*



People A- MEN.

## The Lord's Prayer

*The Priest begins*



And now as our Sa- vior 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 tres-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 – Mass of the Emmanuel

James McGregor (1930-2022)

*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. Please be seated after receiving 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 want 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 – Sedebit Dominus Rex**

Adapted by Samuel F. Weber (b. 1947)

*Please be seated as the Cantor sings the Communion Antiphon.*

The Lord sits as King forever. The Lord will bless his people with peace. Ps: Bring to the Lord glory an honor, bring to the Lord the glory due his name, adore the Lord in his holy court.  
*Psalm 29*

**Communion Hymn 626**

Lord, be thy word my rule

*Please stand, join in the singing of the hymn, and remain standing until the dismissal.*

## Postcommunion Prayer

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

Grant, almighty Father: that through this heavenly food which we have received we may grow into the likeness of him whose glory you revealed upon the holy mountain; your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Epiphany Season Blessing

*The Priest gives 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

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



*People* Thanks be to God.

## Exit Hymn 392

Come, we that love the Lord

## Postlude –Improvisation on “Vineyard Haven”

Wolff von Roos

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# GRACE NOTES

MARCH 2, 2025

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), Venmo (@GraceNewark) or CashApp (\$GraceNewark).

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## “PLANNING FOR THE END OF LIFE” LENT 2025 MEDICAL DIRECTIVES

Dear Members and Friends of Grace Church in Newark,

On Ash Wednesday our liturgy invites us to contemplate our mortality - “remember that we are but dust.” Last year in the spirit of the penitential season of Lent, Grace Church began a 3-year “Planning for the End of Life” series to consider making certain decisions now, before the time comes for us to depart from this life. We began last year by writing out what our desires are for our funerals. This year we will focus on medical directives and representatives. Next year we will consider our wills.

This planning is not only for our own peace of mind, but it is also a gift to our family and church. While we are of sound mind, we can consider what kinds of medical treatment we wish to accept or refuse in various circumstances. During serious illnesses, comas, or near the time of death, we can become unconscious and unable to communicate with medical teams and family. Would we like various interventions, such as CPR, ventilator, transfusions, nutrition and hydration, or major surgery? In these circumstances we need our family and a healthcare proxy to communicate to medical professionals on our behalf. Our wishes won't be known, unless they have been written down beforehand.

A medical directive, also called an advance directive, or living will, lays out our wishes for medical care given at the end of life. We also are able to appoint a healthcare representative, or proxy, who can ensure your wishes are implemented, and be guided by the principles you lay out beforehand in making unforeseen decisions. The wishes outlined in the advance directive, of course, only go into effect, if we are unconscious or otherwise unable to make a clear decision.

Beginning on the First Sunday in Lent, we will have presentations at coffee hour by two of our own parishioners, Darriea Pigott and Allie Ulrich. Darriea is a nurse and Allie is a healthcare chaplain. During their presentations they will go into greater depth about how to complete a medical directive and will be able to assist in completing one. We will be utilizing the materials from the Five Wishes program ([fivewishes.org](https://www.fivewishes.org)) and will have sample copies of the official booklets available at coffee hour. These samples can be taken home for you to look over and consider prayerfully in consultation with family. You will be able to complete an official one with Darriea, Allie, or Father Bates, who will be available at coffee hour on Sundays in Lent, excluding the Bishop's Visit on March 30.

It is also never too late to put together your funeral plans, if you were unable last year. I will again have planning forms and can provide guidance, so you can decide things such as what hymns and

readings you would like, whether or not you want your body at the funeral, and whether you want to be cremated or buried. I also will provide further information about pre-purchasing a single or double niche and bronze name plate in the parish's columbarium underneath the High Altar.

This Lent, please join me in making a Medical Directive. Many of us may not want to think about our deaths, but the truth is that we never know when life may end. Church is where we are called to contemplate such things as life, death, and eternity. We are never alone in making difficult decisions such as these, because we are doing them together as a community and with God's help.

Faithfully,  
Fr. Bates

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### **MARDI GRAS COFFEE HOUR & BURNING OF PALMS TODAY**

Today is our annual Mardi Gras themed coffee hour! Join us upstairs after the Mass for the customary Mardi Gras eats. Thank you to the Kearney family for organizing the festivities and for feeding us.

After, we will gather outside to burn last year's palms into ashes. These are used for the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, which is this week. Continue reading for a full list of this year's Lenten program offerings.

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### **ASH WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK**

The season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. 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.

There will be two masses celebrated, a Said Mass at 12:10 pm and a High Mass at 7 pm. Ashes will also be imposed after Morning Prayer, between 9:30 am – 10:00 am, and before Evening Prayer, 4:30 pm until 5 pm. "For he himself knows whereof we are made; he remembers that we are but dust."

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

On Fridays during Lent, Grace Church gathers 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 a soup for one of the Fridays, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Parish Hall.

## **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 in memorial. Wolff von Roos would also be glad to chat about our volunteer choir and tuition-free Choir School.

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## **LENTEN ROSARY PRAYER GROUP**

A Rosary prayer group will be offered on Sunday, March 23 & Sunday, April 6. After visiting coffee hour in the Parish Hall, bring your pastries & coffee back down to the parlor and join us for this brief, Scripture-rooted devotion. All are welcome, no matter your experience with praying the Rosary. There will be a short “guide” provided to help during the group and also for personal use at home. Rosaries will be provided, or you may bring your own. See Egan Pemberton for more information.

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## **FORWARD MOVEMENT’S “LENT MADNESS”**

Each Lent, Forward Movement puts on “Lent Madness,” an online tournament-like single elimination bracket featuring 32 saints. Yes, like basketball’s March Madness, except the Church’s Holy Men & Holy Women are competing against each other to win “The Golden Halo,” the prize awarded to the “saintliest” saint of the year’s line-up. Previous winners have included Julian of Norwich, Mary Magdalene, Absalom Jones and Francis of Assisi. Participants vote online for their favorite of the two saints “competing” that day by selecting their favorite of the saints’ biographies that are provided. The winner advances in the competition. It was developed by the Rev. Tim Schenck to be a fun and engaging way for Episcopalians of all ages to learn about the people who make up our Church’s Calendar of Saints.

“Lent Madness” will begin Thursday, March 6 and conclude on Holy Wednesday. Visit the Lent Madness website ([lentmadness.org](http://lentmadness.org)) to subscribe to the emails that will contain the online voting links. The parish has also purchased a few of the physical scorecard booklets for those who would like to follow along offline. Egan is a committed Lent Madness evangelist and will dutifully update our bracket poster, which will be displayed in the Parish Hall to inspire our coffee hour conversations. May the holiest win!



## CHANGES TO SPRING CONCERT SERIES SCHEDULE

The two upcoming Spring organ concerts have been pushed to later in the Spring to allow for additional flexibility with scheduling and to better pace the series. Please note the date changes in the concert descriptions included below:

### **Wolff von Roos Debut Concert**

Sunday, March 16  
5:00 PM

Come and get to know Grace Church in Newark's new Director of Music & Organist through the sounds of our church's powerful French Canadian Casavant Freres pipe organ.

### **Colin Mark Andrews "A Tale of Three Cities" London, Leipzig & Paris**

Sunday, April 6  
5:00 PM

Colin Mark Andrews has performed on famous pipe organs all around the world. He is known for recordings Olivier Messiaen's works. Join us as Colin takes us through a program of music from English, German and French composers.

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## SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THE BISHOP'S VISITATION RECEPTION

A sign-up sheet is now available in the Parish Hall for the Bishop's Visitation coffee hour reception. Consider signing up to bring your favorite dish, small treat or beverage for our common meal and time of welcoming the Bishop to our church. The reception planners cherish our parish's robust and food-abundant coffee hours. However, our table can only hold so much food and sparkly beverages! We ask that only one person signs their name in each slot, and once all of the slots have been filled, the planners will remove the sign-up sheet. If the sheet fills up quickly, worry not! There are plenty of Sundays in Lent that are need of coffee hour hosts! Make sure to take a peak at those sign-up sheets, too.

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## PRAYER LIST

**Active members of our parish** – Oladele & Comfort Abogan; Ethelyn Washington; Mother Susy and Scott Norris; Alman Clarke; The Elisee Family; Dolores Carter-Brown; Beverly Brathwaite; Comfort Abogan; Monique Williams; Bernice Tillis; Valerie Munro; West Ambrose; Akintoye Lapite; Oyinkansola Lapite; Aidan Mandigora, and his parents Grant and Nezile; Allie Ulrich; Monique Elisée; Andy Phillips and Nadia; Fred Gaspard; Madison Pigott; Winifred Langevine; Jordan Elisée; James Porter; Joan Knowles; Beatrice Breton; Brisco Kayjay; Dolores Brown; William Carter; Paola Breton.

**Friends of our parish** – Frank Barber, Jr., friend of Courtney Dover; Madisah Brown, daughter of Tony Kearney; Bruce Ford, former parishioner; Beverley Callender, sister-in-law of Beverley Brathwaite; Trisha Ferguson, cousin of Judith Alexander-Edwards; Orlan Springer, friend of Keith Beckles; Clarence Barnes, brother of Willa Barnes; Damion H. Arthur, son of Pat Arthur; Brandon Bates, brother of Father Bates; Joseph Johnston and his family; Evelyn Cruz, mother of Ed Cruz; Geraldine Clarke, wife of Alman; Andrew Svekla, Allie Ulrich's brother-in-law, and his wife and children; Joanne Murray, mother of Andre Murray; Robert Alexander, brother of Judith Alexander-

Edwards; Father Lloyd Prator, former Priest Associate; Dick Jaco, friend of Father Prator; 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; Ed & Linda Naskret, parents of Allie Ulrich; Stephan Rochefort, friend of Eleanor Andersen; 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; Ann Clay, Eunice Clay, and Sharon Robinson, sisters of Ernest; 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; Sean Devers, son of André; Joseph Jolly, husband of Deleena and father of Brisco and Mariyam; Jay Gordon, former curate of Grace Church.

## SERVICE TIMES

### **Sunday Services**

8:00 am - Said Mass

*A simple spoken service celebrated at a side altar*

10:30 am - High Mass

*An elaborate sung service with choir, organ, acolytes, and incense*

### **Weekday Services –Tuesday through Friday**

9:00 am – Morning Prayer

12:10 pm – Midday Mass

*Anointing for Healing offered Thursdays*

5 pm – Evening Prayer

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Darrica Pigott & Andre Murray, *Wardens*

Comfort Abogan, Shevon Armstrong, & Ottie Blamah-Sah, *Vestry Class of 2025*

Tracy Cummings, Luis Sanchez, & Peter Woolley, *Vestry Class of 2026*

Rosemary Kearney, Allie Ulrich, & Jeff Ulrich, *Vestry Class of 2027*