



**GRACE CHURCH**  
**IN NEWARK**

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**Prelude** – Liturgical Improvisation No. 1  
John Romeri, Organist

George Oldroyd (1886-1956)

## Hymn 381

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

*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.*

Dominus secus mare Galilææ vidit duos  
fratres, Petrum et Andream, et vocavit eos:  
Venite post me: faciam vos fieri piscatores  
hominum. Ps. Cæli enarrant gloriam Dei:  
et opera manuum eius annuntiat  
firmamentum.

The Lord, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw  
two brothers, Peter and Andrew, and he called  
out to them: "Follow me, and I will make you  
fishers of men." Ps. The heavens declare the  
glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the  
work of his hands. Mt. 4, Ps. 19

## 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)



-might - 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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Amos 3: 1-8

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

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Amos.

Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt: You only have I known of all the families of

the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. Do two walk together unless they have made an appointment? Does a lion roar in the forest, when it has no prey? Does a young lion cry out from its den, if it has caught nothing? Does a bird fall into a snare on the earth, when there is no trap for it? Does a snare spring up from the ground, when it has taken nothing? Is a trumpet blown in a city, and the people are not afraid? Does disaster befall a city, unless the LORD has done it? Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets. The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken; who can but prophesy?

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

## **Gradual – Psalm 139: 1-11**

Edgar Day (1891-1983)

*The Cantor sings the Gradual alone.*

- 1    LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
      you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
      you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2    You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
      and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3    Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
      but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4    You press upon me behind and before \*  
      and lay your hand upon me.
- 5    Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
      it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6    Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
      where can I flee from your presence?
- 7    If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
      if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8    If I take the wings of the morning \*  
      and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9    Even there your hand will lead me \*  
      and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10   If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
      and the light around me turn to night,”
- 11   Darkness is not dark to you;  
      the night is as bright as the day; \*  
      darkness and light to you are both alike.

## **Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 1: 10-17

*Reader*     A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

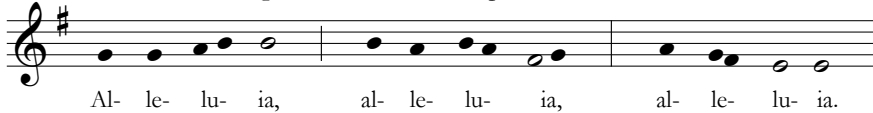
I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia

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



*Cantor* Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

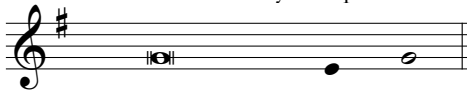
*All repeat Alleluia.*

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 4: 12-23

*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 John.

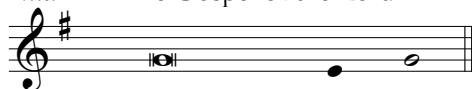


*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and

he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*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 designate, *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, especially *Comfort Abogan*, and our family and friends, especially *Kevin Garth*.
- ✠ **Birthdays:** Give thanks for those with birthdays this week, especially *Nalleli Peguero* (1/25) and *Monique Elisée* (1/28), and last week for *Adora Moneme* (1/14), *Ottie Blamab-Sah* (1/15), *Abayomi Lapite* (1/15), *Jeff Ulrich* (1/15), *Skylynn Guzman* (1/17), *Sylvia Christie* (1/18), *Zuri Dundas* (1/20), *Valerie Munro* (1/21), and *Darriea Pigott* (1/21).
- ✠ **Departed:** Pray for the recently departed, especially *Laura Dreyer* (1/7/26), teacher of Egan Pemberton, and in years past, especially *Yvonne Dunn* (1/11/25), sister of Alman Clarke, *Evelyn Smart* (1/20/11), *Joseph Caines* (1/22/14), *Roosevelt Fowler* (1/26/13), father of Rosemary Kearney, and *Audrey Adams* (1/28/17).

## 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*

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* 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,

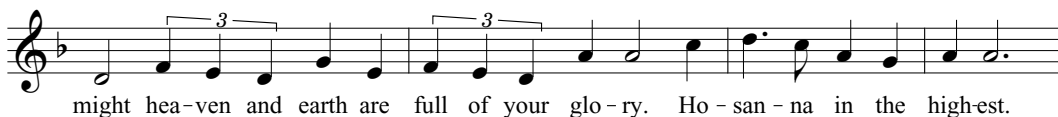
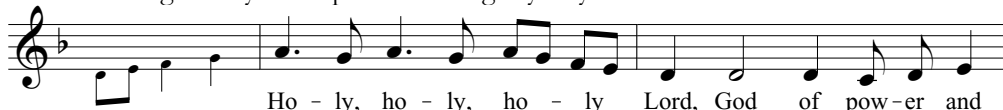
to give the knowledge of your glory

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:



*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.*



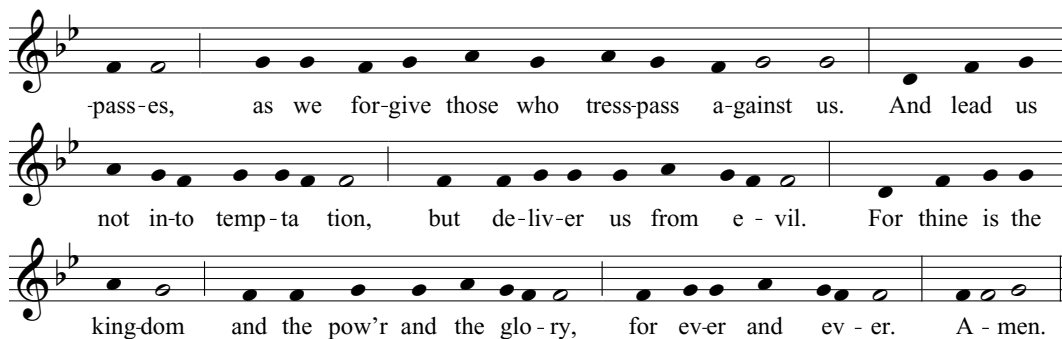
## The Lord's Prayer

*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.*



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

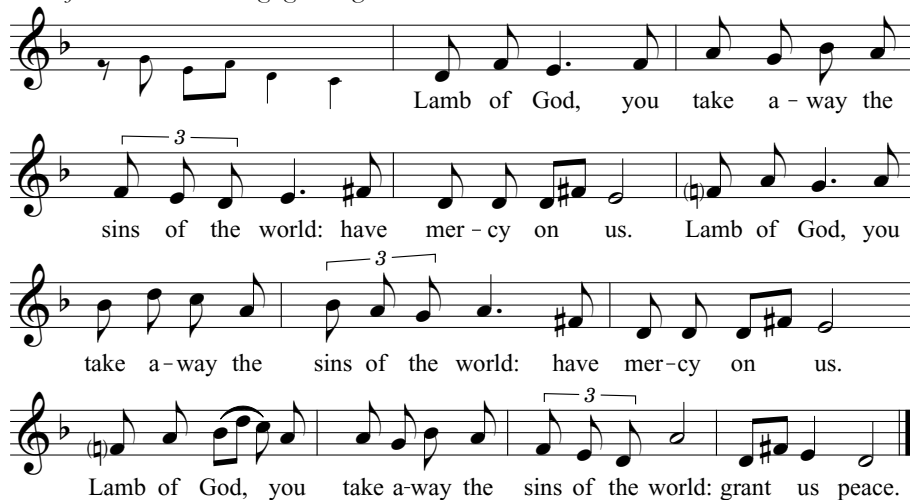


*People* There- fore let us keep the feast.

## Agnus Dei

Robert Powell (1937-2025)

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



## 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.*

Venite post me: faciam vos piscatores  
hominum: at illi, relictis retibus et navi,  
secuti sunt Dominum.

“Follow me; I will make you fishers of men.”  
Whereupon they, leaving their nets and their  
boat, followed the Lord. *Matthew 4*

## Hymn 661

They cast their nets in Galilee

## Postcommunion Prayer

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

Grant, we pray, almighty God: that we, who by your grace have received the bread of life, may evermore glory in the gift which we have received; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.



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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! **Rehearsals are after High Mass at 12:15pm and additional rehearsals are announced to the choir through email.**

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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).

## 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; Mother Susy and Scott Norris; 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** – Kevin Garth; Gabriel Bowman, husband of Rose; Damion H. Arthur, son of Pat Arthur; Tiffany Blanco, niece of Judith Alexander-Edwards; Madisah 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; Cliford '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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The Rev. Fr. J. Brent Bates, PhD, *Rector*

Michael Banks, *Ministry Fellow*

Emmanuel Bonilla-Acosta, *Director of Choristers*

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, *Vestry Class of 2027*

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