



GRACE CHURCH
IN NEWARK

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Prelude – Choral Prelude on “O Sacred Head”

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Hymn 314

Humbly I adore thee

Introit

Graduale Romanum

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

Indica me Deus, et discerne causam meam de gente non sancta: ab homine iniquo et doloso eripe me: quia tu es Deus meus, et fortitudo mea. *Ps.* Emitte lucem tuam, et veritatem tuam: ipsa me deduxerunt, et adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum, et in tabernacula tua.

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength. *Ps.* Send forth your light and your truth; these have led me and brought me to your holy mountain and to your dwelling place. *Psalm 43*

Kyrie

Missa de Angelis (15-16th centuries)

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

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the Kyrie. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a common time signature (C). The first staff has the lyrics "Ky-ri - e - - - e - - lé - i - son." The second staff has the lyrics "Chri - ste e - - - lé - i - son." The third staff has the lyrics "Ký-ri - e - - - e - - - lé - i - son." Each staff contains a melodic line with various note values and rests, and a lower line with a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. There are repeat signs at the end of each staff.

Collect of the Day

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

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Please be seated for the Readings and the Psalm.

Reader A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual – Psalm 130

Setting by James McGregor (1930-2022)

Please repeat the Refrain after the Cantor at the beginning, then each place it is indicated.



With the Lord there is mer- cy with him there is plen-teous re-demp-tion.

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. *All repeat the refrain.*

If you, Lord were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, therefore will you be feared. *All repeat the refrain.*

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. My soul waits for the Lord, more than the watchmen for the morning, more than the watchmen for the morning. *All repeat the refrain.*

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy. With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. *All repeat the refrain.*

Second Reading

Romans 6: 16-23

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

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Tract

“Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth,” let Israel now say; “Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth, but they have not prevailed against me.” The plowmen plowed upon my back and made their furrows long. The Lord, the Righteous One, has cut the cords of the wicked. Let them be put to shame and thrown back, all those who are enemies of Zion. Let them be like grass upon the housetops, which withers before it can be plucked; which does not fill the hand of the reaper, nor the bosom of him who binds the sheaves; so that those who go by say not so much as, “The Lord prosper you. We wish you well in the name of the Lord.”

Holy Gospel

John 11: 17-44

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 arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my

brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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 prayer biddings and The Great Litany that follows.

✠ **The Church:** Pray for *Sarah Mullally*, Archbishop of Canterbury, *Sean Rowe* our Primate, *Carlye Hughes* our Bishop, and *Leo* and *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*, Wardens, *Michael*, Ministry Fellow, *John*, Organist, *Emmanuel*, Director of Choristers, *Rachel*, Cantor, *Luke*, Candidate for the Priesthood in seminary, *Egan*, Nominee for the Priesthood, and *Brent*, 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 Iran, Palestine, Israel, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Jamaica, Haiti, Ukraine, and Russia. Pray for peace and justice in the Middle East, for those who are suffering, and all who have been killed.
- ✠ **Parish Prayer List:** Pray for our parishioners, family and friends, especially *Nathalia Seltman*, grandmother of Michael Banks, *Brandon Allmon-Jackson*, partner of Matthew Greene, and *Gabriel Bowman*, husband of Rose.
- ✠ **Birthdays:** Give thanks for all those with birthdays this week, especially *Michael Thaddius Banks* (3/26), and this past week, *Onyeka Moneme* (3/15).
- ✠ **Departed:** Pray for the recently departed, especially *Madihab Brown* (3/1/26), daughter of Tony Kearney, and in years past, especially *Floyd McFadzean* (3/21/25), nephew of Mark, and *Mary E. Johnson*, mother of Rosemary Kearney.

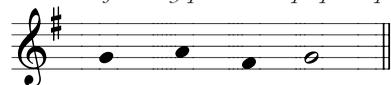
Prayers of the People

The Cantor offers the Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Here and after every petition the people respond



People Lord, have mer- cy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

For reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

In the communion of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.



People To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.

Confitebor tibi, Domine, in toto corde meo:
retribue servo tuo: vivam, et custodiam
sermones tuos: vivifica me secundum
verbum tuum, Domine.

I will give thanks to you with an upright heart;
with all my heart I seek you. Be good to your
servant that I may live and keep your words.
Give me life according to your word. *Psalm 119*

Hymn 455

O Love of God, how strong and true

Please stand and join in singing the hymn.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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

Please remain standing for the following.



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



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



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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts,
and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast;
that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy,

and renewed by your Word and Sacraments,
they may come to the fullness of grace
which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of eight staves of music, each with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The lyrics are: "San - - ctus, San - ctus, San - - ctus_ / Dó - mi - nus De - us_ Sá - - - - - / -ba - oth. Ple - ni__ sunt cae - li et__ ter - ra__ / gló - ri - a__ tu - a. Ho - sán - na__ in ex - cél - / sis__ Be - ne - dí - ctus qui__ ve - nit__ in nó - mi - ne / Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - - - na__ in__ ex - / -cél - - - - sis__".

Please kneel or remain standing as the Priest continues.

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

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

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

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father,
in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son,
the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.
Sanctify us ✠ also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,
and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace;
and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

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

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



People A- MEN.

The Lord's Prayer

The Priest begins

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

Please continue



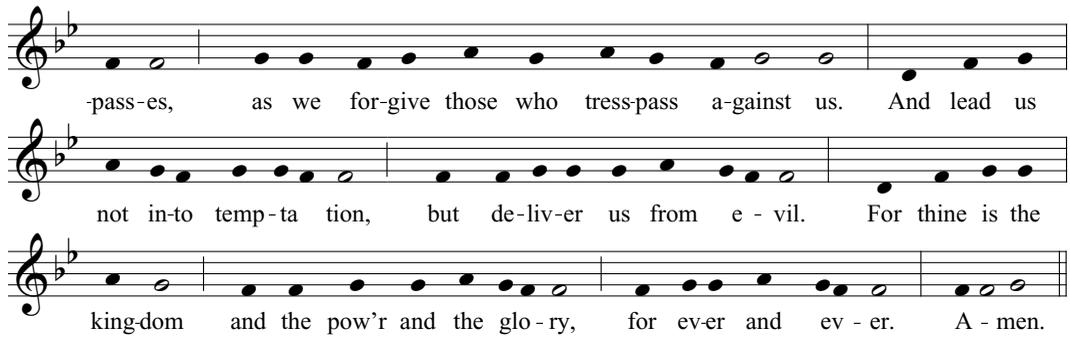
Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal - low ed be thy Name,



thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in



hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres -



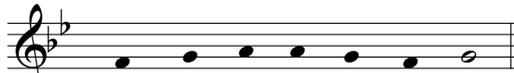
-pass-es, as we for-give those who tress-pass a-gainst us. And lead us
not in-to temp-ta tion, but de-liv-er us from e - vil. For thine is the
king-dom and the pow'r and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.

The Fraction

The Priest breaks the bread.



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

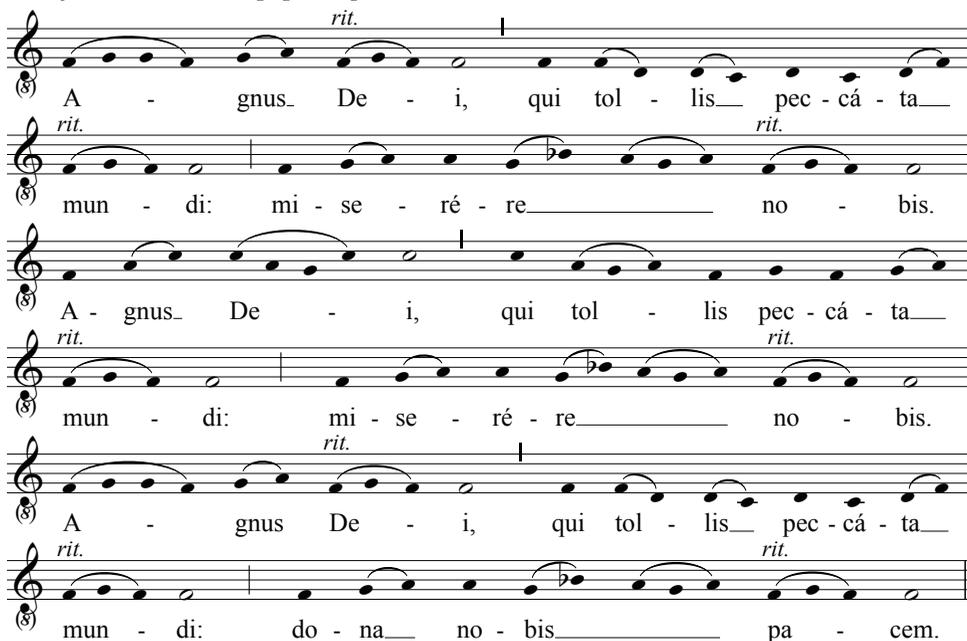


People There-fore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei

Missa de Angelis (15-16th centuries)

Please join the Cantor in singing the Agnus Dei.



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

Invitation to Receive the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

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

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

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

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

Communion Antiphon

Graduale Romanum

The Cantor sings the Communion Antiphon.

Videns Dominus flentes sorores Lazari ad monumentum, lacrimatus est coram Iudæis, et clamabat: Lazare, veni foras: et prodiit ligatis manibus et pedibus, qui fuerat quatruiduanus mortuus.

When the Lord saw the sisters of Lazarus in tears near the tomb, he wept in the presence of the Jews and cried: "Lazarus, come forth." And out he came, hands and feet bound, the man who had been dead for four days. *John 11*

Hymn 645

The King of love my shepherd is

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 in these holy mysteries have received the Body and Blood of your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, may evermore be numbered among the members of his mystical body, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the People

The Priest prays over the people.

Bow down before the Lord. Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord.



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 495

Please stand and join in singing the hymn.

Hail, thou once despised Jesus

Postlude – Choral Prelude on “O Sacred Head”

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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 or Venmo (@GraceNewark)

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY

March 29

8:00 am – Said Mass

10:30 am – High Mass

HOLY MONDAY – WEDNESDAY

March 30 – April 1

12:10 pm & 7:00 pm – Said Mass

Noonday Prayer at 12:10 pm on Holy Tuesday

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2

7:00 pm – High Mass with Footwashing &

Stripping of the Altar

Followed by an Agape meal

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3

7:00 pm – Veneration of the Cross &

Mass of the Presanctified

EASTER EVE

April 4

8:00 pm – The Great Vigil &

First Mass of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5

8:00 am – Said Mass

10:30 am – High Mass with Procession

PLANNING FOR THE END OF LIFE

This Lent marks the third year of our parish's effort to encourage thoughtful preparation for the end of life. In the first year, we reflected on funeral planning; in the second, on advance directives; and this year, we turn our attention to the making or updating of wills. The parish will provide resources to assist you in this important work. As you make your plans, you may also wish to remember the Church in your will as an expression of gratitude and a means of supporting its mission for generations to come. It is not too late to take part in any aspect of the program. All materials are available in the Parish Hall. Please ask Father Bates if you would like guidance.

EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for Easter Flowers are now being accepted. Names of donors will be included here along with any names for memorial. Thank you to the following:

Pat Arthur	Sylvia Christie	Ifeoma Moneme
Ottie Blamah-Sah	Monique Elisee	Laurence Richards
Henry Breton	Mike Lindstrom	

SPONSORS FOR HOLY WEEK SINGERS

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

Judith Alexander-Edwards	Stone Herbas	Darriea Pigott
Sam Armah	The Kearney Family	John Romeri
Matthew Greene	Egan Pemberton	Jason Scully

GROUNDS RESTORATION

As we prepare to welcome the beauty of spring, we are excited to continue our grounds restoration project, "Restoring Sacred Ground." This special effort is focused on renewing and beautifying our church property with spring flowers, fresh plantings, soil enhancements, and other necessary materials to create a welcoming and peaceful environment for worship, prayer, and fellowship. Our church grounds are more than landscaping; they are sacred space. They are where families gather, children play, visitors form first impressions, and members pause for reflection. With your support, we can ensure that our outdoor spaces reflect the care, hope, and renewal that spring represents. We are prayerfully asking members of our congregation to consider making a donation toward the purchase of: Spring flowers and seasonal plants; mulch, soil, and fertilizer; gardening tools and supplies; additional materials needed for restoration and upkeep.

FORMATION CLASS

Join Father Bates next week 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. *Those interested in Baptism or Confirmation this Spring should speak to Fr. Bates now.*

JOIN BIBLE STUDY ON THURSDAY NIGHTS!

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

20S & 30S GROUP

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

COME SING WITH THE GRACE CHURCH ADULT CHOIR

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

CHORISTER SEASON IN FULL SWING

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

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: NEW TIMES

We warmly invite you to join us in serving our neighbors in need at our Food Ministry. New times for volunteering will include the first Sunday of the month and Tuesday afternoons. More details coming soon. Your hands and heart can make a difference. Whether you're new to serving or a regular participant, your presence is a blessing to those we serve. Come and be a part of this meaningful work, as we show God's love through action. Please contact Michael Banks for more information at mtbanks@gracechurchinnewark.org.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

PRAYER LIST

Active members of our parish – Shevon and Nora'ah Armstrong; 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.

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*