

## The Choir Family News of The Choirs of Grace Church in New York

A community for everyone celebrating excellence in  
music and God's love of all!



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### \*FROM THE DESK OF DR. ALLEN

Greetings everyone with hope that you are all safe, sound and healthy.

Please contact me if I can do anything to support you and your families. I'm hunkered down here at the church and am available if you need me.

Grace Church has suspended all public gatherings at least until 17 May.

The short impact of this is that our annual Easter celebration will not be able to take place together and the Annual Spring Concert and Reception will have to be cancelled this year. Rather than worry about what does not happen, find the blessings in the moment and let your light shine. Once this passes, they will return more beautiful than ever.

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5th grade Senior Auditions will take place in September as they being their 6th grade year.

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So.....I'd like to put on the table.....

Tuesday through Friday, two sessions each day on Zoom.

The time to be determined once you know your other schedules.

It is optional, no roll will be taken, participation is voluntary.

Choristers would sign in to the session(s) they want to participate with, tune in and turn their mike off.

The first session will be for all ages and be a 25 minute warm up and sing along, the choristers already know the warm up exercises and the repertoire will be from the Jr. Concert Book I sent out earlier in the week. I don't suggest printing it out, just let them open the pdf. I'll announce page numbers and off we will go.

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This session may break down some of the pieces into parts and work through so they can continue learning the repertoire.

How does this sound? We can tweak as we go but this gives a one hour block of choir time four days a week for them to tune into. You are also welcome to join in just remember we will be working in the treble register so if you sing down, you will have to drop the octave on your own.

Choir Salaries and Scholarship will follow their regular schedule unless a change is mandated by our business office which is watching cash flow/income/expenses right now to make sure during the crisis all commitments are met. I will announce any adjustments as they come up.

I think this is everything I know right now.

**SUNDAY MORNINGS:** at 11 a.m. a service will be live streamed from the church.

This week it will have organ music, no vocal support.

Repeat News:

The business office sent me a reminder that some of you have not yet cashed your choir allowance/scholarship checks going back several years. They would really like to close the books on these "old" checks. Can you look around? If you have really

old checks you can give them to me and we can re issue, but we don't want to let this list get any longer. If your not sure, ask me, I have a list of checks with names.

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**\*LOOKING AHEAD -**

**Be safe, social distance, wash your hands, take good care of yourself inside and out and then, care for all around you.....**

**God bless you all. Let your light shine.**

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## [\\*THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE](#)

This is a link to the site with the goggle cal posts. Please let [pallen](#) know if you have any trouble downloading the schedules.

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## [\\*SENIOR NEWS](#)

**VIRUS HOMEWORK:** Since we don't know what our schedule will be like after the spring break holiday. I'm placing links here for Seniors to "sing along" at home and keep the upcoming repertoire in their ears with the hopes the crisis will stabilize and we will be able to offer these beautiful works together.

[This is the day](#)

[Byrd, Haec dies](#)

[Batten, When the Lord...](#)

[Parker, Light's glittering m - too fast](#)

[Christus vincit - a little slow](#)

[BOYS - Rejoice in the Lamb](#)

[GIRLS: Te Deum in C](#)

[GIRLS: Haydn Insanne](#)

[Mathias Let the people.....](#)

[Palestrina Ego sum](#)

[If ye love me, a little slow](#)

[Sing my Soul](#)

Has your chorister done their listening homework ? It's never too late. It would be great if they would listen some each week and get these wonderful pieces in their ears.

**EVERYONE:**

[Thomanerchor Leipzig "Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf" Johann Sebastian Bach](#)

[William Byrd "Sing Joyfully"](#)

**FOR BOYS:** Britten's [REJOICE IN THE LAMB](#)

**FOR GIRLS:** [Mendelssohn's Hear my prayer](#)

Britten's [A CEREMONY OF CAROLS](#)

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### \*HIGH SCHOOL SINGER NEWS

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### \*PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

#### SIGN UP GENIUS

Sign up genius has three links this year. Please note.

-Sunday and special choir event

Parent Helpers/Volunteers

-Tuesday Evensong choir parent helpers

-After School Vocal Coaching.

The links may be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

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### \*SOCIAL MEDIA:

#### INSTAGRAM

If you are interested in contributing to the choir Instagram account (or possibly taking it over) please contact me.

#### FACEBOOK

Follow us on Facebook:

Music at Grace Church in New York

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### \*RECRUITING IS NEVER OVER!

**This is our slogan, so if anyone asks, it is never too late to join the choir family and be part of this special community as the music blooms!**

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### CHOIR ESSENTIALS

The Choir Word for 2019-2020 - TEAMWORK!

The L's of Choir:

Look - Listen - Learn - Lead!

The C's of Choir

Courtesy - Confidence - Communication - Care - Commitment - Clarity - Concentration. All of these build and care for our Choir Community!

**Here is where you find all the Choir Schedules just click!**

[Goggle Cal Link to all Choir Schedules](#)

**Important Links:**

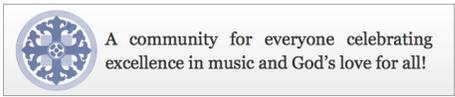
- The Goggle Choir Schedule Calendar Link
- Sign Up Genius for Choir Parent Volunteer Sign Link
- Sign Up Genius for After School Vocal Coaching
- Sign Up Genius Tuesday Night Parent Helpers

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 Password:  
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