

**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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Happy Rainy, Cold, Grey Friday.....What another one? How many cold, grey rainy Fridays in a row do we have left? Good weather for lighting a candle, some tea, some poetry? Who is your favorite poet? In what language?

Do you read the poems out loud? [Pied Beauty by Gerard M. Hopkins](#)

Greetings with a big hug, smile and so much gratitude.

A Good book idea: [What's bred in the bone by Robertson Davies](#)

I hope you and your family are well and in good spirit as another week passes in this new age.

Zoom rehearsals continue to be a joy in every way. The choristers are showing great maturity focusing on our work and keeping up with the rehearsals. Singing every day is the key. Being together every way we can is the key. The details we can fill in later. I'm so thankful for you all.

I know I've written this before, but it bears repeating: Let you light shine and let the music bloom.

I'm ringing the church bells at 7:00 o'clock every night in gratitude for everyone supporting us on the front lines of health care and in the support of daily life. I'm ringing for you also!

Bach at Noon is taking place via FaceBook Live Tuesday through Friday at noon - tune in and let Bach reach your spirit!

On Sunday's at 4:00 Hymns from Grace takes place also live on FaceBook.

All my love to you and yours, missing you and with wishes for healthy and peace filled Days,
What a homecoming we will have down the road. P.

Here are a few lovely tunes for a quiet moment and a hug:

[Beethoven Symphony 6](#)

[Beethoven, Die Ehre Gottes aus der Natur](#)

[Mahalia Jackson- There is a Balm in Gilead](#)

[Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge, written by Edward Bairstow](#)

Repeat News:

[Sunday Morning Service at 11:00 a.m. is now being live streamed. You are invited to tune in and sing along!](#)

Have your choristers done any of the listening work down below? I know they are very busy with zoom school and all the other activities that have found a way to occur. If they pick one or two a week to listen to several times it will be so good for them. This music is good for the heart, the mind and the soul.

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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.

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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***WEEKDAY ZOOM CHOIR REHEARSALS.....**

Tuesday through Friday from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

[The LINK](#)

The Password in case you need it: [770437](#)

We will keep the same schedule as before.

Each day will comprise of two parts:

1. [The warm up and junior repertoire part from 4:00 - 4:25 p.m.](#)
a five minute pause
2. [The senior rehearsals from 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.](#)

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Just click on these and you are there. Once we start the music all choristers should turn off their mike at their computer. The difference in band width makes working in sync impossible, so we will be most successful if they just sing along with what comes through.

Choristers should [have the LINK of the music books](#) open on their desk tops. This page has all the music they need for the sessions in one place.

HOMEWORK FOR ALL CHORISTERS: Look - Listen and Learn!

[LINK: The Concert on Sunday afternoon will be live streamed.](#)

[LINK: Sunday morning 11:00 live streamed.](#)

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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.**

***THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Goggle cal is on pause for the time being)**

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

*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](#)

[Magnificat, Harold Friedell in F](#)

[Nunc Dimittis, Harold Friedell in F](#)

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:

[Brand New Day from The Wiz Live](#)

[Brand New Day from "The Wiz" Movie version](#)

[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**

I hope you are all safe and sound and healthy. Take good care of yourselves and your families and listen to what they are saying. Please feel invited to tune in to the Zoom sessions when they are announced.

Young Ladies are welcome at all soprano rehearsals.

Young Men, write me, if you are interested we could make a special session for your voices and parts.

I miss you all!

***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.

***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

***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.

Recruiting is never over and normally we would be starting that phase of the season now. The brochure has been posted to school families.

If you know of families not at GCS who should receive it, let me know and I'll will include them.

The brochure and letter invites interest and communication and let's people know we will do the public side in September.

Help me spread the word that families interested in joining should email or call me so I can put them on the mailing list for information and to get them in the loop.

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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