

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 on an emotional and rainy Friday evening,

As I left the office a while ago, a march of protesters peacefully and passionately came up fourth avenue. Yesterday at Union Square the protest was not so peaceful.

Please join me in praying for the safety of all those crying in pain and protest for the death of Mr. Floyd in police custody, and for all involved in keeping our communities safe and pursuing truth and justice in this horrible moment.

There is so much anger, pain and fear being exposed.

The tip of an iceberg and only one of this weeks icebergs.

Please join me in praying for the lives of 100,000 plus persons in our country that have been ended so far in this pandemic.

Pray for all whose lives were touched by them and who now feel the pain of loss and separation that death brings.

Please join me in praying that our country can find it's heart and spirit to come together in unity to heal with love and move forward in all the ways that these days illumine and require.

Know you are loved and let your love and light shine to heal and comfort all who mourn and hurt. Fear not.

The coming week is the prelude to the end of this our 125th choir season. Sunday 7 June would have been our big celebratory day. It has been quite a season. There has been much growth, so much learning, much beauty created and many relationships built and matured. We could not have seen how it would conclude, but take heart, these days will pass and new days will dawn.

I keep thinking about my colleague in England whose church was bombed and burned by an air raid attack in WW II. The choir in that place was singing for many years while the war had to be won, the damage pulled away, and the fabric rebuilt so the community could then come together again in that ancient space, renewed. The choir sounded again in the Temple Church and to this day is still singing.

We aren't looking at that type of dramatic senerio and the choir steering committee is working hard at possible paths for the fall term in sync with and support of church and school. They will be meeting all summer.

We have inquires already from a rising first grade family - our future - for admittance to the choir in September. Recruiting never stops!

Keep the spirit, celebrate the accomplishments of the year, be thankful for all our blessings and spread the love.

Be a tool for the healing of our country, our world.

This will be the final week of zoom rehearsals, Tuesday through Friday at 4:00.

On Thursday at 4:20 all choristers are invited to zoom in for choir appreciation.

Normally we do this during the service on our final Sunday, this year we will do it on Thursday during rehearsal.

All are welcome.

Big hug and all my love, stay safe and healthy, p.

The Reading and Listening Corner:

Poem: [I, Too by Langston Hughes](#)

Non Fiction: [The Hiding Place](#)

Art: [The Disrobing of Christ or El Expolio by El Greco](#)

Music:

[Anner Bylsma: Bach Cello Solo Nr.1, BWV 1007](#)

[Durufle - Ubi caritas](#)

[Faure, Pie Jesu from Requiem](#)

[Schubert - Der Erlkönig](#)

[Lascia ch'io pianga \(Handel\)](#)

[Mozart Le Nozze di Figaro: Forgiveness and Reconciliation](#)

["Steal away"- Mahalia Jackson](#)

[Howells Take Him, Earth, For Cherishing](#)

[SS Wesley: Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace](#)

[Penderecki: Threnody for the Victims of Hiroshima](#)

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.

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

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. Please note scholarship checks will be made out to "parent one" of our data files. It is not meant to leave the rest of the family out, but we had to choose what fields would be fed into the mail merge from the data document files.

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.

***THIS SUNDAY** - until at least 1 July, Grace Church is closed to all public gatherings.
[Sunday Morning Service at 11:00 a.m. is now being live streamed. You are invited to tune in and sing along!](#)

***WEEKDAY ZOOM CHOIR REHEARSALS.....through Friday 5 June**

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.](#)

You can learn so much by listening and watching yourself in choir and.....enjoy your hard work and beautiful music making. With parent's permission please listen and watch some of your work. You will learn a lot!

***NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** - until at least 1 July, the 11 a.m. service will be live streamed, Grace Church is closed to all public gatherings.

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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:

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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 blood

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 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 Com

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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