



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



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***P. Allen Greetings -**

Hello and TGIF everyone. I hope you are holding up well. Keep wearing those masks, washing your hands and keeping that social distance.

The next six months are vital to stay alert, please be safe and well.

Happy and blessed Hanukkah Celebrations to all observing this beautiful Season of Light.

One of my favorite Hanukkah Songs is Maoz Tzur!

Here it is in English:

Rock of Ages let our song,
Praise thy saving power;
Thou amidst the raging foes,
Wast our sheltering tower.

Furiously they assailed us,
But Thine arm availed us
And Thy Word broke their sword,
When our own strength failed us.

In this pandemic time you can apply the image of the adversary to the virus.
Don't loose heart. Sing a song of hope and light.....and.....have a jelly donut!

CHRISTMAS EVE:

The Traditional Carol Service will be live streamed at 8:00 p.m.

It will not be open to the public.

We are watching the Governor and Bishop of New York's guidelines very closely.

A small choral ensemble will participate at the offering (at least as of this writing).

Forgive me for not being able to open up the opportunity to participate to all senior choristers.
I've had to severely limit the number of participating singers to stay within the guidelines we are following for everyone's safety.

All the music is posted on the website.

I will prepare and post a service booklet so everyone can sing along at home.

Thank you again for a moving Carol Sing last Sunday and for all your greetings, wishes and gifts.

You are so amazing.

God bless you everyone.

Season's Greetings with so much love, Patrick

NEXT WEEK:

The Week of 13 December - regular schedule live and on zoom through Thursday.

Christmas Holiday begins on Friday the 18th with the schedule of GCS.

Choir offerings will resume on Zoom Tuesday the 5th of January.

All regular offerings will take place through the Zoom Links.

Morning Link, Password if needed: 922460

Afternoon Link, Password if needed: 516484

Live/In Person offerings will begin on Tuesday the 19th of January as GCS opens for Live/In Person Classes.

As things adjust and change, more information will be communicated.

Ask lots of questions and stay in touch.

***PANDEMIC LINKS:**

MUSIC LINK FOR ZOOMIES

PHOTOS OF LOCATIONS

With names just in case you don't know where something is!

MORNING REHEARSAL LINK, Password if needed: 922460

[AFTERNOON REHEARSAL LINK](#), Password if needed: 516484

[REHEARSAL WAIVER DOWNLOAD](#)

[LINK FOR 5 PACK of face shields](#)

PA Cell phone in case you can't find us or need to get in: 917.733.5117

***TREBLE CONCERT NOTE 2021**

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***SENIORS**

Tuesday through Friday Morning Rehearsals, Live or Zoom

Chantry Gate opens at 7:15 a.m., temperature check, enter at the Honor Room Door, wash hands, come to Chantry.

Rehearsal 7:30 - 8:25 a.m.

Dismiss from Chantry Door to Chantry Broadway Gate, walk to GCS Check in or "Broadway"

Friday After School Vocal Coaching, Afternoon Choir Rehearsal, Live or Zoom

Please sign up with Sign Up Genius, 2 choristers live are required for the session.

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Chantry.

Check out of School walk around to the Chantry Gate, enter the Chantry Door for Choir Check in.

Flexibility: Seniors are welcome at all choir sessions morning and afternoon. Especially during this pandemic, choose what works for the rhythm of your family. Just let PAllen know what you are doing so he won't worry and can be prepared to support you.

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***JUNIORS**

**Tuesday After School Rehearsal, Live or Zoom
(At this time 2nd grade novices are also welcome at this rehearsal)
At GCS dismissal until 4:00 p.m.**

Please let P Allen know by 5:00 p.m. on Monday each week if you are planning to have your child attend and they are not on this list. If they will attend weekly, we will add them, if occasional, please communicate for each week. This is only necessary for GCS Students so teachers can be authorized to dismiss students to choir at the Huntington Close Gate.

**Once students are dismissed from school they may not return.
Exception, if parents make arrangements with GASP for after school play at 4:00, with GCS permission and telling us the procedure, they may attend that program.**

PARENTS and Non GCS Choristers, do not try to come through the school at any time. They are busy cleaning after dismissal.

ENTER AT THE BROADWAY Chantry Gate for all access to the Church.

ACCESS to the Church via the Honor Room Door in Huntington Close

Wash Hands
Take Seat
Enjoy your snack until rehearsal begins

PICK UP at 4:00 p.m. All parents or designated adult must come into the Honor Room to pick up their Child. Parents should wait with careful distance in the Honor Room. Please do not ask them to run out to the car.

Rehearsal officially runs from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Tuesday Choir Rehearsal Dismissal List
of GCS Students
(Does not need to include
non GCS Students, this is for
dismissal purposes at GCS)**

**For 11 October
Based on who attended on the 29th of September
It's never too late to add in.....**

GIRLS Name / Grade
Eva Dixon 5th
Abby Gomez 5th
Annabelle Grace 5th
Bellamy Stapleton 4th
Kiera Cryan 3rd
Lily Dixon 3rd
Claire Min 3rd

BOYS Name / Grade
Sander Olinick 5th
Pablo Bordes 4th
Eamonn Hynes 4th
James Gomez 3rd
Jack Jedlicka 3rd
Wallace Lai 3rd
Austin Lai 3rd
Thatcher Olinick 3rd
Luka Tanjga 3rd
James West 3rd

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***NOVICES**

Rehearsals on Wednesday's after GCS dismissal.

GCS Students will be brought by their class to the Honor Gate where I will meet them and take them into the Honor Room.

Choristers coming from outside GCS will come up the path from the Chantry Broadway Gate to the Honor Room.

There at a safe distance we will take temperatures, wash hands and have a snack.

Then we will go slowly, single file into the Chantry put on our protective shields with our masks and practice.

Each chorister will have their own seat, music, pencil and shield that only they will touch.

Between rehearsals they will live on the rack under their chair.

I think the first couple of sessions could go until 4:00. Let's see how it goes.

That may be too much for them, we might shorten it a little bit.

Dismissal will be from the Chantry.

Parents enter from the main doors of the Chantry, you will hear us and we will dismiss from there one family at a time.

Once rehearsal begins I will lock the honor room door to the garden for security.

The main Chantry doors will be open for the whole rehearsal to let fresh air move more freely.

When the Wednesday Section fills up we can open up a second section on Thursdays at GCS dismissal.

We might even make one boys and one girls, but that is getting ahead of ourselves.

Girls / 2nd grade

Beatrice Delaney

Amy Johnson

Josephine Lewis

Claire Pederson

Isla Popov

**Boys / 2nd grade
Grayson Hurd
William Naples**

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***HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS**

**If you are interested in doing so singing/coaching, contact P Allen directly to schedule
something.
Please stay safe and take good care.**

***PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
SIGN UP GENIUS**

**Sign up genius has three links this year. Please note.
-Pandemic Parent Support for Rehearsals.**

- 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 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.

Help 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 Words for 2020-2021 - SAFTEY and FLEXIBILITY!

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](#)

[LINK PANDEMIC PARENT SUPPORT FOR REHEARSALS SIGN UP GENIUS](#)

Accessing the Secure Choir Family Area of the Music Website:

www.gracechurchnyc.org

CLICK: MUSIC

CLICK: login

User Name: helfenstein

Password:
Stanfordlives1894

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The Reverend J. Donald Waring, Rector
The Reverend Julia Offinger, Associate Rector
The Reverend Thomas Szczerba, Assistant Rector
Patrick Allen, Organist and Master of Choristers

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