



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



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***P. Allen Greetings -**

Oh what a beautiful morning, Oh what a beautiful day.....a line from Rogers and Hammerstein's musical Oklahoma. How about this weather? Enjoy!

**What is your favorite R & H show? song? moment?
You should revisit it this weekend. Remember.**

For me it is "Climb every mountain."

My first choir director and the person who taught and mentored me in life and music was cast to be the first Mother Superior in Sound of Music.

She had just signed a contract to come down from New York and teach voice at Florida State in Tallahassee, a protégé of Robert Shaw and Floyd Worthington . She asked the Dean for a delay so she could accept the roll on Broadway and be part of the original Broadway cast, the Dean said no. "We need you, if you accept you will never get here."

Three of her favorite sayings (I think she mentored Yoda also) were.....

"can't never could," "if your bored, you must be boring."

I can tell you she was never bored.

And, when someone was whining about something they had to do she would say

"it builds character."

Whenever I hear that song or watch that wonderful scene I think of Miss Grimm. She went on to be a maverick and leader for professional women in Florida achieving many firsts and teaching, training and influencing generations of young and old alike. While she never sang it on Broadway, she sang the roll almost everywhere else. The words of "Climb every mountain" were the story of her life coming from a small coal mining town in West Virginia.

I thank God every day for Miss Grimm and her presence in my life.

Have a wonderful weekend, be safe and always - "let your light shine."

Love, p.

COMING UP: SPRING BREAK: Some schedule points:

* We will observe GCS Spring Break so no rehearsals of any kind between 22 and April 2nd.

*The Week of April 6th we will be on line only again to follow GCS protocols. Regular rehearsal schedule on line only, no in person.

CHOIR COFFEE HOUR: If you'd like someone to talk with, zoom in for a Choir Coffee Hour on Fridays from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

No agenda, just time to connect and visit.

Just in case the Coffee link doesn't work:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88409642167?pwd=d0hIODIYSkiUbtAyVWRXNFVqV0xuQT09>

Password: 636215

Someone was asking about the Choir Handbook recently.

The Handbook was created when we revised the whole training curriculum of the choir many years ago.

Creating the Handbook was the original reason to establish the Choir Steering Committee which has continued to be so much a part of our life since that time.

It was once passed out each new season, but went green and onto the website where it still lives in the choir family area.

The Handbook defines our community, our purpose, who we are and how we are organized. At the time we thought that this would help focus our purpose and commitment to one another as the choir community and it worked brilliantly.

It's content lies at the foundation of all we are and do.

I just remind all of it's presence and purpose. It is always there for you to review.

Here are the links.....

[Music for Morning Rehearsals](#)

[Music for Morning Rehearsals Appendix A](#)

[Music for Easter](#)

[Jr / Nov Rehearsal Book 2021 \(bk3\)](#)

[Junior/Novice Music for Rehearsal 1](#)

[Junior/Novice Music for Rehearsal 2](#)

[MORNING REHEARSAL LINK](#), Password if needed: 922460

or

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85021917167?pwd=TXpGS1JpYlV4ZWJEaW85T3FtUzJUdz09>

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

or

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88528882444?pwd=MlpBeW82N0JGelpnM1A3VnhDUUs1dz09>

For more details see below.

***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

***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.

***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)**

GIRLS Name / Grade

Eva Dixon 5th

Abby Gomez 5th
Annabelle Grace 5th
Hailey Popov, 5th
Bordley Gushee, 5th
Bellamy Stapleton 4th
Mila Coats 3rd
Kiera Cryan 3rd
Lily Dixon 3rd
Claire Min 3rd

BOYS Name / Grade
Sander Olinick 5th
Pablo Bordes 4th
Isaiah Collins, 4th
Eamonn Hynes 4th
James Gomez 3rd
Jack Jedlicka 3rd
Thatcher Olinick 3rd
Luka Tanjga 3rd
James West 3rd

***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.

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
Ava Appignani

Beatrice Delaney
Sconset Gushee
Amy Johnson
Victoria Lee
Josephine Lewis
Claire Pederson
Isla Popov

Boys / 2nd grade
William Naples

***HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS**

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

There are two special projects coming up on 7 March at 11:00 a.m. and 4 April at 11:00 a.m. Both are Sundays and full of Anthems you love.
If you are interested in participating, contact PA.

***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:
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.

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 Julia Offinger, Associate Rector](#)

[The Reverend Thomas Szczerba, Assistant Rector](#)
[Patrick Allen, Organist and Master of Choristers](#)

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