



## Grace Community Music

### EVENSONGS 2023-24

Grace Episcopal Church, 4 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ 07940

#### ALL SAINTS' EVENSONG

Wednesday, November 1, 7PM, Grace Episcopal Church  
*Early music by Ayleward, Gibbons, Mundy and Schütz*

#### ADVENT EVENSONG

Sunday, December 17, 4PM, Grace Episcopal Church  
*Music by Stanford, Ayleward, Rheinberger, Gjeilo and Advent carols*

#### LENTEN EVENSONG

Saturday February 24 5PM  
*Music by Stanford, Smith, and Rosephanye Powell*

#### EASTERTIDE EVENSONG

Saturday, April 13, 2024 5PM, Grace Episcopal Church  
*Music by Smith, Jessica French, Larry King*

#### SUMMER BON VOYAGE EVENSONG

Saturday, July 20, 2024, 5PM, Grace Episcopal Church

#### EVENSONGS IN RESIDENCE

Wells Cathedral, UK, July 29-August 4, 2024

*Evensong* is a traditionally Anglican service of beauty and contemplation. Begun by Bishop Thomas Cranmer in the time of King Henry VIII it combined the evening services of Vespers and Compline into one act of worship: Evensong. The choir sings on behalf of the congregation, who pray by actively listening. A musical setting of prayers (*Preces and Responses*) is always sung, as well as a setting of the evening canticles; the *Magnificat* (Mary's song), and *Nunc Dimittis* (Simeon's Song). There is also an anthem, an Anglican chant psalm and a hymn or two.

Our Evensongs this year prepare us for the week of services we will sing in England. They will be sung by members of our adult choirs, Harmonium singers joining us for the trip, and our older trebles. Evensong is usually only about 45-minutes and is also usually followed by wine and cheese! Please join us as much as you can! All are welcome.