



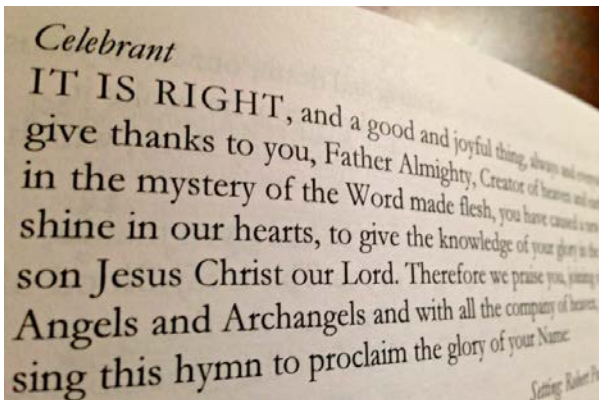
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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

January 13, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: What's in a proper preface?



For many, developing a greater understanding of the structure of our sacred liturgy for the The Holy Eucharist can serve to enhance or deepen one's personal experience of weekly worship.

You may well have noticed that many portions of our liturgy will change from week to week, for major observances, or according to season. Weekly changes like the readings from scripture and the Collect are determined according to one of three

yearly liturgical calendars ([we are currently in Year A](#)). The Book of Common Prayer provides the roadmap for the rest, which we likewise navigate according to the calendar.

Near the beginning of our celebration of The Holy Communion, positioned between two memorable phrases of text that do not change, lies the Proper Preface. This variable portion of the text of our Eucharistic Prayer plays an important role in aligning our worship with the theme of a particular occasion or season. Within the following excerpt from our service bulletin for this week, the proper preface is the middle sentence in bold, which is tailored for our present season of Epiphanytide:

Celebrant

IT IS RIGHT, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. **Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.** Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

If you have a copy of the Book of Common Prayer handy ([you can order one here](#), or you can follow along online at www.bcponline.org), opening to page 377 will bring you to a list of 22 proper prefaces, consisting of: three proper prefaces of the Lord's Day (*Of God the Father, Of God the Son* and *Of God the Holy Spirit*); nine seasonal proper prefaces for Advent, Incarnation, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost; and ten additional for special occasions like a Baptism, Marriage, or the commemoration of a saint.

For those moments in your worship when you seek to particularly internalize or explore the meaning of a given occasion or season, while continuing to look of course to the accompanying scripture and the preacher's sermon as guides through that journey, consider the proper preface as another valuable focus of your prayerful contemplation.

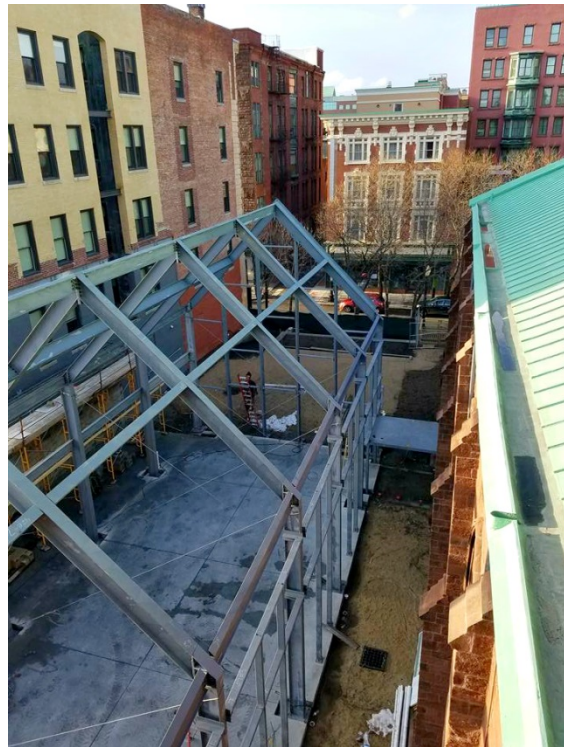
This Week at Grace

Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist
with Music
Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

Parking for Worship: Parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow. A small number of spaces are available on the portion of the Grace Church lot facing Snow Street, along an inset section of the construction fence. For all other times, please [check with the parish administrator](#) for availability.

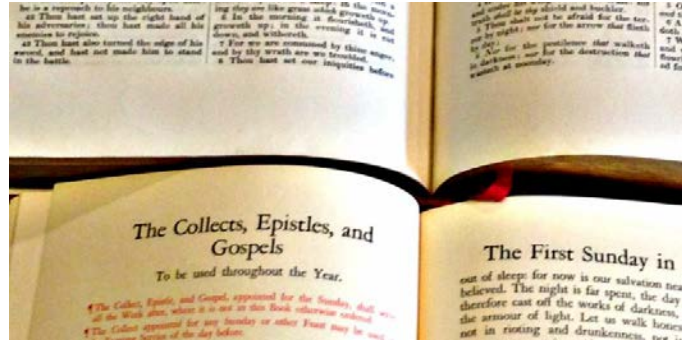
Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking: Please find wheelchair access from the sidewalk on Westminster Street into the church. Handicapped parking spaces have been posted for Sundays on Mathewson Street near Westminster.



The construction of The Pavilion at Grace made exciting strides this week as the large steel frame for the main gathering space rose rapidly into place.

January 15, 2017 - The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



For the text of this Sunday's readings, [please click here](#):

[Isaiah 49:1-7 ~ Psalm 40:1-12 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 ~ John 1:29-42](#)

For additional background about the baptism of Our Lord, [click here](#).

Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

Save the Dates: Winter and Spring Musical Events at Grace

Collegium Ancora, February 12 at 5PM
Collegium Ancora presents A Little Night Music, featuring the sumptuous Serenade to Music of Vaughan Williams, as well as works of Brahms, Barber, Sondheim and more!
\$10 suggested donation.

Thursdays at Noon beginning March 9 (through May 25)

Please join us on Thursdays at Noon (September 15 through November 17; and March 9 through May 25) for in for mal half-hour organ, voca l or instrumental concerts. Feel free to stay for a portion of the concert or the entire concert if your schedule will allow.

Choral Evensong: Sunday, March 26 at 5PM

The Grace Church Choir offers
Choral Evensong for Lent



a new professional chamber choir

A Little Night Music: Songs of Shadow and Starlight

**FEB
12**

5pm - Grace Episcopal
175 Mathewson St, Providence
Open Admission (\$10 suggested donation)

**FEB
19**

4pm - St. Columba's Chapel
55 Vaucluse Avenue, Middletown, RI
\$10 Admission

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Music of Vierne, Blair, and Finzi

St. Matthew Passion: Friday, April 7 at 7:30PM

Museum Concerts of Rhode Island

50th Anniversary Gala Concert

Performed by the Brown University Chorus and Schola Cantorum of Boston,

For tickets, visit www.museumconcerts.org or call 401-274-5073.

Music of Praise and Glory: Sunday, April 30 at 5PM

The Grace Church Choir and Choristers join with Collegium Ancora to present Vivaldi's beloved Gloria and Purcell's Te Deum and Jubilate with Chamber Ensemble.

\$10 suggested donation

Please bring home your 2017 PICA outreach calendar!

The Outreach Ministry at Grace has prepared a 2017 calendar to guide your valued contributions of food and other items throughout the coming year. All non-perishable food, plus toiletries, clothing etc. are welcome throughout the year, but the calendar features particular wish-list items for each month, culminating in our new Reverse

Advent campaign for next December. We hope you will hang or keep a calendar in your kitchen or pantry, and support the important work of PICA throughout 2017!



2017 Calendar of Giving

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