



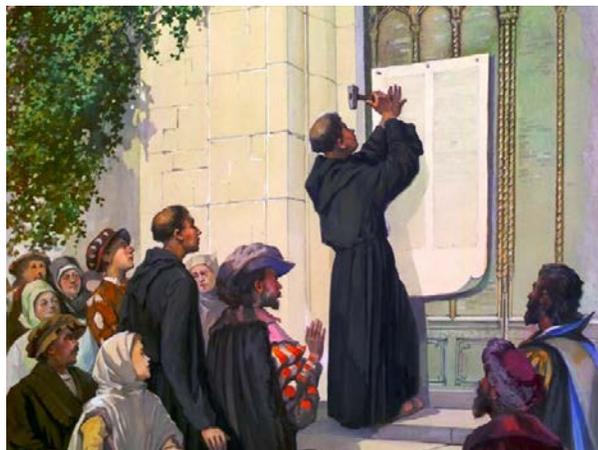
Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

March 31, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: 500 Years of the Reformation

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. It was in 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses (statements of belief related to theology and church practice) to the doors of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany.

Our Episcopal Church, from its beginnings in the Church of England in the 16th century, is indelibly marked by the Reformation experience. Throughout the course of this year, we will be marking this



anniversary with programs of worship, music, education, and fellowship, mostly in the fall to coincide with the traditional date of the posting of Luther's theses, October 31st.

But we will kick the commemoration off next Friday, April 7, 7:30pm with [a performance here at Grace Church of St. Matthew's Passion](#), composed by the most famous Protestant composer of all time, Johann Sebastian Bach. I hope you will join us for what will be glorious concert as we head into Holy Week, and I look forward to sharing with you more of our Reformation commemoration events in the months to come! The concert features the Brown University Chorus and Schola Cantorum of Boston, accompanied by Trebles from All Saints, Ashmont, and our very own Grace Church Choristers! Tickets range from \$20-\$50, and [can be purchased here](#).



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 9, 8:00am & 10:00am

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 13, 7:00pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 14, 12:00pm

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 15, 8:00pm

Easter

Sunday, April 16, 8:00am & 10:00am

Please Submit your Dedications for Easter Flowers and Music

Thank you for filling out a card located in the pews, and for your support of Easter flowers and music. Please print dedications legibly: In memory of... in honor of... in thanksgiving for...

Place your card and gift in the green

EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to make a gift of \$ _____ for Easter flowers at Grace (minimum \$20).
<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to support special Easter music with my gift of \$ _____.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to make an additional Easter offering of \$ _____.
Total gift enclosed: \$ _____. Thank you!	

Please dedicate my gift (circle one):
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Please place card with your gift in the envelopes provided, before Tuesday in Holy Week.

flower envelopes provided, and return in the offering plate or by mail. Dedications received before April 11 will be recorded in the service bulletins for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday .

Children's Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt

All families with young children attending the 10 am service on April 16, Easter Sunday, are invited to gather immediately after the service in the Chafee Room for crafts and treats followed by an egg hunt in the sanctuary. Please join in this festive celebration!



This Week at Grace

Worship Schedule:

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

Thursday Concerts at Noon:
April 6 features Vince Edwards on piano.

Morning Monastic Meditation:
Weekday mornings 8:30-9:00am
Silent meditation or prayer to sounds of chant. Light a prayer candle.

Open doors

Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am - 2:00pm.

Prayer and Scripture Group:

2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Chafee Room, and every Saturday during Lent.

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.

Morning Monastic Meditation
Weekday mornings
from 8:30 - 9:00am at
Grace Church in Providence



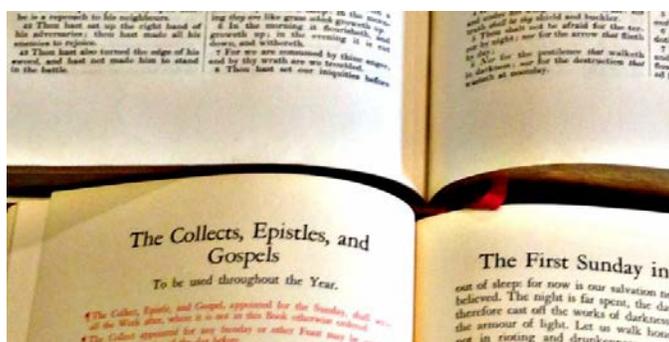
Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking: Please find wheelchair access from the sidewalk on Westminster Street into the church. Handicapped parking spaces have been posted for Sundays on Mathewson Street near Westminster.

The Lenten Giving Cross

This Sunday marks the completion of our Lenten Giving Cross supply drive to benefit foster families through Children's Friend. If you retrieved a gift label from the cross but have not yet brought in your item(s), please remember to bring your donation(s) with you to church this Sunday.

April 2, 2017 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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

[Ezekial 37:1-14 ~ Psalm 130 ~ Romans 8:6-11 ~ John 11:1-45](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [The Good Friday Offering](#)

Also, [click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service.

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.

Join Us for Spring Musical Events at Grace

Thursdays at Noon through May 25

Please join us on Thursdays at Noon through May 25 for in for mal half-hour organ, vocal or instrumental concerts. Feel free to stay for a portion of the concert or the entire concert if your schedule will allow. Upcoming performers include: Vince Edwards on piano April 6, Vince Edwards on organ April 13, and Erin Preston (soprano), Olivia Price (horn) and Vince Edwards (piano) April 20.

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

The Matthew Passion for three choirs and two orchestras is Bach's most dramatic and complex score - startling and arresting choruses contrasting with sublime solo arias. For tickets, [please click here](#), or call 401-863-3234.

Music of Praise and Glory: Sunday, April 30 at 5:00pm

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.






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 Diana Burdett
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The Sandwich Brigade at Crossroads
 In all, we made nearly 400 bagged lunches and had over 30 volunteers between the 3 Saturdays. This year's Sandwich Brigade effort was a great success, we enjoyed the experience, and we thank all who participated. If you would like to get involved in outreach at Grace, please e-mail Nick Halar at outreach@gracepvd.org.

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This Sunday's Readings

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