



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

April 12, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: An Invitation to the Triduum

For those of you who, like myself, grew up in families and churches where you went to church on Palm Sunday and then didn't set foot in church again until Easter Sunday, the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil (collectively called "The Triduum" by the Church), can be profoundly new and moving.

I still remember my first Maundy Thursday service at St. Stephen's Church up on College Hill when I was 19. It brought me into the final, full day of Christ's life like nothing else I had ever known.

Speaking of College Hill, we will continue the Grace Church tradition of having a guest preacher for our Good Friday service by welcoming into our pulpit this year the Chaplain of Brown University, the Rev. Janet Cooper Nelson (bio below).





The next day, the Easter Vigil at 8:00 on Saturday evening begins with hopeful waiting in near darkness and moves into the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, full of light, music, and joy. The Vigil is a unique worship experience in the church year, and I hope many of you will be moved to attend, some of you for the first time!

I look forward to traveling these three days in the life of Christ and the Church with you all here at Grace.

Holy Week blessings,
Jonathan

This Week at Grace

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

Thursday 7:00pm:
Maundy Thursday

Friday 12:00 Noon: Good Friday
Following the service, the church will remain open for prayer until 2 pm.

Saturday 8:00pm: Easter Vigil
Following the Easter Vigil service at 8 pm on Holy Saturday, we'll celebrate with champagne/sparkling cider & dessert. Anyone attending the Easter Vigil is welcome and encouraged to bring a dessert to share. All chocolate and sugar-related fasts will be over at that time!



Easter Sunday 8:00am Service
Easter Sunday 10:00am Principal Service with Music

Families gather after the service in the Chafee Room for crafts and treats followed by an egg hunt in the sanctuary. In addition to regular Sunday parking in the lot on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow Streets, additional free parking for Easter Sunday is available in the PPAC parking garage.

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

Thursday Concerts at Noon:
April 13 features Vince Edwards, Organist. April 20 features Erin Preston, Soprano; Olivia Price, Horn; and Vince Edwards, Piano.

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

Prayer and Scripture Group:
Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Chafee Room.

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.



Please Welcome Good Friday Guest Preacher The Rev. Janet Cooper Nelson

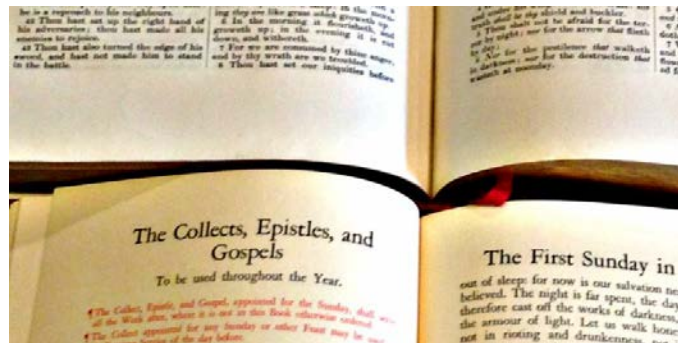
The Reverend Janet Cooper Nelson is Chaplain of the University, Director of the Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life, and a member of the faculty at Brown University.

Her 1990 appointment to these responsibilities followed comparable posts at Vassar, Mount Holyoke, and as Associate Pastor at The Church of Christ at Dartmouth College. Ordained in 1980 by the United Church of Christ, Rev. Cooper Nelson is a graduate of Wellesley College and has a Master's degree in Education from Tufts University and a Master of Divinity Degree from Harvard University.



April 16, 2017 - Easter Day: The Sunday of the Resurrection

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; 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](#):

[Jeremiah 31:1-6 ~ Psalm 118: 1-2,14-24 ~ Colossians 3:1-4 ~ John 20:1-18](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [The Presiding Bishop's Easter Message](#)
[Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please 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.

Join Us for Spring Musical Events at Grace

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.

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 organ April 13, and Erin Preston (soprano), Olivia Price (horn) and Vince Edwards (piano) April 20.



Grace Church enjoyed a near-capacity turnout (see above photo) for the performance of Bach: St. Matthew Passion conducted by Fred Jodry of Brown University last Friday, April 7. We would like to thank all who were involved, and congratulate our own Grace Church Choristers for contributing their voices to this terrific performance.




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