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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

April 7, 2017

## Spotlight on Grace: A Palm Sunday Message from the Rector

Back in 1999, when I was an aspiring comedy writer, I signed with a talent agency, all of whose writers were on the staffs of TV shows. I was thrilled. Truth be told, it was one of the best days of my life. Then, almost immediately, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" came on the air and was soon on five nights a week. At the same time, "Survivor" launched its American show, kicking off the reality TV craze.



Scripted comedies went into decline, and, for the first time ever, my agency had writers who weren't being staffed on TV shows. I, and many others, made a living (just) through free-lance jobs, where we could find them. If I had known what the next year or two would hold for me, professionally, would I have been as elated as I was on that day in '99 to be signed by the Endeavor Agency? Probably not. Yet my joy that day was real, and when I remember it now, it still brings a smile to my face, even though I never was on the writing staff of a TV show.

If the crowds that greeted Jesus with such joy on that first "Palm Sunday" had known that, in a matter of days, the prophet they greeted with cheers would be arrested and executed, would they have been so joyful? Probably not, either. But two things are true of the experience of that final week of Jesus's life and those who followed him: The joy of that day on which Jesus entered Jerusalem astride a donkey was real, and, in a sense, permanent. And secondly, the pain that followed was not the final chapter. Easter Sunday followed Good Friday. It still does.

When we lift up our palms in church on Sunday in memory of that glorious day in the life of Christ, perhaps we can also remember that our joys - even when they are followed later by loss - are as real as real can be and can, if we let them, sustain us through our Good Fridays, until we reach our own Easters.

Happy Palm Sunday,  
Jonathan+



### **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**

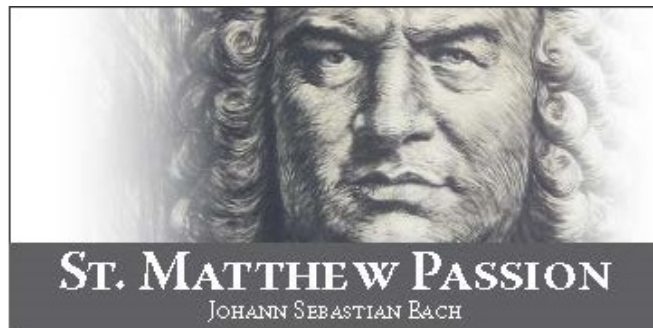
Sunday, April 16, 8:00am & 10:00am

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## **Bach: St. Matthew Passion** **Friday, April 7, 7:30pm at Grace Church**

Brown University Chorus  
with Schola Cantorum of Boston  
Assisted by Trebles from All Saints,  
Ashmont, and Grace Church in  
Providence.

L. Frederick Jodry, Conductor  
Steven Soph, Evangelist  
Stephan Griffin, Jesus  
Judson Griffin & Margaret Ziemnicka,  
Orchestra Leaders  
Arias: Lydia Brotherton, Soprano; Miranda Loud, Alto; Andrew Brown, Tenor; Jacob Scharfman, Bass



The annual performance of the Holy Week Passion music on Good Friday was one of the

musical highlights of the Leipzig church year, for on this day, concerted music was only presented in one of the four churches for which Bach was responsible. 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. Tickets range from \$20 - \$50, and will be available at the door. There is a show at PPAC scheduled as well, so we recommend allowing time for and giving forethought to parking.

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## 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 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 .



**EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC**

\_\_\_ I wish to make a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for  
Easter flowers at Grace (minimum \$20).

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with my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_ I wish to make an additional Easter  
offering of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Total gift enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you!

Please dedicate my gift (circle one):  
in honor of    in memory of    or    in thanksgiving for    (please print legibly):

Please place card with your gift in the envelopes provided, before Tuesday in Holy Week.

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## 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!



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## 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 13 features Vince Edwards,  
Organist.

**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.

**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**

Our Lenten Giving Cross supply drive to benefit foster families through Children's Friend is  
fast coming to a close. 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.

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

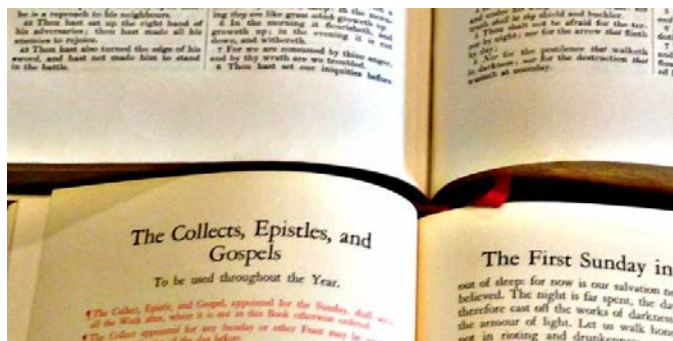


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**April 9, 2017 - Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**



Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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

The Liturgy of the Palms:

Matthew 21:1-11 ~ Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Liturgy of the Word:

Isaiah 50:4-9a ~ Psalm 31:9-16 ~ Philippians 2:5-11 ~ Matthew 26:14-27:66

This week from the Episcopal Church: [The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday](#)

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.

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## 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 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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