



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

March 28, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: An Invitation to the Triduum



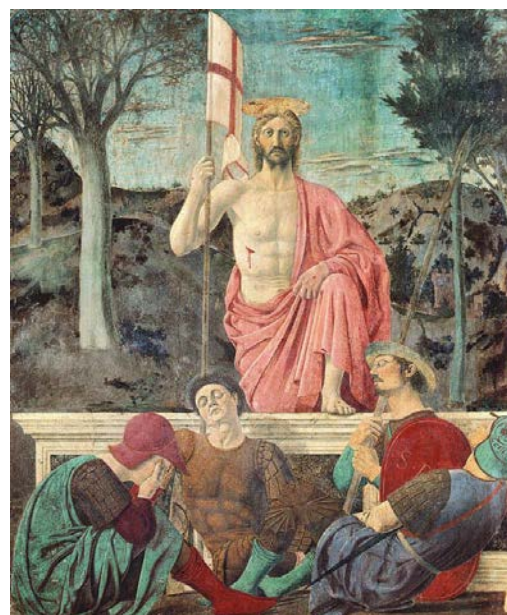
The services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil (collectively called "The Triduum" by the Church), can be profoundly moving, as they recall, in our worship, the final days of Christ's life.

Maundy Thursday celebrates the institution of the Lord's Supper (the Eucharist), and Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet, and the congregation is invited (though not at all required) to wash the feet of another and have their own feet washed as well.

The noon service at Good Friday is our time as a community to remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross, when we welcome a guest preacher (see below) into our pulpit, as we've done for decades.

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. If the weather complies, we will, for the first time, begin the service in our new garden right outside the Pavilion!

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

Holy Week at Grace



Palm Sunday

8:00am & 10:00am



Maundy Thursday

7:00pm

Good Friday

12:00 Noon



Easter Vigil

8:00pm

Easter Sunday

8:00am & 10:00am

Maundy Thursday



Join us on Thursday evening at 7 pm. The ancient rite of Foot Washing, the commemoration of the Last Supper and the Stripping of the Altar combine for a dramatic and moving service.

Please note that a number of parking spaces for the Maundy Thursday service will be provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street from the church entrance (where parking is likewise provided on Sunday mornings).

Good Friday Guest Preacher



Grace Church has a decades-long tradition of having a guest preacher at our Good Friday service, and this year we will welcome to our pulpit, for what we believe is the first time, an Orthodox priest - the Very Rev. Elie Estephan. Fr. Elie is the pastor of [St. Mary Anthiochian Orthodox Church](#) in Pawtucket. St. Mary Church was founded a century ago by Orthodox Christians from the Middle East, especially Lebanon and Syria. Fr. Elie is himself a native of Lebanon and has served churches in Lebanon and Brazil before coming to Rhode Island. We are thrilled to welcome Fr. Elie to Grace Church!

Easter Vigil



The Easter Vigil service begins at 8:00pm on Holy Saturday, March 31.

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!

Please note that a number of parking spaces for the Easter Vigil service will be provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street from the church entrance (where parking is likewise provided on Sunday mornings).

The Sunday of the Resurrection



We offer Easter Sunday services at 8:00am and 10:00am, with the 10:00am service featuring marvelous choral music, and voluntaries by The Westminster Brass quartet. The congregation will be invited to join the choir in the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus as our Doxology.

Following the 10 a.m. Easter service on Sunday, you are welcome to take an Easter lily from the church to bring to a friend or loved one who could not make it to Easter worship this year. There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, though child care will be provided in the nursery.

All families with children attending the 10 am Easter Sunday service are invited to gather

immediately following in the Pavilion for crafts and treats, followed by an egg hunt in the church and an Easter treasure hunt for kids 4th grade and up. Please join in this festive celebration!

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music

Wednesday, March 28 Wednesday Eucharist 12 pm

Thursday, March 29 Maundy Thursday 7 pm

Friday, March 30 Good Friday 12noon

Saturday, March 31 Easter Vigil 8 pm

Sunday, April 1 Easter Day 8am & 10am

20s/30s Group Dinner: Please join Grace's lively and growing group of 20s/30s for a Community Dinner on the 1st Thursday of each month in the Pavilion at 7:00pm. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. Contact drakecdouglas@gmail.com with questions.

Thursday Concerts at Noon: The Thursday Noon concerts will resume Thursday, April 12.

Open Doors: Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Please encourage your friends or guests to come and visit Grace Church and see the new Pavilion at Grace.

Prayer Group: The prayer group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am, presently in The Pavilion at Grace.

Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking: Please find convenient accessible in the Grace Church parking lot with access from Snow Street. The new wheelchair ramp connects directly from the lot, and you will enter through the new reception entrance of The Pavilion and into the church at ground level.

Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

- 1.) in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow;
- 2.) On the **top level only** of the PPAC parking garage, for which the entrance is on Weybosset Street. A stairway from the top level leads right to Chapel Street across from the church; and



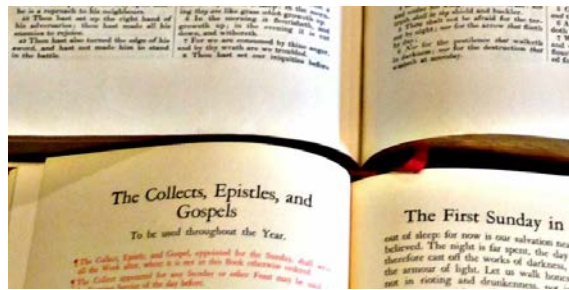
3.) In the Grace Church parking lot accessed via Snow Street. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving this lot, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility.

The Lenten Giving Cross

With apologies for the error in our previous Lenten Cross announcement, Sunday, April 8 will be the final date for bringing Lenten Cross donations in.

April 1, 2018 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](#):

This week from the Episcopal Church: [The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Day](#) and [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.

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