



Spotlight on Grace:

Give Yourself the Gift of the Sacred 3 Days

Lent is drawing to a close, and this Sunday we enter into Holy Week. Holy Week forms the core of our Christian faith: Palm Sunday and the Triduum - the three days from the evening of Maundy Thursday through Good Friday and Holy Saturday - and on to Easter. Our celebration of the Resurrection finds its most full expression when together we walk with our Lord through the events of Holy Week.



During these days we (with Christians around the world) relive, re-enact, remember, and experience Jesus's last days on earth. It was his death, resurrection, and ascension - the message of God's victory of life over death and the hope of new life for all believers - that Jesus's earliest followers proclaimed to others.



HOLY WEEK

- Palm Sunday**
Sunday, March 20, 8:00am & 10:00am
- Maundy Thursday**
Thursday, March 24, 7:00pm
- Good Friday**
Friday, March 25, 12:00pm
- Easter Vigil**
Saturday, March 26, 7:00pm
- Easter**
Sunday, March 27, 8:00am & 10:00am

We invite and encourage you to give yourself the gift of entering into the sacred mystery of Jesus's death and resurrection by joining the Grace Church community for these meaningful services. It is the best way for you to feel the power of Jesus's saving work in your own life and to deeply grasp the life-changing message of Easter: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Maundy Thursday: Washing the feet of his disciples. Jesus instituting the Holy Eucharist at his Last Supper. Watching with Jesus in the garden.

Good Friday: Standing with Jesus before Pilate. Walking the way of the cross with Jesus. Standing with Jesus at the Cross. Watching as his body is taken down, wrapped in a shroud, and carried to the tomb.

Holy Saturday: A time of waiting, and then...

Easter Vigil and Easter Day:

Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia

This Week at Grace

Worship services:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist w/ music

Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

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.



Good Friday: The Good Friday service will be held at Noon on Friday, March 25. Our guest preacher will be the Reverend Meaghan Brower, Director of the Episcopal Conference Center; and founding Rector of Church of the Beloved in Pascoag, RI. Following the Noon service, the church will remain open following the service for prayer and organ meditations for Good Friday until 3 pm.

Easter Vigil Celebration: Following the Easter Vigil service at 7 pm on Holy Saturday, March 26, 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 support Easter Flowers and Music at Grace: You'll find cards and corresponding green envelopes, both in the pews and in the narthex. Please print dedications legibly: In memory of... in honor of... in thanksgiving for... Place your card and gift in the envelope, and return in the offering plate or by mail. Dedications received before March 23 will be recorded in the service bulletins for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.



Children's Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt:

All families with young children attending the 10 am service on March 27, 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!

It's Not too Late to Join the Inquirers' Class: March 13 - April 24 Sundays at 9am (except Easter) in the Chafee Room. Particularly for adults interested in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, reception, or renewal of baptismal

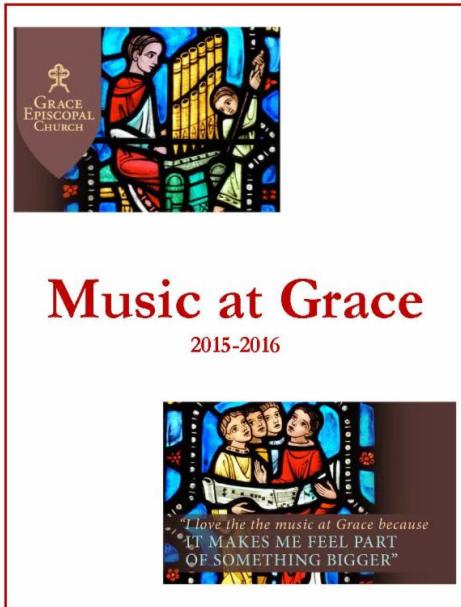
vows; but ALL adults welcome.

Lend a Hand to the Sandwich Brigade: This Saturday, March 19 is the final day of our current Sandwich Brigade outreach making sandwiches at Crossroads, a homeless services organization at

Women's Prayer and Bible Study:

2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Chafee Room

Grace Church is OPEN to the Public each weekday from 11:00am until 2:00pm. Please tell your friends, co-workers, and visitors to stop by and explore this beautiful historic church. Our friendly docents will greet you with a smile.



Music at Grace

Get an overview of upcoming music at Grace: Please [click here](#) to view the Music at Grace program for 2015-2016, and see not only the wonderful lineup of music in store for Holy Week, but also some exciting upcoming music events that you'll want to mark your calendars for.

The Thursday Noon concert series will take a brief 2-week hiatus for March 24 and March 31, and then return April 7 with a performance by Vince Edwards.

The Grace Church Choristers is open to boys and girls in grades 2 through 12. The choir rehearses twice weekly, and sings twice per month at the Sunday Holy Eucharist at Grace. Please spread the word to families with

youngsters who may have an interest in singing. Contact [Director of Music Vince Edwards](#) with questions.

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