



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

March 3, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: New Prayers of the People



The Book of Common Prayer guides the flow of our worship in the Episcopal Church, and it stipulates that immediately after we recite the ancient Nicene Creed during the Holy Eucharist, we pray together in what is called "The Prayers of the People."

The Prayer Book offers six forms of "the Prayers of the People" from which to choose (pages 383-393). Since before I arrived at Grace in 2010, our parish has used forms 3 and 4 almost exclusively. In actuality, those six forms of the prayers are only recommended. What the Prayer Book requires is that the congregation pray for various categories of need, such as praying for the sick and the Church.

Beginning in on this first Sunday in Lent, we will be drawing from additional sources, written by Episcopalians and other Christians, for our communal prayers. Frequently, these prayers will tie in to the Bible readings for that Sunday. I hope that you will find these prayers both uplifting and thought-provoking as we enter the holy seasons of Lent and Easter.

Lenten blessings,
Jonathan+

Your Journey of Lent at
Grace Church in Providence



We welcome you to immerse yourself in a spiritual journey of Lent here at Grace. Explore opportunities for special Lenten spiritual practice like Morning Monastic Meditation, opportunities for giving like the Lenten Giving Cross starting this Sunday, or nourish your soul with music for Lent.

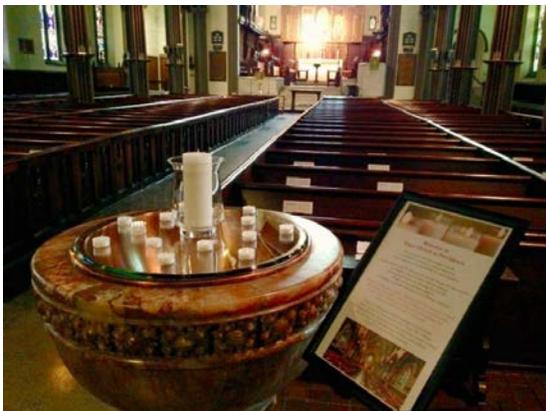
Morning Monastic Meditation

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



Morning Monastic Meditation

Throughout Lent, please make time in your downtown mornings for Morning Monastic Meditation every weekday from 8:30-9:00am. We will open for half an hour weekday mornings for silent meditation and prayer to the sounds of monastic chant from across the centuries. Please stop in for a moment of peace to begin your day. Visitors are welcome to light a candle as a symbol of their prayer intention.



The Sandwich Brigade at Crossroads

Grace Church parishioners will volunteer to make sandwiches at [Crossroads](#), a homeless services organization in downtown Providence, on 3 consecutive Saturdays, March 11, 18 and 25, at 10:00am. Please find the signup sheet in the back of the church, or e-mail Outreach Ministry chair Nicholas Halar at outreach@gracepvd.org. Financial contributions are welcome (please place check payable to Crossroads in the collection plate).

Take a Journey through the Bible The Prayer and Scripture Group at Grace will meet every Saturday during Lent in the Chafee Room at 9:30am to explore the exciting new book from Forward Movement: [The Path: A Journey through the Bible](#). "With informative trail signs to help you see how each piece of the narrative fits together, The Path is an experience unlike any other: an amazing 360-degree overview of the vast, sweeping story of God's extraordinary love for ordinary people." To take part, [please contact Louise](#).

The Lenten Giving Cross

Grace Church will collect donations for Children's Friend to assist foster families that are welcoming a baby into their home. We will welcome a variety of donations including: bibs, clothes, car seats, and gift cards. Donation requests will be written on flower bulbs on the Lenten Cross, located at the back of the church.

Choral Evensong for Lent The Grace Church Choir will offer a Service of Choral Evensong for Lent, Sunday, March 26 at 5:00pm at Grace Church, featuring music of music of Vierne, Blair, and Finzi.

Other Resources for your Lenten Journey Grace Church will have copies of [Lenten Meditations 2017](#) -- a publication of [Episcopal Relief & Development](#) -- available while supplies last. Episcopal Relief & Development is the compassionate response of The Episcopal Church to human suffering in the world. Hearing God's call to seek and serve

Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being, Episcopal Relief & Development serves to bring together the generosity of Episcopalians and others with the needs of the world.

This Week at Grace

Worship Schedule:

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

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.



Thursday Concerts at Noon

Concerts resume this Thursday, March 9, with guest
organist Cody Wilmot Mead.

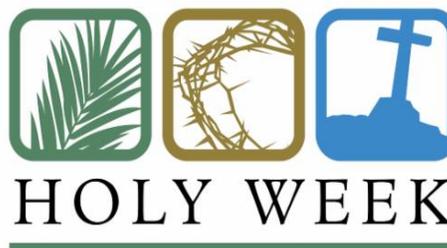
Prayer and Scripture Group:

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.



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

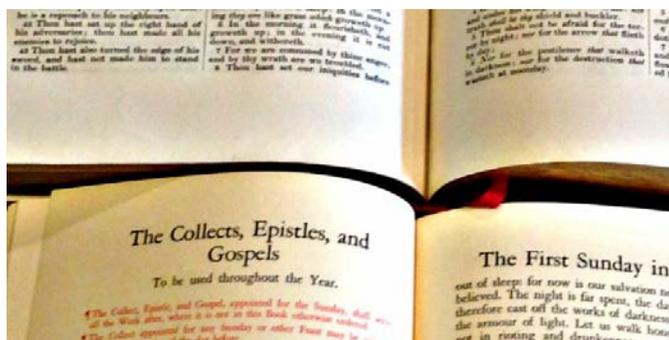
Easter

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

March 5, 2017 - First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son 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](#):

[Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 ~ Psalm 32 ~ Romans 5:12-19 ~ Matthew 4:1-11](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Episcopal Relief and Development 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.

Join Us for Winter and Spring Musical Events at Grace

Thursdays at Noon: March 9 - May 25

Please join us on Thursdays at Noon from March 9 through May 25 for in for mal half-hour organ, voca l or instrumental concerts. Feel free to stay for a portion of the concert or the entire concert if your schedule will allow. Upcoming guest performers include: Guest Performers announced thus far include: Cody Wilmot Mead (March 9), Jacob Street, Organ (March 16), Adam Gautille, Trumpet; and Vince Edwards, Organ (March 23), Peter Berton, Organ (March 30).

Choral Evensong: Sunday, March 26 at 5PM

The Grace Church Choir offers Choral Evensong for Lent. Music of Vierne, Blair, and Finzi.

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

Museum Concerts of Rhode Island 50th Anniversary Gala Concert Performed by the Brown University Chorus and Schola Cantorum of Boston. For tickets, visit www.museumconcerts.org or call 401-274-5073.



**Music of Praise and Glory:
Sunday, April 30 at 5PM**

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

Parish Directory 2017

We are putting the finishing touches on a new addition of the Grace Church Parish Directory, and we look forward to making these available to parishioners soon.

If you have had a change of address, phone number, or e-mail during the past year, and you haven't already informed the church office of the change, this would be a great time to do so. Please contact parish administrator Chris Barker at 401-331-3225 or cbarker@gracepvd.org.



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Learn & Lead 2017: Understanding Generational Differences

Saturday, March 18, 2017
9:00am - 3:00pm
St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth

But We've Never Done it that Way Before... Understanding Generational Differences in our Churches

Within our churches at this moment in time are potentially five different generations of members, each operating with distinctly different expectations in such important areas as communicating, giving, learning,



But we've never done it that way before
Understanding generational differences

attending and participating. Come learn the basic ways of looking at different aspects of life - especially life in the church - through the eyes of the different generations. Learn how these differences may become either a stumbling block to church growth or a catalyst to new ways of living life together. [Click here to register!](#) With questions, email info@episcopalri.org. Ticket prices include the cost of a boxed lunch. \$10/person.

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The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the gospel through worship, proclamation and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.