



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

April 18, 2019

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, and 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.

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 Worship Schedule






Maundy Thursday - April 18

7 PM - The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday
with Footwashing, Holy Eucharist, and
Stripping of the Altar,

with music of Latona, Nowialis, and Byrd
Keep watch until Midnight in the garden-like
setting of the Chapel of the Messiah

In addition to our own lot, a finite number of
spaces will be available free of charge in the lot
diagonally across Westminster Street from Grace (please let the attendant know you're here
for Grace).

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

Good Friday - April 19

12:00 Noon - The Liturgy of Good Friday

with the Grace Church Choir singing Victoria's setting of the Passion,
and Solemn Reproaches. Following the Noon service, the church will remain open until
2:00pm for prayer.

Holy Saturday - April 20

8 PM - The Great Vigil of Easter

The Lighting of the New Fire, Baptism, and the First Eucharist of Easter,
followed by a Champagne Reception

Music of Palestrina, Bairstow, and Thatcher

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Easter Day - April 21

Holy Eucharist at 8 AM

Festival Holy Eucharist at 10 AM

with the Grace Church Choir and Westminster Brass

Champagne Reception and Dessert Spread

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!



Presiding Bishop Curry's Easter 2019 Message

...When I get to Heaven, I want to meet one person, and her name is Mary Magdalene. Because if ever there was another Hallelujah, Anyhow sister, it was Mary Magdalene. And her life, and her example, tells us what it means to follow in the way of Jesus, in the Way of Love.

Mary Magdalene showed up when others would not. Mary Magdalene spoke up when others remained silent. Mary Magdalene stood up when others sat down...



[Please click here](#) to watch the video of Presiding Bishop Curry's full Easter Message, or to read the full text.

Our Good Friday Preacher

The Good Friday service will be held at Noon on Friday, April 19. This year's Good Friday preacher will be the Rev. Elizabeth Chandler Felts. Rev. Felts became the Senior Minister of our neighbor church on Weybosset Street, Beneficent Congregational Church, three months ago. As an undergraduate at Northwestern University, Rev. Felts majored in religion, where she graduated with departmental honors. She is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School where she won the Hopkins Share for Ministerial Promise and the Billings Prize for Pulpit Delivery. Ordained in the United Church of Christ, Rev. Felts served churches in Boston, Chicago, and San Francisco, and was active in the UCC on national, conference, and association levels and organized extensively in local interfaith communities. Prior to her arrival at Beneficent, Rev. Felts served as a hospice chaplain in California.



Collegium Ancora Concert May 5

Please mark your calendars for a special concert by Collegium Ancora, the professional choral ensemble in residence at Grace Church, on Sunday, May 5, at 5:00pm. Collegium will present G.F. Handel's Israel in Egypt, an engaging oratorio with chamber orchestra. [Please visit collegiumancora.org](http://collegiumancora.org) for information or to purchase tickets online.

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist
with Music

Wednesday 12:00 Noon Eucharist

Thursdays at Noon concerts will continue for the Winter/Spring 2019 season through May 23.

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.



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.

April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday

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

This week from the Episcopal Church: [The Way of Love in Lent - GO](#).

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