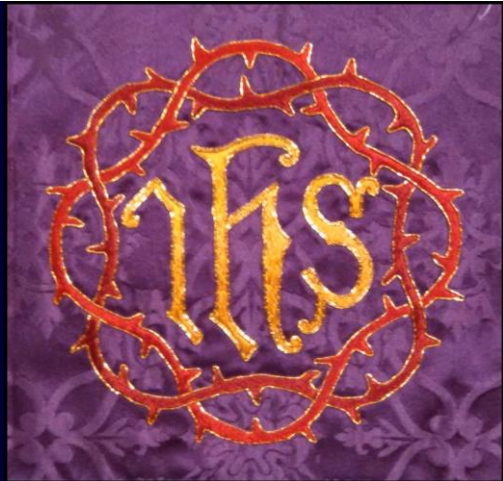




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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

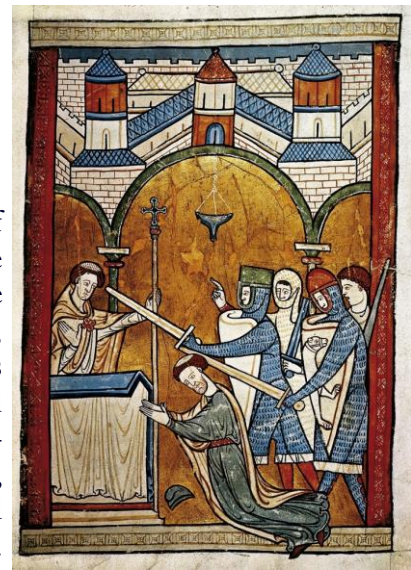
February 25, 2020

Spotlight on Grace: Join us on a Virtual Lenten Pilgrimage to Canterbury!

2020 marks the 850th anniversary of the murder of Archbishop Thomas Becket in Canterbury Cathedral, the Mother Church of the worldwide Anglican Communion. The archbishop was martyred by four of King Henry II's barons, who believed that the king had tacitly ordered Becket's execution. The medieval world was shocked by the event, and the king was horrified. He offered to make a rigorous, 244-mile penitential pilgrimage from Southampton to Canterbury, following a route which we are going to use in our virtual pilgrimage during Lent.



Becket was canonized by the Pope (this took place more than three centuries before King Henry VIII's establishment of an independent Church of England), and the archbishop's shrine became one of the most famous objects of pilgrimage in Europe. The roads of Kent were often thronged with parties who set out, like Chaucer and his friends, "the holy blissful martir for to seke."



Our pilgrimage route follows The Old Way, which appears on very early thirteenth century maps. Each week, we will issue a map depicting the week's journey, showing what King Henry II and his retinue might have seen along the way. Progress through the map is made by performing one or more of the instructions which appear in circles; if a particular task does not appeal to you, additional suggestions are given on each map, and an expanded list in the document headed, "Observing Lent: One Step at a Time." Prayer is one of the three major Lenten disciplines. In addition to the Week One map, our pilgrimage begins with an opportunity to make your own Anglican Rosary. A separate invitation to the Saturday, February 29 workshop is included.

Beginning the following Thursday, March 5, and weekly thereafter, we welcome you to our 6:00 PM Eucharists in the Celtic tradition, each of which will be followed by a simple supper in The Pavilion at Grace, after which there will be a mini-lecture on a feature of medieval life.

A separate brochure providing additional information about each evening's topic (Music, History, Art, Literature, Architecture) will be distributed prior to each gathering. Evenings will wrap up by 7:30 PM.

We hope this virtual pilgrimage will be an engaging and enlightening way to spend some additional time with Jesus during Lent. Please let us know whether you find it to be useful.

Traveling mercies!
The Grace Church Vestry

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 26

12 Noon and 7:00 PM

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
Music of Richard Lloyd and Gregorio Allegri at 7 PM



Weekday Worship during Lent

Thursdays at 6:00 PM

*Contemplative Eucharist with prayers and music from the Celtic tradition,
with brief homilies.*
*Followed by a simple supper and brief presentations on Music, Art, Literature,
Architecture, and History as relates to the Canterbury pilgrimages.*

Preachers

March 5: Drake Douglas
March 12: Jennifer West
March 19: Judith Sutphen
March 26: Ryan Weimer
April 2: Morayo Akande

Presenters

Jonathan Huyck & Vince Edwards (Music)
Matthew Sneider (Literature)
Andrew Rafter (Art)
Charles Carroll (History)
Benjamin Willis (Architecture)

Fridays at 12 Noon

The Way of the Cross

A short liturgy during which participants walk from station to station throughout the church to pray and commemorate Christ's journey to Mount Calvary.

Free Anglican Rosary Workshop

On Saturday February 29th from 10:30AM to 12 Noon, Michele Adamo, Deacon-in-Training will be leading an Rosary-making workshop. This will take place in the Chafee Room. All beads will be supplied, as well as a selection of items (crosses, flatbeads for the Old Way logo, ladybugs, etc.) for the terminal bead. No experience necessary!



Virtual Lenten Pilgrimage Map: Week 1

The Old Way Lenten Pilgrimage
week 1 (2/26 - 3/1)
Southampton to Havant ... 34 miles

Southampton
St. Mary's Church
Pilgrims in the 1100's would likely have begun their journey here.

Wokingham Church
Brand-new in the 1100's.

Southampton Water

Havant
Havant is still a sleepy English village today.

Tasks:

- eat a simple meal tonight
- smile at 5 strangers
- sit with God for 30 minutes
- clear snow from a neighbor's pathway
- donate 1 canned item at church

alternative or supplemental tasks

- read the Reconciliation of a Penitent (p. 447 in TBCP)*
- apologize to someone you think you may have hurt
- sit for 30 minutes & write your personal thoughts
- fast for 1 day
- catch up on your lagging phone calls & emails
- add a prayer to your devotions from p. 814-835 in TBCP*
- create & complete your own special task to serve Jesus
- choose from the supplement suggestions on our website

(*The Book of Common Prayer)

the goal is to accomplish at least one of these tasks per day, thus keeping Jesus and His teachings foremost in your heart

Upcoming Music at Grace

Thursdays at Noon

This coming Thursday, February 27 at 12 Noon, Clara Gerdes, a Master's candidate in Organ Performance at Yale University, School of Music and Assistant Organist at Saint Bartholomew's Church, Park Avenue, NYC will present a 30-minute organ recital. Composers featured will include César Franck, Rachel Laurin, Charles-Marie Widor, and Max Reger.





On Thursday, March 5 at 12 Noon, Juan Carlos Rios Betancur, Director of Music at The Church of the Redeemer in Providence will offer a piano recital that will feature works by Paul Bowles, Isaac Albéniz, and Ernesto Lecuona. Juan is a talent pianist from Colombia, having just received his Doctorate of Musical Arts in Piano Performance from West Virginia University.

Choral Evensong

On Sunday, March 1 at 4:00 PM the Grace Church Choristers will sing a service of Choral Evensong with music by David Halls, Christopher Jennings, David Hogan, and Charles Wood. A reception will follow in The Pavilion.



Diocesan Choral Festival

On Saturday, March 7, Grace, St. Luke's, East Greenwich, St. John's, Newport, and St. Christopher's, Chatham, will be hosting the Annual Diocesan Choral Festival at Grace Church. The guest director this year is Graeme McCullough, Organist & Director of Music at All Saint's Episcopal Church, Worcester, M.A. Choristers and choir members from each of the participating parishes will come together for a day of rehearsals with Graeme and then sing a service of Choral Evensong that evening at 5:00 PM. Music featured will be by composers Christopher Jennings, David Halls, Charles Wood, David Hogan, and Ivor Atkins. A reception will follow evensong in The Pavilion. Please do join us for this wonderful annual collaboration between parishes of our diocese!

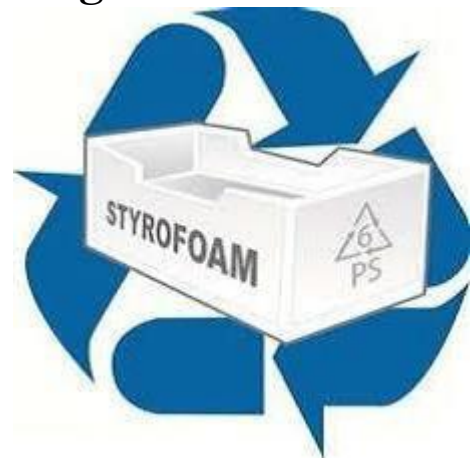


Small-Scale Styrofoam Recycling through Grace

On the first Sunday of each month, Grace Church will collect your carefully cleaned and dried styrofoam recyclables in a blue recycling barrel that will be placed outside the office entrance to The Pavilion, next to the handicapped ramp. The two recyclable categories

of styrofoam are food-service foam (items such as styrofoam coffee cups, take-out containers, foam meat trays, etc.) and rigid packaging foam.

Items that are NOT recyclable through this program include packing peanuts and soft spongy foam. The key to the success of this program will be your cooperation in ensuring items are thoroughly cleaned and dried before drop-off. Please be sure



to ONLY bring foam recyclables on the first Sunday of a calendar month, as no recyclables will be collected on any other day. And please do not place recyclables of any other variety in the blue barrel... it is exclusively for styrofoam recyclables.

Also, the scale of this recycling program is limited to the capacity of that single blue barrel, so if the barrel is full please hold your recyclables until the following month, or bring them directly to the RI Resource Recovery Corporation drop-off facility in Johnston.

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Spoken Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Sung Holy Eucharist with Music

Wednesday 12:00 Spoken Holy Eucharist

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.

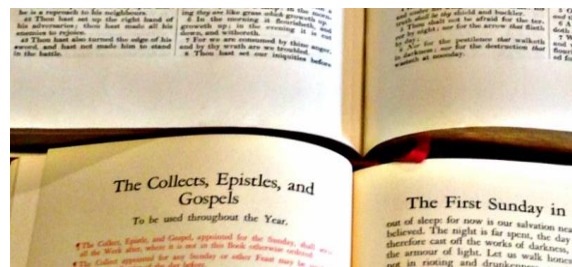


Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

- 1.) in the lot directly across Snow Street from our lot, at the SW corner of Westminster and Snow; and
- 2.) 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.

February 26, 2020 Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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 the readings for Ash Wednesday, [please click here](#).

For the text of the readings for The First Sunday in Lent, [please click here](#).

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent](#)

[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.