



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

April 7, 2020

## A Message from the Rector Holy Week 2020



[Click here](#) or on the image above to watch.

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### Call for Easter Greeting Videos from Grace Church Parishioners

You can send us a video of yourself saying, "Christ is Risen!" or "The Lord is Risen Indeed!" or "Alleluia!" or "Happy Easter!" to be included in our Voices of Grace- Virtual Worship: Easter Day Video. (Please add 3 seconds of silence to the front and back ends of your video.)

Thank you!

[Click here](#) or email [dheinze@gracepvd.org](mailto:dheinze@gracepvd.org)  
to submit your Easter Greeting Video by Wednesday, April 8th.

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## A Message from our Maundy Thursday Preacher

[Click here](#) or on the image to the right to watch a brief message from the Rev. Marthame Sanders, who will be our preacher (via video) on Maundy Thursday this year. Rev. Sanders was the seminary roommate of Fr. Jonathan and a brief biography is below.



The [Rev. Marthame Sanders](#) is an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). His breadth of pastoral experience including roles as international mission staff, youth director, and solo

pastor. He continues this work through his podcast, aijcast, which is one of the 1001 New Worshiping Communities of the Presbyterian Church. Through preaching, teaching, facilitation, and even play, Marthame can bring the fruit of this experience to your congregation or ministry. While serving as pastor of Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church in Atlanta (2005-2016), Marthame kept a regular blog, which included texts of his sermons. [You can click here to see more.](#)

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## An Overview of Holy Week Worship Services

Though Holy Week will be quite different this year, the clergy, staff, and parishioners of Grace are all working hard to continue to bring Voices of Grace our "Virtual" Worship platform to life during this most holiest of seasons. We have been busy recording and putting together "virtual" versions of the important liturgies of the church year. And every morning from Wednesday through Sunday, an email with the video(s) and Order of Service(s) for that day will be included.

**Holy Wednesday:** *"Virtual Worship" - Choral Compline for Holy Week*

**Maundy Thursday:** *Voices of Grace - "Virtual" Worship and a "Virtual" Garden Watch*

Beginning at 8:00PM on the Grace Church Facebook Page, a Livestream video will be set up with the camera on the Altar of Repose in the Chapel of the Messiah which will be decorated to represent the Garden of Gethsemane. During a 'normal' Holy Week, following the liturgies of the Washing of Feet, Holy Eucharist, and Stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday, a "night watch" in the chapel would take place until midnight with the doors of the church open so that those who wish to pray and keep vigil the night before Christ's crucifixion may do so. We will continue this tradition, though "virtually". You can participate by simply following this link or by visiting the Grace Church Facebook Page at any point between 8:00 and 10:00 PM on Thursday evening.

**Good Friday:** *Voices of Grace - "Virtual" Worship and "Virtual" Way of the Cross*

This year on Fridays during Lent, we had begun offering the short liturgy known as The Way of the Cross (also called "Stations of the Cross"). On Good Friday, we will include a second video in the worship email you receive so that you can watch a "virtual" version of this moving liturgy.

**Holy Saturday:** *Voices of Grace - "Virtual" Worship: The Great Vigil*

**The Feast of the Resurrection:** *Easter Day: Voices of Grace- "Virtual" Worship*



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## Habits of Grace: Meditations from the Presiding Bishop

[Click here](#) or on the image to the right for weekly videos, posted every Monday from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.



# Please Consider Electronic Giving to Sustain your Pledge

During this period of disruption, we kindly ask parishioners to sustain their support as they're able. And because that may not be possible for all, we invite others to kindly consider accelerating their pledge payments where possible.



Mailing your pledge payments to the church is certainly welcome, but many appreciate the convenience of establishing secure and recurring electronic pledge payments right from a checking account. This can be done on your computer [by clicking here](#), or on your smart phone using the convenient GivePlus app. [Here's a video tutorial](#) on using the GivePlus app. Thank you for continuing to shine your light upon Grace Church.

## Schedule Pledge Payments Online

1. Visit: [gracechurchprovidence.org](http://gracechurchprovidence.org)
2. On the home page, click the "Pray/Serve/Give" graphic to reach the giving page shown here.
3. Click "Create Your Online Profile".
4. Follow the prompts to complete your pledge.

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2. Enter "Grace Church in Providence" in the app, choose which fund you'd like to support (e.g. Pledge), and you're on your way.
3. Consider sourcing your contribution from a checking or savings account to maximize your contribution, or if using a card please consider selecting the option: "Help Offset the Processing Fee".

## New Pages on the Grace Church Website

As we continue to use technology to stay better connected as a parish in terms of communication and worship, in addition to our weekly email communications, we have uploaded the videos and Orders of Service from previous Sundays to the Grace Church website. To view these past services again, visit [www.gracechurchprovidence.org](http://www.gracechurchprovidence.org) and go to "[Virtual Worship](#)" under the "Worship" tab. Additionally, the [Rector's Weekly Messages](#) will also be available under the "Welcome" tab and the [Virtual Thursdays at Noon Concerts](#) will be available under the "Music" tab.



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## Details of the Temporary Closure at Grace

This closure impacts all parish activities until further notice, including Sunday worship, the Open Doors ministry, the Wednesday Eucharist, the Thursday Noon concert, all meetings and ministry gatherings, all music lessons and choir rehearsals. We will continue to send a weekly ENews, so please stay tuned for further updates and our online worship experience videos sent out every Sunday.