

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

August 14, 2020

A Message from the Senior Warden



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

You'll be back! (soon...to church that is...)

- Click on the link below to watch A 'Hamilton' Parody from St. Anne's Church, Tifton -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CFduNE4pXAQ>

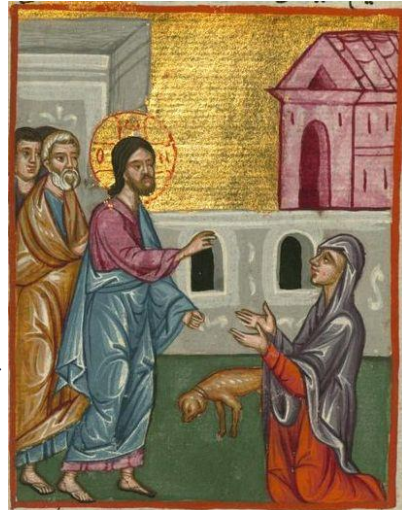
Book-keeping at Grace Church

We are deeply saddened by the death of Lorraine Slaney. Lorraine served faithfully as our part-time bookkeeper here at Grace for the past eight years. While many of our parishioners never had the opportunity to meet Lorraine, she served us well, and we send our sympathies to her family.

Please be patient with us during this time of transition, and know that the processing of pledges may take longer than usual.

Voices of Grace: Virtual Worship

At Grace Church we are committed to continue building a loving and joyful community through worship despite temporarily not being able to gather on Sundays or weekdays due to health concerns related to COVID-19. Until our normal rhythm of worship and gatherings resumes, every Sunday morning we will send an email, post on Facebook and upload to Vimeo and YouTube a short worship video put together by our staff that will feature clergy and parishioners participating in "virtual worship" by reading lessons from scripture, preaching, and making music all from their homes. Keep a look out for Voices of Grace: Virtual Worship every Sunday morning!



If you'd like to download or print the service leaflet for this Sunday's Virtual Worship, please [click here](#).

Upcoming Virtual Service of Festal Choral Evensong ~ August 15, 2020 ~ The Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ

On Saturday, August 15, of this coming weekend, we celebrate the [Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin](#) with a special "virtual" Festal Choral Evensong service. We hope you join us online to mark this important feast day dedicated to the Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ. For more information about Mary and her role in the Church, [click here](#).



To download the service leaflet which includes the music, readings, and Prayer List, please [click here](#).

Courtyard Garden & Labyrinth Open

The Courtyard Garden and Labyrinth at Grace will be open for visitors between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Monday through Friday as weather permits.

Guidelines for walking the Labyrinth while observing social distancing will be posted.

Our beautiful labyrinth is featured in [this newly published guide](#) to labyrinths in Connecticut and Rhode Island.



Daily Prayer Link

Inspiring readers since 1935, the Forward Day by Day meditation is a significant resource for daily prayer and Bible study to more than a half million readers worldwide. Also: pray Morning, Noonday, and Evening Prayer, plus Compline, every day; get Daily Devotions, Prayers and Thanksgivings, and the Liturgical Calendars, all linked for use online.



[Click here](#) or on the logo above to find out more!

Thank You For Sustaining Your Stewardship

As the offering plate has ceased circulating each Sunday, it is only through the deliberate continuity of stewardship by our parishioners that Grace will reliably meet its financial obligations during this period.



We know that some among us have lost jobs or seen household income disrupted by this pandemic, so we understand some may need to pause or reduce their support for a time. For this reason, we're in particular need of broad participation - and perhaps even accelerated pledge payments where possible - from those who are able.

Please mail in your pledge payments or schedule electronic contributions. If you're accustomed to placing cash contributions in the offering plate, please consider mailing a check instead. Alternatively, an outdoor mail slot is located adjacent to the reception office at The Pavilion entrance.

Electronic contributions are fast and easy to arrange [through our website](#) or by using the [GivePlus mobile app](#). We're [standing by to help](#) if anyone would like assistance setting that up.

Thank you for maintaining your support of Grace Church as we navigate through an unprecedented challenge. And thank you for joining us in prayer for all who are in need of comfort, peace and healing this Eastertide. May they find these in the never-ending love of our resurrected Christ, and may God's blessing be upon us all.

Wednesday Virtual Prayer Group

The Wednesday prayer group invites all parishioners to join them in prayer via Zoom every Wednesday at noon. If you can't make that time but would still like to have their prayer list for your own prayers, you can request that list instead. Either way, contact Adrienne Southgate at asouthgate1@cox.net to join in.



August 16, 2020
The Eleventh Sunday
after Pentecost

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; 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 texts of the readings for The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, [please click here.](#)

[Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here.](#)



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.
