

Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - Thursday, April 10, 2025

Holy Week and Easter at Grace Church

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Holy Eucharist with The Blessing of Palms & Procession at 10:00 AM Choral Compline at 8:00 PM

HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

The Office of Tenebrae: A Service of Candlelight & Shadows Sung by the Men's Compline choir 8:00 PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Holy Eucharist *with* The Washing of Feet, Procession to the Altar of Repose, & Stripping of the Altar 7:00 PM The Garden Watch follows the service *in* The Chapel of the Messiah

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

The Solemn Liturgy of The Passion 12:00 Noon The Way (Stations) of the Cross 6:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

The Great Vigil, The Renewal of Baptismal Vows, & The First Eucharist of Easter (followed by a Champagne & Chocolates reception) 8:00 PM

THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 Holy Eucharist *with* Choir, Brass, & Timpani 10:00 AM



On Easter Day, all children are most welcome to participate in <u>The Easter Egg Hunt</u> during Coffee Hour following the 10 AM Eucharist!



Final Lenten Eucharist and Supper - Tonight

You are invited to join us tonight for our final Lenten Eucharist and Supper. The Eucharist begins at 6pm in the Chancel, with a supper immediately following in The Pavilion.

Our supper tonight is provided by church members (thanks for your generosity!), with an additional soup option donated by <u>Blount Fine Foods</u>. Please bring sweets, sides, and/or salads to share. Come for the Eucharist, the supper, or both. All are welcome!

Stations of the Cross -Tomorrow

Please join us tomorrow at noon for this year's final Lenten offering of **The Way of the Cross (also called "Stations of the Cross")**. During this lunchtime service, participants walk to 14 stations posted throughout the church commemorating Christ's journey to Mount Calvary and his death on the Cross. To



learn about the unique paintings at each of these 14 stations - made by New York City artist Gwyneth Leech - <u>please click here.</u>

Seasonal Change to E-News: Note that, during Lent, we'll publish the "Grace Abounds" weekly e-news on Thursday instead of Friday so you're aware of events happening on Thursdays and Fridays. Starting next week, we'll return to our regular Friday publication day.



Easter Flowers & Music Donations/Dedications - Due Tuesday

You can order Easter lilies in honor of, in thanksgiving for, or in memory of, loved ones those plants will be used to decorate the church for Easter!

You also can donate to our music program in recognition of a loved one, or in gratitude for some blessing in your life.

To do so, complete a form found in the church (please print legibly!) and place it - with your

payment - in one of the green flower envelopes and drop it in the offering plate. The card also has a QR code you can use to pay electronically.

Dedications must be received **by next Tuesday, April 15** in order to be printed in the service bulletins for the Easter Vigil (April 19) and Easter Sunday (April 20).

Lenten "Third Thursday" -April 17

You are invited to a Lenten-themed "Third Thursday" concert next week! **Third Thursdays at Noon**: provides diverse programs of music - free of charge for the enjoyment of the community and visitors to the city.



Next Thursday, April 17 (Maundy Thursday), **Brown University Chamber Ensemble** will perform a variety of music featuring students participating in the Chamber Music

Ensembles in the Music Department at Brown University. Please join us!





Goodies Needed for Easter Weekend!

We're looking forward to a large crowd of members, guests, and visitors for our Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday services and we need your help to prepare!

Easter Vigil

Join us for The Great Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter on Saturday, April 19, at 8pm. The Vigil takes place the evening before Easter morning, and is the first celebration of Christ's triumph over death. Following the service a festive "Champagne and Chocolates" reception will be held in The Pavilion. **Please bring a dessert - chocolate or otherwise - to share;** champagne and sparkling cider will be provided. We hope you join us!

Easter Sunday

Then, on Easter Sunday, **please bring your favorite baked good** (made or purchased) to share at coffee hour. Kindly drop off your contribution between 9am and 9:30am in the Pavilion. And thank you!

Grace 20s/30s+ Art & Spirit Event - May 1

Abstract Painter Monica Lee Rich -Vision Board Workshop

Grace Church's 20/30s+ Group invites the full Grace Community to join us for this event over wine + light supper.

- Where: Grace Church Pavilion
- When: Thursday, May 1 6:30-8:30 pm
- How to Join: Sign up below by 4/25 (limited to 24 people)



• Cost: This event has been donated so it's free to attend, however, you must sign

up to hold a spot. And please bring a food/wine item to share.

Like art, crafting a mindful and intentional life doesn't have to be fraught with tension. Laying some groundwork that involves fun and play can be the perfect recipe for unlocking the doors to accessing the best in yourself. A vision board can lay a framework for the next year or even the next several years. It's all about asking yourself the right questions, being curious, and allowing yourself to answer with your heart intuitively. Monica Lee Rich will share art material and prompts to help you design a personal vision board. Great to bring your journal or a notebook.

Sign up <u>https://signup.com/go/qecRfnj</u> to reserve your spot; you also can add your name to our optional food or beverage sign-up.

Monica Lee Rich is a painter working from her studio in Rehoboth, MA. She had a career in fashion illustration, editorial illustration, and licensing and hosted a podcast, Smart Creative Women before she began her full-time painting practice nine years ago. She works in oil, acrylic, and watercolor. <u>https://www.monicaleerich.com/</u>



"Care for the Square" - May 3

The Grace Church Cemetery Ministry invites you to participate in <u>"Care for the Square"</u> on Saturday, May

3 as we join the community to help spruce up our beautiful 9-acre cemetery.

Trinity Square Together sponsors this neighborhood event to invite community members to recover the beauty in this historic section of Providence, and many groups will be participating.

Please join our group at 10am at the cemetery entrance (10 Elmwood Ave, where it intersects with Broad St). Be sure to wear comfortable clothes, and bring your garden clean-up tools! For questions, call Joel Goloskie at 617-771-1154.

Sunday School and Youth Group

Sunday School

Sunday School (age 4 – Grade 6) meets during the Sunday morning service (other than the 2nd Sunday of the month, when kids attend the main service with their families). The children and teachers process from the church to the Sunday School rooms after the opening prayer. Kids can gather in the northwest corner of the church with the Sunday School teachers or sit with their families and join in the procession as it goes by. Questions? Call the parish office at 331-3225 or email sundayschool@gracepvd.org.

Youth Group

Youth Group (Grades 7-12) meets from 7 to 8 p.m. on Fridays. Teens can come to the Youth Group room at 7p.m., or come for pizza first in the choir room (Cronhimer Hall) at 6:30p.m. Questions? Feel free to call the parish office at 331-3225 or email youthgroup@gracepvd.org.

Shawl Ministry -Our Project for March!

Throughout March, Grace's Shawl Ministry made dishcloths for the women's shelter and for those who come to the food pantry at St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Church. We invite you to join us in the Pavilion on Wednesdays from 10-11 am.



So far, the Shawl Ministry Team has made dozens of dishcloths in a variety of colors and patterns, and they soon will be ready to donate these items.

There still is time for you to participate! You can knit or crochet at home using any dishcloth pattern, then drop off completed items at the church. Thank you for helping us with this project!

For more information, please contact Jane Ditmars at janeditmars@gmail.com!



Sunday Worship:

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2024

Most Sunday mornings, Grace Church offers a 'live-stream" broadcast of our 10:00 AM service of Holy Eucharist. We hope this experience allows those

who are not able to join us in person on Sundays to participate in our worship life at Grace.

~ <u>Click Here to Join This Sunday's Service on YouTube</u> ~

Livestreamed Worship: When available, this service will be live-streamed to the **Grace Church YouTube Channel**. Please use the link provided above to watch. The service also will be archived on the <u>Grace Church website</u> for on-demand viewing after Sunday morning.

Order of Service: To view a downloadable version of the Order of Service for **Palm Sunday**, please <u>click here</u>.

Collect for This Sunday: Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great

humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings: For the texts of the readings for Sunday worship, please click here.

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Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together, ALL ARE WELCOME at Grace Church!



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