

# Grace Notes

Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia

Rector's Reflections

## Parish Economics

As we move this month toward the end of the first quarter of 2015, our parish has some serious financial realities to comprehend. Perhaps our Lenten journey can lead us through the desert of discernment and the cross of confusion to a garden of new light and life. Specifically, we all need to focus upon:

1. The budget for 2015 that anticipates a \$35,000 deficit.
2. Property repairs needed this year that will surpass our budget by at least \$30,000.
3. Short term (one to three years) improvement, repair or replacement of major components of our physical plant, including the Merrow Hall elevator, kitchen equipment, parking lot, roofing and HVAC. Even with the school sharing some of these capital improvement expenses, we can estimate a need of \$200,000 to \$300,000.

The Property Committee and Vestry will continue to plan and prioritize work that will be needed. But unexpected needs can surprise us (as we experienced last November with the heating pipe breaking). Our reserve might cover a couple of major repairs. Just repairing (rather than replacing) the Merrow Hall elevator would require more than 75% of our current Capital Improvements Fund.

So what can we do now? Several things, including:

- Pledge – we need every active member of Grace to make a substantial pledge and to pay their pledge for 2015.
- Contribute to the Grace Trust – as soon as the Trust exceeds \$500,000 the Vestry can dedicate interest for capital improvements.
- Stay involved – be aware of our financial needs and budgets; talk with the Vestry, the clergy and lay leaders.
- Help us plan for the future – include Grace in your will; discuss the feasibility of a capital campaign in the next few years.

Jesus did not have buildings to maintain. Jesus did talk a lot about stewardship and sharing resources including the oft quoted, “*Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...*” (Luke 12:34). We love our church. We know people experience the beauty of holiness here. Our physical plant supports our ministries, including Grace School for more than 55 years.

We need “treasure” at Grace to maintain and to improve all that has been entrusted to us. As the Risen Christ empowers the disciples to carry on his work, so too, we will be empowered to care for all we have been given and enjoy.

*Grace, Peace, Love,  
The Rev. Robert H. Malm*

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## Worship Schedule

### Sunday Schedule

Holy Eucharist Rite I..... 7:30 am  
Child Care..... 8:45 am–12:45 pm  
Children’s Chapel..... 8:50 am–9:30 am  
La Santa Eucaristía..... 9:00 am  
Choral Eucharist Rite II..... 9:00 am  
Christian Ed classes ..... 10:15 am  
Choral Eucharist Rite I ..... 11:15 am  
Holy Eucharist Rite II ..... 5:00 pm

### Weekday Schedule

Mondays, Rite II..... 6:30 pm  
Tuesdays  
Confessions..... 5:45 to 6:15 pm  
Rite II with healing..... 6:30 pm  
Wednesdays, Rite I..... 7:00 am  
Thursdays Rite II ..... 12:15 pm  
Friday  
Confessions..... 11:30 am to Noon  
Stations of the Cross  
with Rite I..... 12:15 pm

## Grace Church is:

A center for worship and fellowship

A school for discipleship and  
stewardship

A community for healing and  
outreach

### About Grace Notes

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## From the Assistant to the Rector

In February, we ended the season of Epiphany with Mark’s account of the Transfiguration. That’s the experience of Epiphany as we learn about the Christ, summed up in the Eucharistic preface for Epiphany, which reads, “in the mystery of the Word made flesh by which you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.” The three disciples—Peter, James and John—experienced that light when they saw their teacher and leader transformed at the top of the mountain—they saw him in dazzling white, illuminated by his glory. Jesus tells them as they come off the mountain, “to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.” (Mark 9:9-10.)

Transfiguration Sunday takes us from the mountaintop and plunges us into the confusion of the disciples about what Jesus meant about rising from the dead. “Tell no one” is an invitation to us to reflect on our personal relationship with Christ. The Lenten season calls Christians to take our faith deeply inward. What do we believe about this man Jesus? Who is he compared to the prophets and to the Law? What does his life and death mean to us in our time and in our context? We consider the cross to come because we know where this story goes, unlike the disciples at this point in Mark’s Gospel. Yet the question remains, framing our Lenten experience like bookends after the Transfiguration and after Easter: what does his rising from the dead mean?

I hope you will find time and space to sit with the question of what Jesus rising from the dead means to you. Lent is a good time to “tell no one” and to have conversations with other disciples who are just as confused about the meaning of “rising from the dead.” You may wish to ask yourself or others on this Lenten journey how our lives reflect the meaning of the Resurrection. If you would like the Resurrection to be central to your life, what changes can you make or do you want to make? You may have different questions. It doesn’t matter where the reflections take you or what the answers you come up with are. What is important is that you are inviting God into the conversation and preparing to receive his promise of risen life, which we will celebrate on Easter morning.

Peace,  
The Rev. Leslie Steffensen

## A Word from Mother Elizabeth Discovering God this Lent

A few months ago, I was at a conference where our speaker invited the audience to ask this question: “Who does God want to be for me?”

The question seems pretty straightforward, and at least straightforward to understand, if not answer. But our speaker said that a lot of the people he gave this reflection question to went off and answered a different question. Many of his listeners, he said, had trouble hearing the question correctly and ended up answering this question instead: “Who does God want me to be?”

Our conference speaker didn’t think the misunderstanding was the result of hearing difficulties—at least, not physical problems with people’s ears. He thought it was a different kind of hearing problem. We often spend a lot of time thinking about what God wants us to do, how God wants us to be. So, many people just defaulted to that kind of question when the speaker had actually asked who God wanted to be *for us*.

Lent can be a time where we get very focused on doing things. Doing things for God. Doing things for other people. Taking on devotional practices, or giving up anything from food to damaging habits.

But as you get into the swing of Lent, I invite you to think about the speaker’s actual question. Even as you pray and work and do many things, pause and ask God who He wants to be for you.

Does He yearn to be your comfort, or your strength, or your friend, or your redeemer? He yearns for all of these things, but what, perhaps, do you need most from God in this season? How can He help you to do what you need to do, or live into a devotional practice, or *simply rest* in God? In what form do you most need God’s grace, and how might He be clamoring to offer it?

Before you get too bogged down in practices, or weighed down by not accomplishing every goal you set for yourself this Lent, *stop* and look to God. He offers us all the grace we need, and that’s more important than anything we can do.

*In Christ,  
The Rev. Elizabeth Locher*



## Lent and Easter for Children, Youth, and Families

### Monday Nights in Lent

- 7:15-8:45 pm: J2A Confirmation Class
- 7:45-8:30 pm: Children's Lenten Program
- 7:45-8:30 pm: Adult series - Book of Common Prayer

### Sunday, March 1

- 10:15 am: Parent forum: *Transformation*
- 5:30 pm: Youth Dinner

### Saturday, March 21 - Sunday, March 22 - J2A Lock-in

### Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

- 10:15 am: Palm Sunday Intergenerational Activities, no Sunday School

### Friday, April 3 - Good Friday

- 11:45 am-3 pm: Childcare available in nursery
- 5 pm: Children's Holy Week Service

### Saturday, April 4 - J2A Easter Egg Dyeing

### Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

- 10:15 am - Easter Egg Hunt, No Sunday School
- No Youth Dinner

## From the Parish Register

### Baptisms

-  Annie Wang Eason, daughter of Cleveland Eason and Ai Hong Wang
-  Roxana Gamboa-Amaya, daughter of Augusto Gamboa Mejilla and Ana Gloria Amaya

### Transfers in

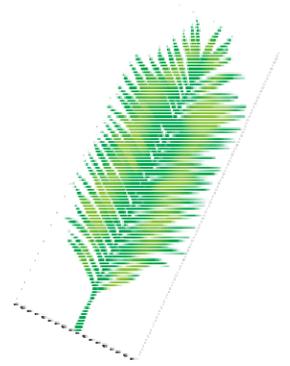
-  John Reed Barker and Deborah S. Barker from Church of the Good Shepherd, Burke

# Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter 2015

## Palm Sunday, March 29

All Palm Sunday liturgies include the blessing and distribution of palms and a dramatic reading of the Passion according to St. Mark.

- 7:30 AM..... Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 AM..... Choral Eucharist with procession
- 9:00 AM..... Liturgia de las Palmas (la Misa empezará afuera)
- 10:15 AM..... Intergenerational Event (making palm crosses and other Holy Week symbols)
- 11:15 AM..... Choral Eucharist with procession
- 5:00 PM..... Holy Eucharist



## Monday, March 30

- 6:30 PM..... Holy Eucharist

## Tuesday, March 31

- 6:30 PM..... Holy Eucharist

## Wednesday, April 1

- 7:00 AM..... Holy Eucharist
- 7:30 PM..... Choral Tenebrae

## Maundy Thursday, April 2

- 12:15 PM..... Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 PM..... Misa con lavamiento de pies
- 7:30 PM..... Liturgy of the Day, foot washing, procession to the Altar of Repose, stripping of the altar, Prayer Watch (continues all night)



## Good Friday, April 3

- 6:30 AM..... Liturgy of the Day with dramatic reading of the Passion according to St. John and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
- 12:00 NOON ..... The Stations of the Cross  
Child care will be available in the nursery from 11:50 AM to 3:15 PM.
- 1:00 PM..... Silence
- 1:30 PM..... Liturgy of the Day with dramatic reading of the Passion according to St. John, Veneration of the Cross and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
- 3:00 PM..... Concluding Prayers
- 5:00 PM..... Children's Service
- 6:00 PM..... Misa y Vía Crucis
- 7:30 PM..... Tenebrae



## Holy Saturday, April 4

- 9:00 AM..... Morning Prayer
- 8:00 PM..... The Great Vigil of Easter  
with service of light, lessons and collects, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist  
The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. (Ted) Gulick, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, Celebrant and Preacher  
The service will be followed by a parish Agapé celebration in the Auditorium.  
Child care will not be available this evening.

## Easter Day, April 5

Festive Coffee Hour after each morning liturgy

7:30 AM..... Holy Eucharist

9:00 AM..... Festival Eucharist with brass, choir, organ and timpani

9:00 AM..... Misa y celebración

10:15 AM..... Easter Egg Hunt

11:15 AM..... Festival Eucharist with brass, choir, organ and timpani

5:00 PM..... Holy Eucharist



## Announcements for Children and Youth

### **Sunday School Lent Project – Raising Funds for a Donkey!**

As Grace Church Sunday School students make their way to Palm Sunday, please help them raise funds to purchase a donkey for a family in need through Episcopal Relief and Development. Students will be raising funds individually, but watch out for fundraisers as well! The donkey will help a family farm and our goal of \$450 will cover the cost of a plow for the donkey to pull, as well!

### **Parent Forum March 1**

#### ***“Transformation – How Has Parenting Changed You?”***

Join other Grace Church parents on March 1 for a discussion on the transformation that comes with being a parent. How has it changed you for the better? Has it changed you in not-so-good ways? How would you like God’s help in continuing to be transformed as a parent? Please join the discussion in the St. Mark room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

### **J2A Confirmation Lock-In—March 21-22**

The J2A class will have a lock-in from Saturday night, March 21 to Sunday morning, March 22. This will include preparation for confirmation as well as fun and plenty of food! Please contact your J2A sponsors for more information about the lock-in.

### **Holy Week Children’s Service—April 3**

During Holy Week there will be a special service at 5 pm on Good Friday designed specifically for children and their families. Together we will walk through the events of Holy Week, from Palm Sunday through Jesus’ time in the Garden of Gethsemane to the Way of the Cross. Take some time to experience the mysteries of Holy Week and prepare for the joy of Easter! Children are also welcome at all Grace Church services.

### **Easter Egg Hunt—April 5**

Youth from our Journey to Adulthood (J2A) class will be hosting an Easter egg hunt for children to celebrate the Resurrection on Easter Sunday! Weather permitting, the hunt will take place at 10:15 am on the playing field behind the church. Celebrate with Easter gifts and a chance to learn a little about the history of Easter eggs!

## Why Do We Veil the Cross?



At Grace Church, during certain days in Lent, we veil the cross. What's that all about? I didn't have a clue. It seemed ironic that we covered up the cross at a time when we were intensely focused on its significance. My husband, Brad, said, "I'd like to know the answer too," so that gave me my topic for this month.

The *Book of Common Prayer* is silent on the subject. The main website of the Episcopal Church (<http://www.episcopalchurch.org>) told me that a veil is "material used to cover the crosses in church after the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday. In some parishes, the processional cross, pictures, and statues are also veiled. Customs have varied for the veiling of crosses. Crosses have been veiled throughout Lent or during Passiontide, which is the last two weeks of Lent. This veiling has also been associated with Holy Week. Veils have been black, violet, or white. This veiling is not required in the Episcopal Church."

That wasn't enough information, so I decided to try our friends, the Roman Catholics. I found a reference to the "rubrical prescriptions of the ... Caeremoniale Episcoporum" (Ceremony of Bishops, 17<sup>th</sup> Century) at <http://www.catholic.org>. "Before Vespers of Saturday

preceding Passion Sunday the crosses, statues, and pictures of Our Lord and of the saints on the altar and throughout the church, with the sole exception of the crosses and pictures of the Way of the Cross, are to be covered with a violet veil, not translucent, nor in any way ornamented. The crosses remain covered until after the solemn denudation of the principal crucifix on Good Friday. The statues and pictures retain their covering, no matter what feast may occur, until the Gloria in Excelsis of Holy Saturday." The site explained that this practice is no longer mandatory, but is still permitted.

As I visited other websites and blogs, I discovered that the time at which crosses are veiled varies. In some places the crosses are covered on Ash Wednesday; in others on the First Sunday (or Monday) of Lent; in still others the Fifth Sunday of Lent (from the former liturgical calendar in which the Passion narrative was first read on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, called "Passion Sunday"). As noted above, the Episcopal Church website specifies Maundy Thursday.

I was confused, so it was time to call in the "big guns"—our Altar Guild. I was told that we follow the Sarum Tradition. This rite was established by Saint Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, in the 11<sup>th</sup> century. It was originally the local form used in the Cathedral and Diocese of Salisbury, and later it spread throughout most of England. Abandoned during the Protestant Reformation, the Sarum Tradition was revived by Anglo-Catholics during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century as part of the Oxford Movement. At Grace Church we veil in red for Palm Sunday, then switch to white for Maundy Thursday. Black is used for Good Friday. (We change colors on Thursday after the stripping of the altar, but change the Altar of Repose veiling on Friday morning when the lights come on). We once veiled the large crucifix over the altar after the Maundy Thursday service, but abandoned it because of logistical challenges.

Let's turn back to the original question: why do we veil what we're so busy exalting? Again, there was no common understanding among my sources. One possible answer is that veiling the cross *does* exalt it, but via a negative path. Hiding it reveals a tremendous absence. What if the cross of Christ never existed? What if we were left in our sins and our own self-justifying efforts to balance them out? What if there was no decisive, God-given remedy for the human dilemma? (When I try to imagine such a state, I feel like I'm staring into the abyss.) Another possible answer suggests that Lent is meant to be a time of penance and deprivation. Covering the cross and allowing for little or no adornment of the church helps us focus on the coming passion and death of Jesus Christ. A third possible answer is that the veiling of images is a sign of mourning. In rural Ireland, for instance, it was the custom to mark a death in the family by turning pictures towards the wall. In many cultures, women still veil themselves at funerals as a mark of mourning. By covering images with cloth, we emphasize the solemnity and sadness of the passion and death of Jesus Christ. It illustrates the increasing tension in the liturgy as we move into and through this period of the church year. Lastly, the Roman Catholic website suggests that the crosses are veiled because Christ during this time no longer walked openly among the people, but hid himself. The images of the saints also are covered because "it would seem improper for the servants to appear when the Master himself is hidden."

To conclude this article, I'd like to offer a suggestion. As we enter into the last two weeks of Lent, or maybe just for Holy Week, some of us might choose to cover any crosses, crucifixes and statues we have in our own homes. It will frequently remind us that we've entered into the most holy time of the year. One blogger even suggested that we place a shroud over the TV and/or computer for this period of time, in order to limit daily distractions and focus our attention. I will leave this up to my readers, because it might be a greater penance than we could possibly bear.

*June Huber*

Save the Date  
J2A Silent and Live Auction  
May 2, 2015

J2A will be hosting a Silent and Live Auction on May 2, 2015 to raise funds for their pilgrimage this summer.

How to help:

1. Attend the auction and bid on exciting items—items like dozens of theme baskets chock-full of goodies, gift cards, spa days, jewelry, art, vacation rentals and more.
2. Donate items to bid on for the auction. (Donation forms are in development and will be available soon.)
3. Tell your friends! See 1 and 2 above.

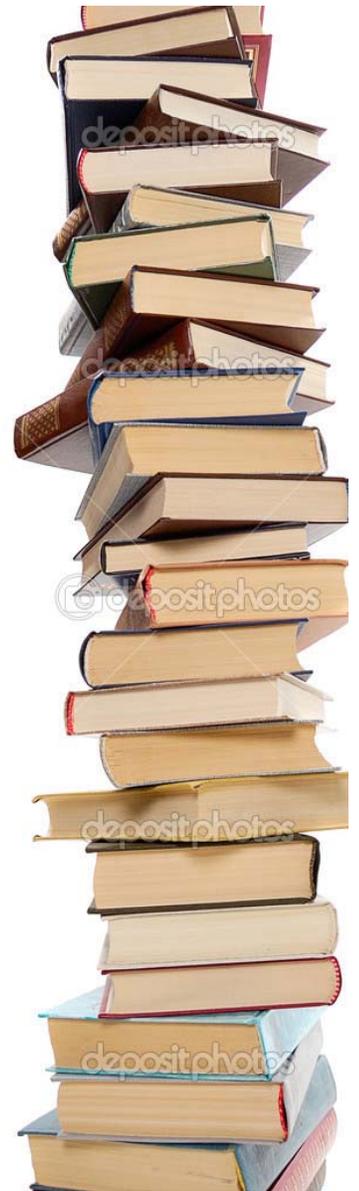
For questions or more information about the auction—contact Lisa Medley at [lisa.medley@gracealex.org](mailto:lisa.medley@gracealex.org).

## From the Parish Library

We are missing 40 library books! That is how many books have disappeared this year. Please check your bookshelves, drawers and nightstands for the books listed below. If you find any of them, please return them to the main library as soon as possible. No fines, no penalties, just the library team's "Thanks."

Wendy Cummings

*101 Reasons to be Episcopalian*, by L. Crew, ed.  
*Absolute Truths*, by S. Howatch  
*A Book of Angels*, by S. Burnham  
*Chasing the Wind/Man's Search for Life's Answers*, by M. Cassidy  
*City of Wrong/ A Friday in Jerusalem*, by M.K. Hussein  
*Contemplative Prayer*, by T. Merton  
*Cradle of Redeeming Love*, by J. Sawar  
*The Cultural World of Jesus*, by J.J. Pilch  
*Death is a Kind of Love*, by C. Fry  
*The Devil's Acolyte*, by M. Jecks  
*Experiencing God Through Prayer*, by J. Guyon  
*Francis of Assisi*, by L. Boff  
*The Friendship of Christ*, by R. H. Benson  
*The Great Divorce*, by C.S. Lewis  
*Hearing the Parables of Jesus*, by P. Perkins  
*Historical Christmas Stories*, by N. Roberts, et al.  
*Holy Communion*, by M. Shepard, ed.  
*Jesus and the Living Past*, by M. Ramsey  
*Jesus is My All in All*, by B. Kolodiejchuk, ed.  
*Keeping Faith*, by J. Picoult  
*The Layman's Bible Commentary/ Vol. 12/ Jeremiah*, by B.H. Kelly, ed.  
*The Leper's Return*, by M. Jecks  
*Mark for Everyone*, by T. Wright  
*Martha's Prayer Book* - no author given  
*Mary, Woman of Nazareth*, by D. Donnelly, ed.  
*The Medieval Christmas*, by S. Jackson  
*Meditations With Merton*, by N. Vandergrift  
*No Future Without Forgiveness*, by D. Tutu  
*On the Road to Emmaus*, by M.H. Hess  
*Paradise Postponed*, by J. Mortimer  
*Rabbi Jesus*, by B. Chilton  
*A Short History of Byzantium*, by J. Norwich  
*Something More*, by C. Marshall  
*Song of Fire: A Novel*, by J. Bentz  
*Ten Good Questions About Life and Death*, by C. Belshaw  
*The Way*, by A. Hamilton  
*They Saw the Lord*, by B. Spencer  
*The Tournament of Blood*, by M. Jecks  
*The Traitor of St. Giles*, by M. Jecks  
*Zealot/ The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth*, by R. Aslan



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## Mission 2015



Grace has another opportunity to go on mission this year! We are starting the formation of an adult-youth mission team to return to southern New Jersey to continue work on the recovery from the damage done by Hurricane Sandy. The Jersey Shore may be back, but many homes inland are not. Our dates are July 5-11. Maybe this is your year for a mission trip! If so, even if you are only thinking of it, please let Rich Kelly or John Berry know. ([rich.kelly@gracealex.org](mailto:rich.kelly@gracealex.org) or [john.berry@gracealex.org](mailto:john.berry@gracealex.org))

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## Food Pantry

A local grocery store, Whole Foods on Duke Street, recently gave many pallets of non-perishable food to support the Hunger Free Alexandria project. Our Food Pantry team moved quickly to claim some of them—rice, applesauce, black beans, diced tomatoes and soup—and distribution has already begun. Many thanks to the Kelly family for their help in renting a truck and moving the pallets to Grace. And to Craig Lawlor of Grace Episcopal School and Colby Gustafson for their additional help; our Food Pantry team in action!

And please remember that we always need toiletries or individual items for the bonus shelves!

*John Berry*

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### **A Brown Bag Note**

Thank you to all who participated in our February Brown Bag week. Our next responsibility for this much-needed effort will be March 23-27, however; after that, we won't be asked to do it again until mid-May.

*Linda Waskowicz*

# Praying in Common: The Book of Common Prayer

## Grace Church Monday Lenten Series: February 23<sup>rd</sup> – March 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Nightly Schedule:

6:30 PM: Holy Eucharist

7:15 PM: Simple Supper

7:45 PM: Speaker – 30 minutes speaking, 15 minutes of Q&A

Children's Program - 7:45PM – 8:30PM  
Youth Confirmation class – 7:30PM – 8:30PM

### Introduction to the Book of Common Prayer – February 23<sup>rd</sup>

The Rev. Dr. Robert Prichard  
Instructor in Liturgics  
Virginia Theological Seminary



### Episcopal Services – March 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff  
Suffragan Bishop  
The Diocese of Virginia



### The Daily Office – March 9<sup>th</sup>

The Rev. Martin Smith  
Author, Retreat Leader, and Preacher



### The Holy Eucharist – March 16<sup>th</sup>

The Rev. Anne Turner  
Senior Associate Rector  
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Arlington



### Sharing Jesus Outside Our Walls – March 23<sup>rd</sup>

The Rev. Dr. David Gortner  
Professor of Evangelism and Congregational Leadership  
Virginia Theological Seminary



*In coordination with the Alexandria Episcopal-Lutheran Lenten Series  
This speaker will begin at 7:30pm.*

## "Praying in Common" March 2015 Forums

- Mar 1    **Lent Series – "The Acts of the Apostles"**  
**Week 2:** *The Church's Mission in Jerusalem*  
- St. John Room
- Mar 8    **Lent Series – "The Acts of the Apostles"**  
**Week 3:** *The Church Begins its Mission to the Gentiles*  
- St. John Room
- Mar 15   **Lenten Series – "The Acts of the Apostles"**  
**Week 4:** *St. Paul and His Missions to the Gentiles*  
- St. John Room
- Mar 22   **Liturgy Moment:**  
**"The Triduum: The Sacred Three Days of Holy Week"**  
- Nave and St. John Room
- Mar 29   **No Forum** – Palm Sunday Intergenerational Event

## 2015 Altar Guild Tea – Save the Date



Reservations will be accepted beginning at 9:00 am on Monday, March 9, for the **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Altar Guild Tea** at Grace Church. The tea will be held on Saturday, May 9, from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. The theme will be "Hats On!" The program will include a light-hearted look at hats and hat etiquette throughout history with examples of notable hats, whimsical hats, vintage hats and church hats. Guests are encouraged to wear hats and prizes will be awarded for biggest hat, best vintage hat, best hat worn by a child, most decorated hat and best hat and veil.

Guests will be seated at 2:00 pm in the Nave for the program and the tea service will follow at 3:00 pm in the Merrow Hall Auditorium. You and your guests will be treated to freshly brewed English tea, elegant savory tea sandwiches, scones with jam and clotted cream, and a variety of delicious sweets. Tickets are \$35 and proceeds go to the General Fund of Grace Church. Tickets make a wonderful Mother's Day gift and sell out early, so circle March 9 on your calendar to call the church office at (703) 549-1980 to make your reservations.

## March Birthdays

3/1	Eugene Alford	3/16	India Khanna
3/1	Baynes Cheron	3/16	Jean Thompson
3/1	Yanira Rodriguez	3/18	Betsy Bamford
3/1	Peter Zuidem	3/18	Lucy Tschetter
3/2	Shirley Tyler	3/19	Valerie Fowler
3/2	Kemp Williams	3/19	Willa Johnson
3/3	Beau Grimes	3/19	Mariah Ortiz
3/3	Vi Legere	3/19	Robby Schrum
3/3	Cindy MacIntyre	3/20	Barry Barr
3/3	Alice Russell	3/21	Taylor Ballenger
3/3	Tyler Smith	3/21	Christopher Stuard
3/3	Jonathan Wolcott	3/22	Kathleen Arthur
3/4	Stacey Glazier	3/22	Paige Medley
3/4	A. J. Nannini	3/22	Liz Rugaber
3/7	Meghan Cummings	3/22	Ethan Woodhead
3/7	Chuck Dodd	3/23	Mia Giacomo
3/7	John Weise	3/23	Pat Hansen
3/8	Ada Rairigh	3/23	Easter Thompson
3/9	Scott Knudsen	3/26	Lisa Doelp
3/9	Charlotte Noren	3/26	Georgia Gillette
3/9	Gregory Ruff	3/26	Christopher Pilcher
3/9	Leslie Steffensen	3/26	Kathy Zucca
3/10	Renata Kamakura	3/27	Simon Kupczyk
3/10	Sarah Martin	3/28	Kirk Steffensen
3/10	Anabel Rodriguez	3/28	Nicolas Zola
3/10	Lynn Rohrs	3/29	Amelia Bennett
3/10	Heather Wishart-Smith	3/29	Dev Gaidhane
		3/29	Jai Gaidhane
3/11	Alessandra Nider	3/30	Brad Bergmann
3/11	Joyce Stancil	3/30	Riley Butcher
3/11	Karen Wille	3/30	Samuella Hunt
3/12	Zion Khanna	3/30	James Murphy
3/12	Natalie Kupczyk	3/30	Marianne Skorupski
3/13	Catherine Reuther	3/31	William Chriss
3/14	Liz Saalfeld	3/31	Audrey Gannon
3/14	Mai-Lan Smith	3/31	Kate Schneider
		3/31	Madeleine Wells



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Bill Malone.....Stewardship

Easter Thompson..... Worship

### Class of 2017

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Lorna Worley

### Alternates

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Judi Willard ..... Youth

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Cindy MacIntyre..... Evangelism

Andrea Santos..... TNT

Mike Smith ..... Pastoral Care  
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## EASTER FLOWER REQUEST

You are invited to participate in decorating the church with beautiful Easter flowers. Please complete this form and return it no later than Wednesday, March 18, with a check for \$35.00 to the parish office or place it in the Sunday offering. Make your check payable to Grace Episcopal Church and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Please **circle one of the choices** below and **print the remainder of the message** the way you would like it to appear in the Easter flower bulletin:

"In loving memory of" or "In thanksgiving for"

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Given by (**print the name or names of the donors** exactly as you want them to appear).

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