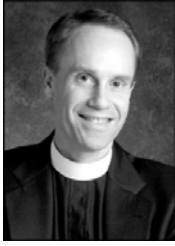


**THE WEEKLY EPISTLE**  
**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 18, 2012**  
**GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK**



Dear Friends,

This week it was my privilege to be the speaker at all three Grace Church School chapel services. In preparation for the Upper School chapel, Sarah Wood, the chaplain of GCS (and Assistant Rector of Grace Church) invited me to participate in the recent theme of their talks: "Moments that Stopped Me." What would I say? What are the moments when some deep truth or great revelation burst upon me? What are the moments that I look back on with gratitude or regret and am still trying to comprehend? I could have spoken about the day I met my wife, but that would have been far too mushy for 5-8th graders. I could have told of the day when our first child was born, but that would have been far too embarrassing for a certain 7th grader.

In the end I chose to tell of a moment in high school when I failed to jump for a fly ball in deep center field that I might have caught had I leaped. If I had caught the ball we would have won the game and I would have been a hero. Thirty-two years later I can still see it soaring above - and beyond - my left shoulder. The moment still stops me. The equal and opposite lessons I've taken from it: 1. Jump for your dreams; you may only have the blink of an eye to do so. 2. Forgive yourself when you flinch; trust that other fly balls will come your way.

What are the moments that have stopped you? What are the moments when perhaps even God has been saying to you: "Stop and pay attention to your life." My guess is that we all have more such moments than we might initially realize. We see them in retrospect. God became strikingly real through some ordinary person or event. Or you left undone something you ought to have done. Or you did something you ought not to have done, and God opens a window for you to learn deep and important lessons. Take some time in these remaining weeks of Lent to reflect upon the moments that stopped you, when God was and is urging you to pay attention to your life.

See you in church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Rector

**Schedule of Services**

**9:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

Sermon: The Rev. Ted Pardoe

Music: The Parish Choir

**11:00 am**

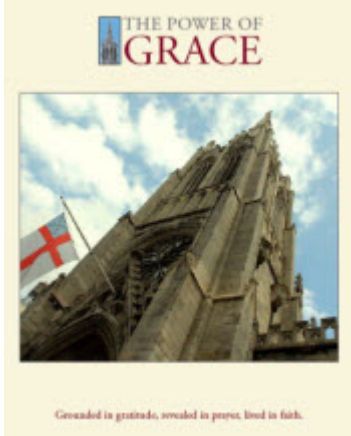
**Morning Prayer, Rite I and Sermon**

Sermon: The Rev. Ted Pardoe

Music: The Adult Choir

**6:00 pm**  
**Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chantry**  
Sermon: The Rev. Ted Pardoe  
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

### The Power of Grace - Capital Campaign



During the first half of 2012 we are involved in a capital campaign to raise faith and funds towards the completion of the current phase of interior restoration and the installation of the new pipe organ.

Read *Frequently Asked Questions* (about the interior restoration) and *The Power of Grace* (about the campaign) by clicking on the image of the brochure at left.

*If you have any questions about the campaign, please contact Brian Hagan, Director of Development, at 212-254-2000 x119 or [bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org).*

### Announcements

#### SUNDAY MARCH 18

##### **THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - EXPLORING EPHEBUS: TRADITIONS IN TEXT AND STONE**

The city of Ephesus, which figures prominently in the earliest Christian literature, will provide a site for exploration about the people, places, and practice of the nascent church. The class will be led by General Theological Seminary faculty members, Dr. Deirdre Good and The Rev. Katherine Shanor, who will use biblical texts and archeological evidence to give an introduction to Ephesus and its rich historical and theological associations. Held in Tuttle Hall; coffee and refreshments are served. Next week, MARCH 25, LECTIO DIVINA with The Rev. Ted Pardoe (see description below).

*In early 2013, Professors Good and Shanor will be leading a tour to Asia Minor (modern day Turkey), exploring both the urban contexts out of which early Christianity was shaped and some of the spaces in which Christianity grew to prominence. Through visits to ancient cities, archaeological sites, as well as contemporary museums and landmarks, they will examine the historical and cultural context in which the earliest Christians and their writings emerged. For more information, visit [www.gts.edu/turkey2013](http://www.gts.edu/turkey2013).*

**LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES 12:30 PM** - We continue our group discussion series on *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth* by Richard Foster. A soup and bread lunch will be served. Join us this week as we explore Submission: what is it and what are its limits? Join us next week for our last session. The topic is Worship, led by Richard Limato. 12:30-1:45 pm in the Reception Room.

**20s30s PRACTICING PRAYER WITH PURPOSE 7PM** - (See 20s30s LENTEN PROGRAMS below.)

**EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS** - The beauty of Grace Church is enhanced each year at Easter time by generous donations from our parishioners. You may use an Easter flower envelope to offer your cash or check (made payable to Grace Church, memo line: flowers), and place it in the collection plate, the wooden box in the Parish House hallway, or the mail to Grace Church. You may also donate online [HERE](#) (scroll down to FLOWERS). We recommend donation amounts beginning at \$50, but are grateful for any amount you can give. Thank you! *For your donation "in honor of" or "in memory of" to be listed in the Easter bulletin, it must be received by Palm Sunday, 4/1.*

#### COMING SOON

**20s30s LENTEN PROGRAMS - FRIDAYS & SUNDAYS IN LENT** The 20s30s group is planning two

programs to promote reflection and fellowship. Join us for our SUSHI FRIDAY dinners every Friday during Lent: *On Friday 3/23 we will meet at Japonica, 100 University Place. RSVP by Thursday, Mar 22 to Jennifer San Cartier at [Jennifer.sancartier@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.sancartier@gmail.com). WE ALL KNOW HOW TO PRAY in public, it's what we do here every week, but how do you pray in private? If you'd like a crash course, join Seminarian Kim Reinholz for PRACTICING PRAYER WITH PURPOSE in 20 to 30 minutes for 20 to 30 year olds. The group will meet in the Reception Room from 7-8 pm (following the 6pm service) every Sunday in Lent. You may attend all sessions, or just drop in for one or two. This program will take the place of 4th Sunday Fellowship during Lent. Please contact Kim at [krowles@gts.edu](mailto:krowles@gts.edu) with any questions.*

**MAR 21, 28 - CHRISTIAN PILGRIMAGE AND THE WAY** Our discussion of Christian pilgrimage by way of the Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James), and the Emilio Estevez directed film *The Way* continues. Take a few Wednesdays in Lent to view the film together and take part in theological reflection on the subject of pilgrimage as well as this filmmaker's take on such a spiritual enterprise. Wednesdays 3/21 & 3/28 at 7 pm (directly after 6 pm Holy Eucharist) in the Music Room.

**MAR 25 THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - LECTIO DIVINA** The Rev. Ted Pardoe will lead a conversation about this longstanding Christian practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer. It is a way to approach the Bible, not as a text to be studied, but as the Living Word. Origen, in the 3rd century, described lectio divina as viewing "Scripture as a sacrament" to deepen our relationship with Christ. Held in Tuttle Hall; coffee and refreshments are served.

**MAR 25 - CANTERBURY DOWNTOWN** will sponsor a Lenten meditation by Krystyna Sanderson, psychoanalyst and visual artist, *Out of Darkness Into Light*, on Sunday, March 25 at 7 pm. The event, which will explore the theme of light and darkness in the spiritual/psychological journey, will be held at the Church of the Ascension, Fifth Ave and 10th St, following the 6 pm service. For more information contact the Rev. Mary Cat Young at [chaplain.nyc@gmail.com](mailto:chaplain.nyc@gmail.com).

**APR 1 - SPECIAL CHORAL MUSICAL OFFERINGS** for Palm Sunday at 11 am: The Liturgy of the Palms, Reading of the Passion and Choral Eucharist. Works by J.B. Faure and others will be offered by The Choir of Men and Boys. At 4 pm: Selections from Handel's MESSIAH Part II, Choral Evensong offered by the Adult Choir.

**APR 4 - 1st CENTURY AGAPE SUPPER** - On Wednesday April 4th at 6 pm in Tuttle Hall, we will celebrate a first century-inspired liturgy and supper (replacing the usual Wednesday Eucharist). The goal is to experience in food and format what the earliest Christians would have known in their gatherings. All are welcome, so bring the whole family! A \$10 suggested donation per adult will help offset our costs. To attend, or to help, please contact Maura Hooper at [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org).

**APR 7- EASTER DECORATING** On Sat., April 7, from 1:30-3 pm you are invited to be part of the crew which will transform the Church and the newly restored sanctuary to a place of Easter glory. Many hands make light work! To help with our planning of tasks and refreshments, we ask you to RSVP to Ellen McElduff at [ellenmcelduff@aol.com](mailto:ellenmcelduff@aol.com) as soon as you can.

**APR 7, MAY 27-THE NEXT DATES FOR BAPTISM** are Saturday evening, April 7th at the Easter Vigil and the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 27th at the 11 am service. Please try to work your family plans around these dates. For information, please contact The Rev. Ted Pardoe at [tpardoe@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:tpardoe@gracechurchnyc.org).

## YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

**PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION** - All Sunday School children who wish to participate in a grand procession at the beginning of the 11 am service should come to Tuttle Hall at 10:45 am on April 1st. Parents are welcome to march with their children. Parents who are not marching: please be sure your children know where to find you in the church after the procession ends.

**EASTER EVE WALK** - Join us on Holy Saturday, April 7th from 10:30 am-1:30 pm, as we experience the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord through interactive storytelling. There will also be crafts, treats, and an Easter egg hunt! Activities are designed for kids ages 4 and up, but the whole family is welcome. Suggestion donation is \$10. *To attend, RSVP to Maura Hooper at [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org). To help, please see below!*

**EASTER EVE WALK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!** Your help in making this year's Easter Eve Walk a joyous occasion for all is greatly needed! If you are able to offer your time, gifts or talents, please

contact Maura Hooper at [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org) to sign up for any of the following: Candy and Cupcake Drive - We are seeking donations of candy, 100 undecorated cupcakes, frosting, and cupcake decorations for the kids to enjoy. Candy will be used for goody bags and our egg hunt. Donations will be collected throughout Holy Week. Assistance with set-up, crafts, hiding eggs, clean-up, and more! Lots of help is needed for both the day before (Friday, April 6th, from 3-6 pm) and the day of the Walk (Saturday, April 7th from 10 am-2 pm). Come participate in all the fun!

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN** on Tuesday, April 10th (4:30 pm) and continue for 6 weeks in preparation for the bishop's visit on Sunday May 20th. If your child is in 7th-12th grade and is interested in being confirmed, *please email Maura Hooper at [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org) to sign up.*

## **PARISH LIFE**

**2012 ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN - NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD** We have less than \$60,000 to go towards our goal of \$1 million in Annual Fund pledges! If you have not yet pledged, please contact Brian Hagan, Director of Development, at [bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org) or 212-254-2000 x119. To make a pledge online, click [HERE](#) scroll down to ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN, click DONATE and go from there.

### **DID YOU MISS A SERMON?**

Click below to read or listen to a sermon

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