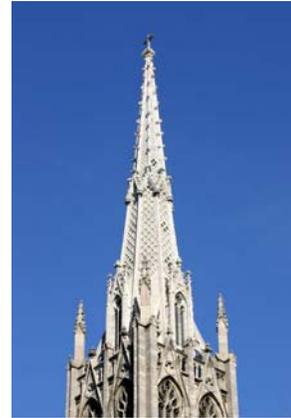


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### in New York City



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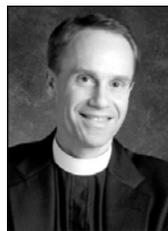
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## Sunday, March 10, 2013

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



Dear Friends,

For the past five years we have enjoyed the ministry and musical abilities of Stephen Tharp as *Artist in Residence* of Grace Church. Today the bittersweet news is that Stephen will be leaving our staff so that he can pursue more fully his career as a solo concert and recording organist, and teacher of organ students.

The position, *Artist in Residence*, was actually an ingenious idea of our Organist and Choirmaster, Patrick Allen. We sought to bring onto our staff the most talented assistant organist available as a colleague for Patrick and a support to our monumental music ministry. With Stephen we found the perfect fit; he is a world-renowned organist, and the part-time hours of the position we offered allowed him to develop his career in the United States and in Europe. Last fall, during a concert tour in Europe, Stephen received offers for increased teaching opportunities that would take him out of the country for even longer periods of time than has been the case for the past several seasons. While these new ventures are an exciting and natural development for Stephen's career, sadly, taking advantage of them will prevent him from fulfilling his responsibilities here.



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## YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MAR 24 - PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION - No Sunday School.** All Sunday School children who wish to participate in a grand procession at the beginning of the 11am service should come to Tuttle Hall at 10:45 am on March 24th. 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.

**MAR 30 - EASTER EVE WALK** Join us on Holy

Thus, Stephen has tendered his resignation as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

In the meantime, we look forward to Stephen's presence and artistry for the remainder of the current season. Also, Patrick and I will be working with our two wardens (Sarah Cogan and Brett Pertuz) to develop a new model of staffing that works with our budget and supports our wonderful music ministry. Stay tuned on that front and for an opportunity after Easter when we will gather to say thanks and Godspeed to Stephen Tharp.

See you in church.

[The Rev. J. Donald Waring](#)  
Rector

### This Sunday, March 10, 2013

#### 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Parish Choir

#### 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Choir of Boys and Men

#### 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Wood

Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

### THE SUNDAY FORUM AT 10AM - TRYING CHRISTIANS: Challengers of Complacent Faith (Sundays in Lent)

Classes will focus on the lives of Christians who challenge the foundational beliefs and practices of our shared faith. A meditation on these figures reminds us to guard against complacency in our own religious lives. *Held in Tuttle Hall; pick up some refreshment at coffee hour and join the discussion. TODAY 3/10 Diana Benet, University of North Texas, speaks about Flannery O'Connor, Christian and fiction writer.*

### JOURNEY THROUGH LENT: FROM SIN TO FORGIVENESS - (Sunday Evenings)

Classes begin after the 6 pm service (about 6.45) and aim to be finished by 7.45. We begin with light refreshment, then we will reflect on our spiritual journeys from sin and brokenness to forgiveness and healing. This series is centered on the Eucharistic lections and uses outside readings, film, lectures, and

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 [Melissa](#), to help, see below!

### **EASTER EVE WALK**

**VOLUNTEERS!** 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 sign up by contacting [Melissa](#).

Please see the Easter Eve Walk Bulletin Board (just outside the Reception Room) to see how you might help!

**MAR 31 - EASTER DAY - No Sunday School.** Activity bags available to help kids sit through church!

### **The Outreach Ministry Invites You**

to join together in fellowship, as we provide a home cooked meal for guests at the [New York City Rescue Mission](#) on **April 13**. Volunteers are needed to prepare a dish at home, OR prepare cupcakes (to drop off at Grace), OR prep the meal on Saturday April 13 (10am-4pm) OR serve the meal (4pm-7pm). Lots of opportunities--how will

discussion/reflection groups. Join for one, or all of them. Held in the Music Room; light refreshment served. **TODAY 3/10 Forgiveness: The Prodigal Son, using the art of Rembrandt van Rijn and writings of Henri Nouwen in our reflections.**

**NEXT WEEK 3/17 Grace: Accepting God's Love.**

**(Remember that Daylight Saving time is Sunday at 2:00 a.m. Set your clocks ahead and don't be late for church!)**

## **COMING SOON**

### **MAR 13, 20 (WEDNESDAYS IN LENT) FILM STUDY: THE**

**DECALOGUE** The Reverends Sarah Wood and Stephen Holton continue a study on the films Krzysztof Kieslowski directed for Polish public television in the late 1980s entitled *The Decalogue*. (Temptation, examination, repentance, forgiveness, and grace). Class will begin at 6:45 pm (directly after 6 pm Holy Eucharist) and conclude by 8:15 pm, in the Music Room.

**MAR 14 - UNION SQUARE: A HISTORY** Lecture by Bill Minifie, son of the 10th Rector of Grace Church and amateur historian. All parishioners are invited to attend this ECW sponsored event on Thursday, Mar 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Tuttle Hall. Wine and cheese will be served.

**MAR 15, 22 - 20s30s LENTEN SUSHI FRIDAYS** - Enjoy a meal, prayer and fellowship with others in their 20s and 30s at 7 pm every Friday during Lent. Various locations. *RSVP and learn the location by 5 pm each THURSDAY to Melissa at [mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org).*

### **MAR 24 - PALM SUNDAY EVENSONG - EXCERPTS FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH**

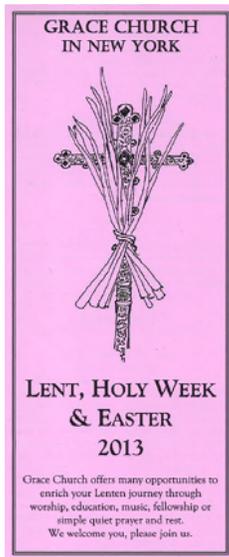
**PART II** - At 4 pm in the Church, the Adult Choir will offer Choral Evensong featuring excerpts from the Easter Portion of Handel's MESSIAH.



**MAR 27 - 1<sup>st</sup> CENTURY AGAPE MEAL** - On Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>, in place of our usual 6 p.m. Eucharist, we will experience in food and format what the earliest Christians would have known in their gatherings together. Families and children are very welcome and encouraged. A \$10 suggested donation per adult will help offset costs.

YOU help? Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

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**APRIL - CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS** will begin in early April. Classes will meet weekly and be led by the clergy in preparation for the bishop's visit on Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>. To sign up for youth classes (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) contact Melissa Spindler at [mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org). To sign up for adult classes, contact the Rev. Stephen Holton at [sholton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:sholton@gracechurchnyc.org).

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