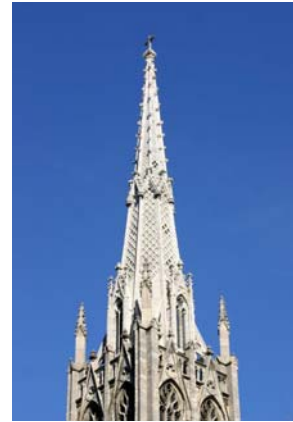


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GRACE CHURCH

in New York City



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**DON'T MISS the
PARISH PICNIC
& BBQ
NEXT WEEK, JUNE 9!**

Sunday, June 2, 2013

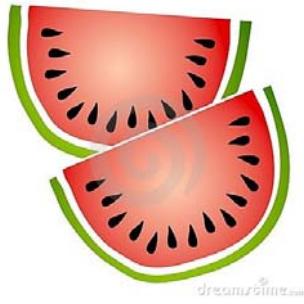
The Second Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

Earlier this week it was my honor to deliver the invocation at the graduation ceremony for Cooper Union University. The event was held in the Great Hall of the Foundation Building where, on February 27, 1860, Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous "Right makes might" speech that propelled him to the White House. When it was my turn to speak I placed the prayer I had written on the very same podium that held Lincoln's manuscript 153 years ago.

What was even more interesting to me, however, was talking to people before and after the ceremony who freely offered what they thought about Grace Church. Even though most were not church going people, what I heard was a deep appreciation for our presence in the community. One woman can see the top of the spire from her apartment, and the sight gives her comfort. In stormy weather, on sleepless nights, in good times and bad it is always there and reminds her that God is with her. Another person can look down on the church yard from her apartment and enjoys the steady rhythm of life that she sees: the weddings, the picnics, the children in the playground, the bells calling people to worship. One man noted with gratitude that because Grace Church is open more often than not, he frequently stops in to hear the organ or take in the beauty of the space.

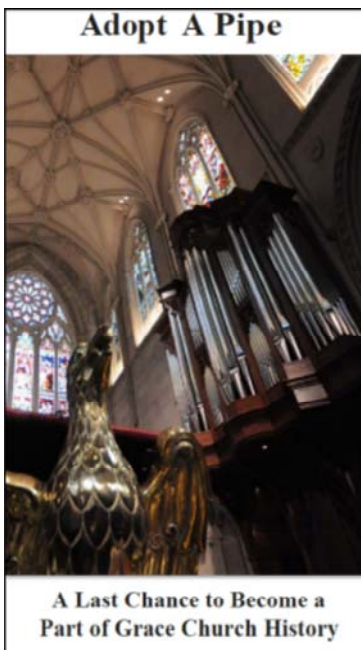


All Grace Church parishioners and friends are welcome!

Join us after the 11 am service as we celebrate the choir ministries of Grace Church and bring our program year to a joyous and festive close. \$10 suggested donation.

WE LOVE VOLUNTEERS!
Help to set up? Bake some cookies? Please contact [Miss Melissa](#). Thank you!

TWO MORE WEEKS!



Woody Allen coined the phrase, "Eighty percent of life is just showing up." In our case, showing up means just being here and opening the doors. You, my friends, are the ones who make it possible. Never doubt that through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure you are making a witness and a difference to a community that is watching.

See you in church.

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

This Sunday, June 2nd

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon
 Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
 Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon
 Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
 Music: The Choir of Men and Boys

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry
 Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young
 Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - "CONFIRMATION REFRESHER" PART II - HOLY SCRIPTURE: What is it, Where does it come from, How do we read it? with The Rev. Stephen Holton. **On JUNE 9, join the Rector for PART III - a discussion of THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER AND THE SACRAMENTS.** *Our three-part series of "Confirmation Refreshers" allows the congregation to preview what the clergy will be teaching the Confirmation classes later in the day. Held in Tuttle Hall; coffee is served.*

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS - Today at 12:45 pm will be the last session of Confirmation classes.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE CHOIRS' ANNUAL JUNE RAFFLE to benefit the Choir Special Projects Fund! You can purchase a raffle ticket today at coffee hour after the 11 am service, or from any choir family or chorister. The raffle includes *many amazing items*. This fund supports activities and opportunities for the choirs that are not covered by the annual

Names will be inscribed on special plaques affixed to the organ case.

Only a few weeks remain to honor or memorialize a loved one...

[Click here today!](#)

to choose from popular giving levels like Donor (\$500), Friend (\$250), and Contributor (\$100). *(Deadline for inclusion on the plaque, is Sunday, June 16th!)*

budget including such projects as last summer's tour to Prague, Vienna and Salzburg. Tickets are \$5 and \$10. Winners will be selected on June 9th at the parish picnic. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

COMING SOON

JUNE 9 - ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC AND CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY! (See box at left)

JUNE 12, 19, 26 (WEDNESDAYS) DISCOVER *The Four Quartets* At 7 pm (directly after the 6 pm Eucharist), with the Rev. Sarah Wood. A discovery and discussion of T.S. Eliot's [The Four Quartets](#). These evenings are a wonderful way to not only dig deeply into some terrific poetry, but to make faith connections and get to know one another a little better! All are welcome.

JUNE 26-28 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Children aged 4-10 are encouraged to join us for three afternoons of Bible stories, games, and awesome activities. For more information or to volunteer, contact [Miss Melissa](#).

FAITH & ART @The Morgan Library



A nearby exhibit you might enjoy...

[Illuminating Faith: The Eucharist in Medieval Life and Art](#)

The Rev. Stephen Holton is considering a group outing on a Sunday afternoon in August...

Interested? Click [here!](#)

(10-20 participants qualify for a personalized

tour with discounted admission.)

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