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October 13, 2013

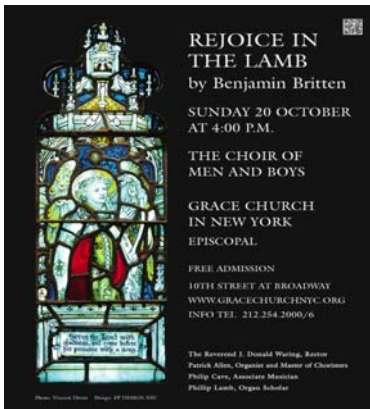
The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

Those of you who were in church last Sunday heard me not only refer to but also recite a piece of 17th century poetry by George Herbert. I mention this to establish that I do indeed look at life through many diverse prisms, not merely the sport of baseball. John Sexton, the President of NYU, has written a book entitled, *Baseball as a Road to God*. Likewise, the longtime broadcaster of Detroit Tiger games, Ernie Harwell, is famously quoted for his simple observation, "Baseball is a lot like life." So forgive another baseball analogy; perhaps we will learn something about life and take a few more steps along the road to God.

Recently, as the top Major League teams battle each other through the play offs for the honor of going to the World Series, baseball has revealed to me something about myself. I have a serious ability to hold onto grudges. Last night I laughed with delight to see the Oakland A's lose to the Tigers and go home for the winter. "The Tigers have won enough," said one of my sons. "Why not root for the A's?" The reason is 1973, when I was an impressionable 11-year old Mets fan. In 1973, against all odds, the Mets won the National League pennant and went to the World Series. They were a team of upstanding citizens: Tom Seaver in his prime, Willie Mays in his last season, the venerable



THE 2014 ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

It's not too early to be thinking about your financial pledge to the work of the Lord through Grace Church for the year 2014.

In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, and to empower the ministries of the church, each fall we ask everyone to give prayerful thought to how they can share in supporting those ministries. We'll celebrate **"Pledge Sunday" on November 10**. Watch this space for details.

Yogi Berra as manager. Their opponent: the Oakland A's, a collection of brash and churlish hippies. Well, the hippies won in 1973, 4 games to 3, and I vowed then never to root for the A's. "That was 40 years ago," remarked my son.

How about the Los Angeles Dodgers? After the 1957 season the Brooklyn Dodgers turned their backs on goodness and Gotham and possibly even God and fled to plastic Los Angeles, breaking the hearts of fans who had cheered them through thick and thin, including my father. Yes, we now have the Mets, and God must love them because the Scriptures assure us that God loves the meek and lowly. But how can any New Yorker seriously entertain a kind thought for the Dodgers after they tore the heart out of Brooklyn? "That happened long before you were born," said my wife. She's right. For my entire life the Dodgers have never been anything other than a team from Los Angeles.

Good Lord, deliver me. Baseball has exposed my need to let go and lighten up and be ever vigilant against a penchant for harboring grudges. Will I be rooting for the Dodgers this fall? No, I'm pulling for the Cardinals to go all the way, but for good and positive reasons. The old grudges don't factor into it. If our national pastime can work such wonders, then it will indeed have functioned as a useful tool on the road to God.

Sunday worship helps too. See you in church.

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

Rector

This Sunday, Oct 13th

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Wood
Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Wood
Music: The Adult Choir

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Wood
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

(Service times are updated

weekly on the [website](#).)

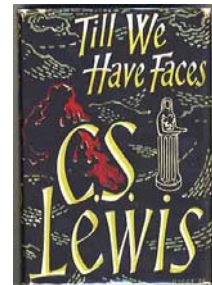
THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - is on recess today for the holiday weekend. Please join us next week, Oct 20th, for *Jesus' Healing Miracles in Today's World - Part II*, with Helen Goodkin.

20s30s SUNDAY BRUNCH - Members and friends in their 20s and 30s are invited to brunch after the 11am service at Tink's Restaurant, 102 E 7th Street (between Avenue A and 1st Ave). Melissa will gather the group in Tuttle Hall before walking together to the restaurant. [RSVP to Melissa Spindler by Friday Oct 11th](#).

COMING SOON

OCT 16, 23, 30 WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY

(Please note a 4th session has been added! Join at any time.) The Rev. Sarah Wood continues a discussion of the 1956 novel by C. S. Lewis - *Till We Have Faces: A Myth Retold*. The novel is a retelling of the ancient Greek myth of Cupid and Psyche from the perspective of Orual, Psyche's older sister. (Wednesdays, Oct 9, 16, 23, 30 directly after the 6 pm Eucharist.)



OCT 20 - JESUS' HEALING MIRACLES IN TODAY'S WORLD (Part II) - THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - Human Suffering: Compassion in Action series. The Gospels record Jesus' healing miracles as testimony to God's power working in the world. This aspect of Jesus' ministry continues to inspire Christian mission in the world today. Today's speaker, Helen F. Goodkin, is a frequent presenter on Biblical topics, having retired from a career in healthcare to complete a Master's degree in Biblical Studies at General Theological Seminary. *Meets in Tuttle Hall; coffee is served.* (Upcoming: 10/27 *How to Suffer Well: Emotional and Spiritual Implication*, 11/3 *The Spiritual Life and Legacy of Madeleine L'Engle and more...*)

OCT 20 - 9 AM SUNDAY SERVICE WORSHIP

PARTICIPANTS - Anyone interested in serving (altar guild, lay reader, chalice bearer, usher) at our growing 9 am Sunday service is invited to a brief

meeting on Sunday, Oct 20 at 10 am in the Reception Room. We'll explore the team approach currently in use at the 6 pm Sunday service. Serving with others helps make the liturgy more meaningful, and it helps build a closer parish family. Come learn more.

OCT 20 - Britten's REJOICE IN THE LAMB - Choral Evensong will be offered by the Choir of Men and Boys on Sunday, Oct 20 at 4 pm, featuring Britten's moving REJOICE IN THE LAMB. The Evening Canticles will be those set by Harold Friedell in F Major. The Prayers are set by William Byrd. Bring your family and friends to this special musical service.

OCT 27 - NEW TO GRACE? Everyone new to Grace Church in the past year is encouraged to attend a 3-session newcomer class on Sundays, Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 10 at 12:30 pm in the Reception Room. Come and have a bite to eat and learn more about the history of Grace Church, life at Grace today, and how to connect with other parishioners and ministry opportunities. For more information, [contact the Rev. Stephen Holton](#).

OCT 27 - SPOOKY FUN & GAMES FOR KIDS- THE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL Saturday Oct 27th in Tuttle Hall from 2:30-4 pm. All children and families are invited for an afternoon of mask-making, crafts, cupcake decorating and more. Lend a hand by donating candy or helping at one of the tables. Drop off or deliver candy/cupcakes to 802 Broadway now through Oct 27th. [Contact Melissa Spindler](#) for more information.

OCT 27 - HALLOWEEN FUN FOR 20s30s - You are invited from 2:30-4 pm to help with crafts and activities with the kids at the Halloween Carnival. Then from 4:30-6 pm, after the kids go home, the 20s30s will enjoy more grown-up games and activities, snacks and beverages. You may be too old for Trick-or-Treating, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't have a frightfully good time! \$10 per person (free for those who come early to help with the kids).

NOV 2 - PUT ON YOUR OVEN MITTS! After a great experience in April of this year (about 60 of our community participated!) we once again will cook and serve a homemade meal to guests of the NYC Rescue Mission. Don't miss this rewarding opportunity

to serve together and to make a difference. Look for the signup table after services, or e-mail outreach@gracechurchnyc.org for information.

NOV 2 - GO PROJECT/GRACE CHURCH VOLUNTEER DAY Saturday, Nov 2nd from 9am-12:30pm. Any parishioners who are interested in volunteering in a GO classroom and seeing what the GO Project & Grace Church partnership make possible are encouraged to participate. RSVP and questions: [e-mail Olivia Nunez](mailto:Olivia.Nunez@gracechurchnyc.org) or call 347-377-2317. We hope you can join us!

NOV 3 - ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY During the services we'll light candles and remember all those connected with Grace Church who have died but still remain on the hearts and minds of their loved ones. To include a name on this year's list, [please send the name to Jennifer Metz](#) by Tuesday, Oct 29.

NOV 5 -CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN-UPS AND INTERVIEWS! All children aged 5 and older are invited to participate in the annual Christmas Pageant, held on Christmas Eve at 4 pm. Only children interested in singing a solo, duet, or trio must be signed up for an interview (taking place on Nov 5 from 2-6 pm IN THE MUSIC ROOM). Info sheets and a full schedule for the pageant are available on the bulletin board in the Parish House hallway. *Deadline for all participants to sign up and submit an info sheet is Tuesday, Nov 5 at 2 pm. For information or to schedule your child for an interview, [contact Melissa](#).*

NOV 9-10 GRACE AND THE ARTS AT CHRISTMAS IS SEEKING VENDORS! The fair is coming soon (Sat, Nov 9 and Sun, Nov 10) and the ECW has just a few tables left. Do you know an artist or craftsperson who would be interested in selling their wares? There is a fee of \$75 per table and proceeds will support ministries of Grace Church. [Contact Elana Foundos](#).

NOV 10 - 2014 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN SUNDAY - See details in the box at left.

DE-CLUTTERING YOUR HOME? DONATIONS of new or gently used costume jewelry, trinkets and small knick knacks are needed for the TREASURES table at GRACE AND THE ARTS AT CHRISTMAS FAIR. Proceeds will support ministries of Grace Church. For drop-off information, please [contact Elana](#).

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