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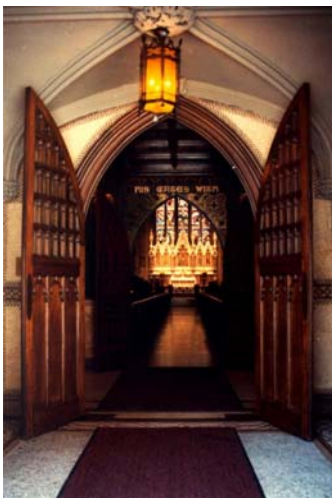
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THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM



October 20, 2013

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

We can all rejoice now that the federal government is back in business. At the same time, the nagging question remains: have we merely kicked the can down the road where we will encounter it once again, only bigger the next time and more difficult to kick?

I am not an economist, and I don't mean to enter the partisan political fray over the national debt. But the Christian faith does have something to say about procrastination - the danger of putting off until tomorrow the challenges we ought to be dealing with today. The Gospels of Matthew (21:33-46), Mark (12:1-12), and Luke (20:9-19) each include a devastating parable that Jesus told. We've come to call it *The Parable of the Wicked Tenants*. Briefly, a landowner planted a vineyard and lent it out to farmers who would work it. When it was time to collect a share of the harvest, the landowner sent servant after servant and finally his own son to the vineyard. Each time the tenants, with a lack of foresight that is truly mindboggling, kicked the can down the road. They beat one servant, killed another, and finally concluded that by murdering the landowner's son - presto - they would inherit the vineyard as their own. Finally the day of reckoning was inescapable, and as you can well imagine, it did not go well for the wicked tenants. The parable has many applications in its original context and in our own

Part II of Jesus'
Healing Miracles in
Today's World - Oct 20

**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.

TEACHERS - JOIN THE TEAM!



The GO Project is seeking certified, qualified elementary and middle public school teachers and independent school

day. Surely one of them is the danger and the foolhardiness of procrastination.

What are you and I to do? The recent saga in Washington should inspire us all to pray for our elected officials, that they be good stewards of the public trust and our nation's future. It can also cause us to examine our own lives and spirits, and ask the nagging question of ourselves: what am I putting off until tomorrow what I ought to be doing today? Words and works of love? An apology? Time with and for God? Perhaps our days of reckoning can be days of rejoicing. And so we confess every Sunday: *We have left undone those things which we ought to have done.*

See you in church.

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

This Sunday, Oct 20th

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton
Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton
Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

4 p.m. Choral Evensong featuring

REJOICE IN THE LAMB by Britten
The Choir of Men and Boys

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

(Service times are updated weekly on the [website](#).)

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

teachers with at least two years of lead head teaching experience for **paid positions** with our year round programs. For middle school teachers, we are specifically looking for **math, science, English, and social studies** specialists. We are accepting rolling applications for both school year (Saturday) and summer programs. If interested, [contact Ji Young Park](#).

healthcare to complete a Master's degree in Biblical Studies at General Theological Seminary.

(Upcoming: 10/27 How to Suffer Well: Emotional and Spiritual Implications, 11/3 The Spiritual Life and Legacy of Madeleine L'Engle and more...)

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 today 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.



REJOICE IN THE LAMB
by Benjamin Britten

SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER
AT 4:00 P.M.

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Patrick Allen, Organist and Master of Choristers
Philip Cave, Associate Musician
Phillip Lamb, Organ Scholar

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COMING SOON

OCT 27 - HOW TO SUFFER WELL - THE SUNDAY FORUM

10 AM - Human Suffering: Compassion in Action series.

Krystyna Sanderson will look at emotional and spiritual tools for dealing with suffering, such as the role of prayer in personal and collective suffering; redemption and forgiveness; the possibility of being "co-sufferers" with Christ and with one another; and how the support of the church and of fellow believers can be an antidote. *Parishioner Krystyna Sanderson, Psy.D., NCPsyA, LP is a psychoanalyst and a faculty member at the Blanton-Peale Graduate Institute and the Harlem Family Institute.*

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 Sunday 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) 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 4 - OUTREACH MONDAY-Come to a potluck supper from 6:30-7:45 pm in the Reception Room (Parish House, 802 Broadway). We'll enjoy food and fellowship, hear about the recent mission trip to West Virginia, and plan for Advent clothing drives. Please bring a dish to share if you can.

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 -

UPDATE! The ECW has now booked all available vendor tables, so we can expect to see lots of uniquely crafted goods available for purchase! The "Treasures" table will offer new or gently used costume jewelry, trinkets and small knick knacks. Donations of same are still being sought, so if you feel like a bit of closet-cleaning or de-cluttering, now is the perfect time! Proceeds will support ministries of Grace Church. For drop-off information, [please contact Elana](#).

NOV 10 - 2014 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN SUNDAY - See announcement at left.

NOV 17 - GRACE CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAY & GUEST PREACHER [The Very Rev. Dr. Ian Markham](#), Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary, will join us for our annual celebration of the common history and mission shared by church and school. At 10 am, Dean Markham will lead a Sunday Forum entitled *Conversations with Atheism: Arguments for Faith* (details below). At the 11 am service, Dean Markham will preach, and music will be offered by The Choir of Men and Boys and The Girls' Choir. After the service, please come to Tuttle Hall for a festive reception!

NOV 17 - CONVERSATIONS WITH ATHEISM: ARGUMENTS FOR FAITH - [the Very Rev. Dr. Ian Markham](#), Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary and Professor of Theology and Ethics will lead the above-titled Sunday Forum at 10 am and preach at the 11 am service. Dean Markham is the author and editor of 24 books, including *Against Atheism*, *Understanding Christian Doctrine*, and *Do Morals Matter*. Drawing on science, he argues that the theistic worldview makes more sense of the complexity of human experience than an atheistic worldview. On the way, the issues of cosmology, suffering, and other religions are discussed. Don't miss an extraordinary opportunity to engage with a distinguished and faithful scholar.

NOV 24 - CHOIR ALUMNI SUNDAY - At the 11 am service all former members of the Choir of Men and Boys and the Girls' Choir are invited to join the current choir in the chancel and sing the morning anthems including "I Was Glad," by C. Hubert H. Parry. For more details please [contact Patrick Allen](#).

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