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**Jesus' Healing
Miracles in Today's
World (Part 1)...
The Sunday Forum
@10 am**



October 6, 2013

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



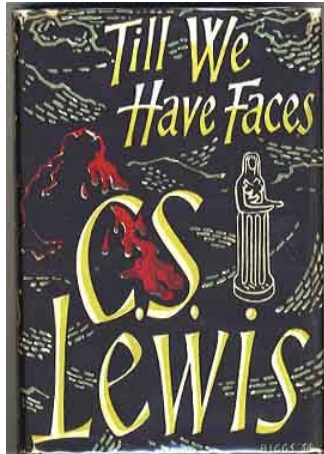
Dear Friends,

Those of you who were in church last weekend will recall that the Gospel reading was the famous parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). The rich man was clothed in purple and fine linen, and feasted sumptuously every day. Meanwhile, as his gate lay Lazarus in abject poverty, full of open sores and desperately hungry. It's a scene of complete disparity between the ways the two men live.

The scene is uncomfortably familiar to us who live in New York City. Walk down any city street and you will undoubtedly encounter homeless people sitting on the sidewalk with cardboard signs explaining their plight, and paper cups to collect donations. Ride on any subway and often a homeless person will work the car, rattling a cup full of meager coins to encourage donations.

How are we to respond? The rich man in the parable did not respond and wound up in a bad place because of his inaction. So the challenge is to do something. But what? Giving out money on the street only perpetuates life on the street, and dissuades a homeless person from seeking out a better life. It is never the answer. But what is?

**Wednesday Night
Book Study begins
Oct 9th...**

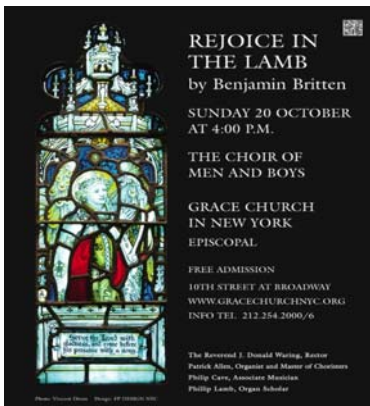


In your bulletins last Sunday we included a card from the NYC Rescue Mission, an organization we support with an annual grant and volunteer hours (see Nov 2nd). On the card is all the information a homeless person needs to find food, shelter, clothing, rehabilitation, and all the good things that were out of Lazarus' reach. The challenge I gave you was to take the card, put it in your wallet or purse, and when the Spirit moved you to do so, give it to a homeless person.

So my question for you is this: did you try it? If so, do you have any interesting stories to tell as a result? I'd like to hear from you if you had any memorable encounters or conversations with Lazarus this week after handing him a card, so don't hesitate to send me an email by clicking on my name, below. One more thing, if you did give your card away, we have more. Pick up another one in the narthex or outside the parish office. Lazarus is waiting.

See you in church.

Coming Soon...



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

This Sunday, Oct 6th

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

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 I)

- 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, but at times, the stories can be quite painful to those with firsthand experience of serious illness. 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: 10/13 Forum on recess, 10/20 Jesus' Healing Miracles in Today's World - Part II, 10/27 How to Suffer Well: Emotional and Spiritual Implication, 11/3 The Spiritual Life and Legacy of Madeleine L'Engle and more...)

OCT 6 - COOK LIKE A PRO, EASY AND CHEAP - Would you like to impress someone with a great meal that doesn't break the bank? On Sunday, Oct 6 at 7pm (after the 6 pm service), **the 20's/30's group and Canterbury Downtown** will combine to sponsor a cooking demonstration. Veggie and gluten-free options will be shown, and we'll enjoy the meal together afterwards. \$10 suggested donation. [RSVP by Friday, Oct 4 to Melissa Spindler.](#)

COMING SOON

OCT 9, 16, 23 WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK AND FILM STUDIES! Join the Rev. Sarah Wood for a variety of book and film discussions this year, beginning on October 9th with ***Till We Have Faces: A Myth Retold***. **This 1956 novel by C. S. Lewis retells the ancient Greek myth of Cupid and Psyche** from the perspective of Orual, Psyche's older sister. This stunning piece was Lewis' last novel, which he considered his most mature, and was written in conjunction with his wife, Joy Davidman. You are welcome to this book study time together, sure to inspire some great literary and theological reflection! Wednesday evenings, October 9, 16, 23, directly after the 6 pm Eucharist.

OCT 13 - 20s30s SUNDAY BRUNCH - Members and friends in their 20s and 30s are invited to brunch on Sunday Oct 13th 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!*

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 - 2ND ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL
Saturday Oct 27th in Tuttle Hall from 2:30-4 pm. All children and families are invited for an afternoon of **spooky fun and games**, featuring mask-making, craft projects, and cupcake decorating. 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. 20s30s will stay and play from 4:30-6 pm. Contact [Melissa Spindler](#) for more information.

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 beginning Sunday, September 29, or e-mail [outreach](#) for information.

NOV 2 - GO PROJECT/GRACE CHURCH VOLUNTEER DAY Saturday, November 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. Please contact [Olivia Nunez, Director of Community Engagement, to RSVP](#) or if you have any questions. We hope you can join us on November 2nd!

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