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### in New York City



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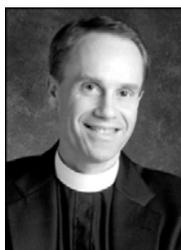
***"Why did Jesus  
have to die?"***

**The Sunday Forum  
at 10 am**

**EASTER FLOWER  
OFFERINGS**

## March 15, 2015

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



Dear Friends,

As most of you know, this Lent we have been beginning our Sunday liturgies with the Penitential Order. Lent is a season of penitence - a time not only to confess but to do something about the fact that *we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.*

When we think of penitence we often go straight to straight to the latter of these two phrases that we find in the General Confession of the Book of Common Prayer (p. 41): the sins and offenses we have committed, the wrongs we have caused, the things we have done that we ought not to have done. But what about those things which we have left undone that we ought to have done? Lent can also be an active time to make strides on the positive side of the ledger.

Something I know that I ought to do more often is to say thank you. Think of the people who have been agents of God in your life and have had a hand in helping things to be not so ill as they might have been. I look back on all the teachers, mentors, and coaches who put up with me and gave me a chance, on my parents and family members who provided for me, and all the people who crossed my path at critical times and did more than what one might expect. In



Every year at Easter time it is the generous donations from parishioners that enhance the beauty of Grace Church.

You may give online [HERE](#) (put "Easter" in the comments box).

We recommend donation amounts beginning at \$50, but are grateful for any amount you can give. Thank you! *For your donation "in honor of" or "in memory of" to be listed in the Easter service bulletin, it must be received by Palm Sunday, 3/29.*



**UPDATE: DINNER AT THE NYC RESCUE MISSION ON MAR 8 was a great success!**

some cases I know I said thank you, but I wonder if I actually conveyed the deep gratitude that I feel today. For the remainder of this Lent I will be seeking some folks out to say thank you.

That may include you! Something that I am late in doing is signing thank you letters to all those who have made a 2015 pledge commitment to Grace Church. I can give you a world of excuses - including personnel changes in the business office, and the need to clean up our data base. But the truth is, it is time to stop leaving this undone, and start signing letters. The letters are a small token of my gratitude for all you do to help keep Grace Church going. We are also planning some celebratory events for the sole purpose of thanking our generous supporters. Stay tuned for more, and let me say it again: Thank you for supporting Grace Church.

See you in church.

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

## This Sunday

### 9 a.m. A Penitential Order & Holy Eucharist

Sermon: Ms. Hershey Mallette

Music: The Parish Choir

### 11 a.m. A Penitential Order & Morning Prayer

Sermon: Ms. Hershey Mallette

Music: The Adult Choir

### 6 p.m. A Penitential Order & Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: Ms. Hershey Mallette

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

### ATONEMENT & SALVATION: THE SUNDAY FORUM

@10 AM. "Why did Jesus have to die?" As Christians we claim salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus. But what does that mean? And how are we saved—from what and for

Parishioners prepared over 100 lbs. of pot roast, 50 lbs. of vegetables, over 100 cupcakes and several large carrot cakes. It was the biggest, most delicious meal we've produced yet, and was much appreciated by the Director and guests of the mission who are rarely served beef.

Many thanks to all who participated! Special thanks to Lillie Chance and Currie Estreich for their leadership, and to Jake Hart for buying our vegetables at Costco. [E-mail Fr. Stephen Holton here](#) if you'd like to be kept informed of future Outreach projects.

**Join the  
Community...  
by making your  
2015 pledge  
[now!](#)**

Questions? Contact Rhianna Murphy [here](#).

what? Join Fr Stephen Holton for a look at the history of soteriology—the doctrine of salvation through Christ's death and resurrection—and a discussion of what it means for us today.

**JOURNEY THROUGH LENT TO HOLY WEEK – SUNDAY EVENINGS @7PM.** Join our Lenten study series on Sunday evenings after the 6 pm service in the Reception Room. *Mar 15: Reconciliation (Confession): history, theology, and practice, including the Good Friday liturgies in Holy Week. The Rev Mary Cat Young. Mar 22: Baptism & the Easter Vigil.*

***Coming Soon***



# ECW LECTURE

DR. LUCINDA MOSHER

Faculty Associate for Interfaith Studies and  
Director of Multifaith Chaplaincy Program,  
Hartford Seminary



“Christian - Muslim Encounter:  
The Theological Dimension”

In these days of religious uncertainty in many areas of the world,  
we are privileged to be able to learn from a Christian scholar how  
Christians and Muslims can relate to each other.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19  
IN TUTTLE HALL  
6:30 - 8:30

“No pressure” pot luck  
All parishioners invited - men too!

Admission: 1 food item or monetary donation for  
Church of the Village food pantry.

*A lifelong educator, Dr. Lucinda Mosher is currently Faculty Associate for Interfaith Studies and Director of the Multifaith Chaplaincy Program at Hartford Seminary (Hartford, CT).*

**MAR 22 – EGERIA: WOMAN, PILGRIM, AND PROTO-LITURGIST: THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM.** The 4th Century letter from Egeria recounted her observations while on a 3-year pilgrimage in the Holy Land. Containing descriptions of liturgical practices like Lent, Palm Sunday, and Holy Week which were not universal in the 4th Century, the letter is an important link and source document in the liturgical renewal that influenced our 1979 Book of Common Prayer. We'll

make a quick survey of Egeria's letter and discuss the ancient roots of our modern liturgical practices. *Led by the Rev. Clayton Crawley, M.Div., Church Divinity School of the Pacific. At seminary, Clayton focused on liturgics with The Rev Dr. Louis Weil, one of the authors of the 1979 BCP and a noted liturgical scholar. Fr. Crawley serves at St. Bartholomew's and Trinity Wall Street and as a trustee at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA.*

**MAR 27 – 20s30s LENTEN SUSHI FRIDAY** – Enjoy a meal, prayer and fellowship during Lent with others in their 20s and 30s from churches around the city. 6:30 pm on Fri March 27 in the Reception Room at Grace Church. \$10 per person for dinner and BYOB. *RSVP by 5 pm Mar 26, to the Young Adult Network at [ednyyanetwork@gmail.com](mailto:ednyyanetwork@gmail.com). For more info visit [www.youngadults.dioceseny.org](http://www.youngadults.dioceseny.org).*

**MAR 28 – HELP REBUILD STATEN ISLAND** More than two years after Hurricane Sandy, thousands of homes remain in some form of distress. Join teams from Grace Church for our next parish work day on Saturday, Mar 28. Many jobs for multiple skill levels are available--including insulation installation, sheet rocking, and more. *Please sign up now by contacting Fr. Stephen Holton [here](#).*

**MAR 29 – EXCERPTS FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH PART II**  
On Palm Sunday at 4 pm in the Church, the Adult Choir will offer Choral Evensong featuring excerpts from the Easter Portion of Handel's MESSIAH.

**APR 4 – EASTER EVE WALK** – Join us on Holy Saturday, April 4, 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. Suggested donation per child \$15, includes a pizza lunch. To attend, [RSVP to Melissa here](#). To help, please see below!

**APR 4 – EASTER EVE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!**

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, talents and/or financial donations, please sign up on the Easter Bulletin Board (just outside the Reception Room) or by [contacting Melissa here](#) to see how you can help.

**APR 5 – EASTER DAY – No Sunday School.** Activity bags available to help kids sit through church!

**APR 30 – GRACE NEWCOMER NETWORKING**

**RECEPTION.** Join us for the Spring Newcomers event, Thursday, April 30th 6:30–9pm in the Reception Room. Meet Clergy, staff and parishioners who represent a diverse range of professional and Grace affiliations. Please save the date. Invitations will be sent soon. Contact Singleton Cox ([singleton.cox@gmail.com](mailto:singleton.cox@gmail.com)) for more information. Come grow your Grace network!

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