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in New York City



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***Egeria, 4th c
Pilgrim***

March 22, 2015

The Fifth Sunday in Lent



Dear Friends,

Here we are, coming up on the 5th Sunday in Lent, which means that Holy Week is just one week away. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and the great day of Easter will be here before we know it. If we aren't careful, Holy Week will be *over* before we know it, and we will have missed something essential about it.

What does it all mean? What was God was doing for us through Jesus in Jerusalem during that week some two-thousand years ago? To understand it, to experience it requires that we hit the pause button on our hectic 21st century lives and participate. You will see below a list of all our Holy Week services that are in place to help us remember, rehearse, and enter into the central story of the Christian faith. New this year is a service of Tenebrae on Wednesday evening. My hope is that all of us who claim the faith of Jesus, all of us Christians will be able to stop during the week and say such things as: "Today is April 2nd. It is Maundy Thursday. I need to attend worship tonight." Or, "Today is April 3rd, Good Friday. I need to spend an hour in the church today between noon and 3 pm."



**The Sunday Forum
at 10 am**

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS



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***

How did these Holy Week observances originate? At this week's Sunday Forum the Rev. Clayton Crawley will be with us to speak about a fascinating witness to some of the earliest Holy Week celebrations as they had developed in Jerusalem by the 4th century. You can read below for a description of the class, which meets at 10 am in the Reception Room. Coffee and other delicacies are served. Do join us as the great week draws near.

See you in church.

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

This Sunday

9 a.m. A Penitential Order & Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton

Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. A Penitential Order & Morning Prayer

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton

Music: The Adult Choir

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

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

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*

***Easter service
bulletin, it must be
received by Palm
Sunday, 3/29.***



**From the
Darkness to the
Light**



TENEBRAE

April 1st

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

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

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.

**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 22: Baptism & the Easter Vigil.*

Coming Soon

MAR 27 – BENENDEN CHAPEL CHOIR, KENT, UK – IN CONCERT @NOON – Composed by David Bednall, *Stabat Mater for Girls' Voices, Violin and Organ* will receive its World Première during the choir's tour to New York, Connecticut and Philadelphia, closely followed by the London Première and a recording on Regent Records. Edward Whiting, Director. Hayley Lam, Violin. Come and see them at Grace Church on Friday, Mar 27 at noon. Free admission; bring a dry good to help feed the hungry of our City. More info [here](#).

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. For more info visit www.youngadults.diocesenyny.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 1 – WED. HOLY EUCHARIST AND TENEBRAE: A SERVICE OF DARKNESS AND LIGHT.

On Holy Wednesday, in place of our usual Agape Supper, we will have a service of psalms and song, darkness and light, lamentation and rejoicing. This service of Tenebrae (Latin for "shadows") will provide an experiential entrance into our Lord's passion and crucifixion while pointing us to the hope of his Resurrection. Begin your Triduum (three days before Easter) in reflective quiet with other members of the Grace Church community as we read psalms, pray, sing, and experience the Eucharist together in candlelight and quietness. Followed by a simple soup supper – [RSVP to Fr. Stephen Holton HERE](#).

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 here](#) for more information. Come grow your Grace network!

Please join us for Holy Week and Easter

PALM SUNDAY, March 29

9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. in the Church
Palm Sunday Liturgy & Holy Eucharist
Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music at 11 a.m. by *Gibbons & Guilman*
The Adult Choir

4 p.m. in the Church

Choral Evensong with excerpts from
Part II of *Handel's MESSIAH*
The Adult Choir

HOLY WEDNESDAY, April 1

6 p.m. in the Chantry

Holy Eucharist and Tenebrae:
A Service of Darkness and Light
Preacher: The Rev. Stephen Holton

This service of Tenebrae (Latin for "shadows") will provide an experiential entrance into our Lord's passion and crucifixion while pointing us to the hope of his Resurrection. We'll read psalms, pray, sing, and experience the Eucharist together in candlelight and quietness. Followed by a simple soup supper. [RSVP to Fr. Stephen Holton HERE.](#)

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 2

7 p.m. in the Church

Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar
Preacher: The Rev. Stephen Holton
Music by *Durufly, Farrant, Tallis, & others*

The Adult Choir

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3

12 – 3 p.m. The Three Hours' Devotion: The Seven Last Words of Christ

Preachers: Ms. Hershey Mallette, The Rev. J. Donald Waring, The Rev. Mary Cat Young, The Rev. Stephen Holton, The Rev. Timothy Morehouse, The Rev. Mark Hummell, The Rev. Robert Owens.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3

7 p.m. in the Church

Choral Vespers

OLIVET TO CALVARY by *John Henry Maunder (1858–1920)*

The Adult Choir

A moving account of the Passion set to music and sung by the choir with tenor and bass soloists.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 4

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Easter Eve Walk

Children ages 4–12 and their families are invited to experience the Passion and Resurrection through interactive storytelling, crafts, treats, and an Easter egg hunt. Suggestion donation \$15.

7 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

Holy Baptism & Eucharist

Preacher: Ms. Hershey Mallette

Music by *Byrd & Fauré*

The Adult Choir

EASTER DAY, APRIL 5

All Services in the Church

9 a.m. Festive Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Combined Choirs of Grace Church

11 a.m. Festive Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music by *Batten, Byrd, Noyon/Hancock, Parker & others*
The Combined Choirs of Grace Church with Brass & Tympani

4 p.m. Organ Music for Easter Day

Music by *Bach, Handel, Pachelbel & Widor*

6 p.m. Festive Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Reverend J. Donald Waring.

Music by *Batten, Byrd, Noyon/Hancock*, & others

The Adult Choir

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