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GRACE CHURCH

in New York City



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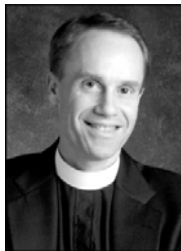
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**Last day! EASTER
FLOWER
OFFERINGS**



March 29, 2015

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday



Dear Friends,

If you come to church this week (and I haven't any doubt that you will, because it's Palm Sunday), you will notice that the Roman urn in the rectory yard is surrounded by orange construction netting.

Orange is not a liturgical color, so it's safe to say that we have not, in our zeal for the house of the Lord, festooned the urn to mark the beginning of Holy Week. Rather, we noticed this week that a large chunk of it had fallen to the ground, and that that whole thing seems to be in an immanent state of collapse. The Fabric and Grounds Committee is on it, seeking advice on whether or not the urn can be repaired.

The urn has been a subject of curiosity in the neighborhood for over a hundred years since it appeared in the rectory yard in 1885. It is even featured in a [subway mural](#) in the station at 8th and Broadway. What is it, and how did we acquire it. What follows is the story of the urn, according to William Reed Huntington, Rector of Grace Church from 1883-1909, who brought it here. This comes from the yearbook of Grace Church in 1899:

While the excavations necessary for the building of the Rector of the "Church of St. Paul within the Walls," at Rome, were in progress, the workmen came upon a row of some six or seven terra-cotta jars (similar in size and shape), of which this that now adorns our churchyard was one.

(PALM SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY to get your dedications in the Easter Sunday service bulletins!)

Bedeck the church in beautiful Easter flowers this year to give thanks or to honor a loved one!

You may give online [HERE](#) (put "Easter" and your dedications "in honor of" or "in memory of" in the comments box).

We recommend donation amounts beginning at \$50, but are grateful for any amount you can give. Thank you!



**From the
Darkness to the
Light**



TENEBRAE

The jars were discovered thirty or forty feet below the surface, and nearby them were found coins of Nero's reign, showing that the ruin, so strangely happened upon, probably dated back almost to the Christian era. Two of the terra-cottas were lifted to the surface, but the others, on account of their great weight, were, for the time, left where they had been discovered.

When I was in Rome in 1884, the two jars, covered with ivy, were standing one on either side of the entrance to the church. I was hard-hearted enough to urge upon Dr. Nevin, the Rector, the propriety of his showing his appreciation for all that Grace Church had done toward the building of St. Paul's, by giving us one of the two jars, and he was kind-hearted enough to acquiesce in the suggestion.

Shortly after its arrival upon the grounds of Grace Church, this interesting relic fell under the eye of the late Miss (Catherine Lorillard) Wolfe, who at once petitioned Dr. Nevin for the companion piece, with the result that this last was soon adorning the lawn at Vineyard, Ochre Point, Newport (Rhode Island).

And so the Rector of St. Paul's within the Walls lost both of his treasures. It is gratifying to know that since all this happened two other jars have been lifted out of their obscurity in the cellar of the Roman rectory, and given the places of honor from which the former two were, fourteen years ago, deposed.

Let's hope that something can be done to save the urn. After all, it survived the burning of Rome under Nero. Stay tuned.

See you in church.

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

This Sunday

April 1st

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

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

**APR 30 – GRACE
NEWCOMER
NETWORKING
RECEPTION**

Join us for the Spring
Newcomers
Reception, Thursday,
April 30th 6:30–9 pm
in the Reception
Room. **Meet Clergy,
Staff and
Parishioners who
represent a diverse
range of professional
and Grace
affiliations.** Not sure
if you are still a
newcomer and want
to get to know the
Grace community
better, [please contact
Singleton Cox](#) for
more information.
Come Grow your
Grace Network!



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 & Guilmant*
The Adult Choir

4 p.m. in the Church
Choral Evensong with excerpts from
Part II of *Handel's MESSIAH*
The Adult Choir

Our Roman Urn in
the Subway station at
8th & Broadway



**EXCERPTS
FROM
HANDEL'S
MESSIAH,
PART II**

**SUNDAY 29 MARCH
AT 4:00 P.M.**

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*I was glad when they said
unto me: We will go into
the house of the Lord.*

Coming Soon

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 3 – OLIVET TO CALVARY by John H. Maunder – The Adult Choir at 7 pm on Good Friday Evening. A beautiful musical offering in English detailing the walk from the Mount of Olives to Calvary by our Lord.

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 volunteer, 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 12 –THE BOOK OF REVELATION from the perspective of Jungian depth psychology. **THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM.** The focus will be on the symbolic, collective unconscious and archetypal images that will include the journey of the Self into conscious realization and the vision of the numinosum – visionary and mystical. *Led by Krystyna Sanderson, licensed psychoanalyst with a Doctorate in Psychology and extensive postgraduate psychoanalytical training from the Blanton–Peale Graduate Institute in New York, where she is now a faculty member in the Psychoanalytic Training Program. She is also on the faculty of the Harlem Family Institute.*

APR 12 – EXCERPTS FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH PART III – The Adult Choir with the Parish Choir will offer Choral

Evensong featuring excerpts from the Easter Portion of Handel's MESSIAH.

APR 22 –THE GO PROJECT ANNUAL SPRING BENEFIT

Please join GO for their Annual Benefit at the Bowery Hotel. Last year's event sold out, so please make sure to get your tickets early! Purchase your tickets at www.goprojectnyc.org/events. Or, contact [Sadie Sloatsky](#) to find out how you can help.

APR 24 – THE ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT of the Choirs of Grace Church will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 24 in the Church. The Choir of Men and Boys, The Girls' Choir and Adult Choirs will join forces to offer some of our favorite anthems by Bairstow, Beethoven, Byrd, Mozart, Palestrina, Stanford and Tallis. Our organ scholar, George Fergus will tickle the keys and pedals with an amazing display at the Bicentennial Organ and a Merry Noise will be enjoyed by all. The Music offered is a sampler of the program the choirs will offer this summer as they tour France. **Get your ticket to the special benefit reception** at the [music website](#) and help the Choirs raise funds for their summer concert tour to France.

Holy Week and Easter: Schedule of Worship and Music

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 *Durufié, 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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