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**A "Triune" God?  
Sunday @10am**



The Holy Trinity. God the Father, God the Son, Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit as a

**March 13, 2016**

The Fifth Sunday in Lent



Dear Friends,

The death of former First Lady Nancy Reagan earlier this week at the age of 94 has evoked images and memories of her husband's presidency. Ronald Reagan occupied the Oval Office from 1981-1989, and did as much to stamp his image upon a decade than perhaps any of his predecessors. Few people were neutral towards Reagan, and a pro or con bias is often immediately apparent in articles and biographies about him. The fact is, and biographers themselves admit it, Reagan has been one of the most difficult public figures to understand. What really drove him? What did he believe? Even those who served closely with him found it difficult to "get" the core of his personality. I suspect that historians will be writing about Reagan for years to come.

The same has been said of Abraham Lincoln. He is widely regarded as our greatest president, and everyone wants to claim him, but the essence of his personality is nearly impenetrable. If you go to Ford's Theater in Washington DC where Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, you will find in the education center a tower of books. The tower is 34-foot tall and includes just some of the books that have been written about Lincoln. Has the definitive biography of our 16<sup>th</sup> President been published? Probably not, so stay tuned.

One reason we come to church and take hold of a faith tradition is to explore the mystery of God's personality. We believe that God has chosen to reveal the Divine Nature to us in the goodness and love made known to us in creation, in the calling of Israel, in the Word spoken

dove. Lucas Cranach the Elder  
(d. 1553)

The Sunday Forum  
with  
Ms. Currie Estreich.

## Help Bring Easter Beauty to Grace Church!



**ONE MORE WEEK to Give Easter Flowers in Honor of a Loved One!** Each year at Easter time your generous donations bring a glorious display of spring blooms to Grace Church. Will you make your gift now? You may click [HERE](#) to give online (And if you wish, you may fill in your dedication to a loved one in the "*comments*" box). And of course you may give cash or check via envelopes, shown above, and found around the church and parish house. We recommend donation amounts beginning at \$50, but are grateful for any amount you can give. Thank you!

through the prophets, and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus. If one were to create a tower of books pertaining to God's nature, it would be far taller than 34-feet. The name that Christians give to the nature, or personality of God is the Trinity, and we can be certain that the last word will never be written.

This week at the Sunday Forum, parishioner Currie Estreich will be sharing the spiritual blessings she has experienced through pondering and studying the doctrine of the Trinity. What a brave topic to undertake, and it's not even Trinity Sunday! Will it be the last word on the subject? Probably not. Will Currie be worth hearing? Absolutely! Join us at 10 am in the Reception Room for coffee and conversation. And don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday.

See you in church.

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

## This Sunday

March 13

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

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

Music: The Parish Choir

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

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

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

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen C. Holton

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

### GOD BREAKS IN! THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM

**On 3/13: How can the One God be Triune, and why is it worth the effort to understand him as such?**

Parishioner and seminary student, Currie Estreich will share her dawning appreciation for this difficult but life-giving concept.

*For your dedication "in honor of" or "in memory of" to be listed in the Easter service bulletin, it must be received by Palm Sunday, 3/20.*

**TEEN STUDY BREAK** – Youth in grades 7–12 are invited to take a break and join for snacks and conversation this Sunday, March 13 from 4:30–5:45 in the Parish House (3rd Floor). Enter at the 802 Broadway entrance. [Contact the Rev. Chase Danford](#) for more information.

**Please pray for...**



***those who suffer***

Victoria Greenberg  
 Bill Nave  
 Greg Gillies  
 Josephine Ferraiuolo  
 Howard Small  
 Trish Lawrence  
 Paul Tillotson

***and those who have died***

Reneata Harris

***Coming Soon***

**MAR 16 – SACRED CONVERSATION ON RACE AND JUSTICE: A 20s/30s-ish Lenten Book Study.** Grace Church invites young professionals and students (ages 18–45) from around NYC to a discussion series on Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. We will meet in the Reception Room on Wednesdays, Mar 2, 9 and 16 from 7–8:30 pm to discuss the book and whether the church might be called to respond to the issues raised. You may join at any time.

**MAR 18 – 20s/30s-ish SUSHI FRIDAYS –** Parishioners 18–45 are invited to join other young adults from NYC Episcopal parishes at Grace Church on March 18, from 6:30–8:30 pm. The evening will include a tour of the church (perfect opportunity to invite a friend!), sushi and the brief but beautiful service of Compline (Night Prayers). Meet in the Reception Room via the 802 Broadway entrance to the Parish House. [RSVP to the Rev. Chase Danford](#).

**HOW CAN I HELP?**



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**MAR 20 – EVENSING WITH PART II OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH** On Palm Sunday at 4 pm in the Church, the Adult Choir will offer Choral Evensong featuring excerpts from Part II of Handel's MESSIAH.

**MAR 23 – WED. HOLY EUCHARIST AND TENEBRAE: A SERVICE OF DARKNESS AND LIGHT.** 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 for supper to [the Rev. Stephen Holton](#).*

**MAR 26 – CHILDREN'S EASTER EVE WALK** – Join us on Holy Saturday, March 26, from 10:30 am–1:30 pm, as we experience the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus 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 (\$10 per child, \$20 for family), includes a pizza lunch. *To attend, RSVP [to the Rev. Chase Danford](#).*

**MAR 27 – EASTER DAY** – No Sunday School. Activity bags available to help kids sit through church!

**APR 10, 17, 24 – NEWCOMERS' CLASSES** – Members of the clergy speak, and answer questions, about Christianity, the Episcopal Church, and what it's like to be a member of Grace Church. A light lunch will be served. Sundays, April 10, 17, 24, from 12:45 – 1:45 pm in the Reception Room.

**APR 10 – EVENSONG WITH PART III OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH** – The Adult Choir with the Parish Choir will offer Choral Evensong featuring excerpts from Part III (the Easter Portion) of Handel's MESSIAH.

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