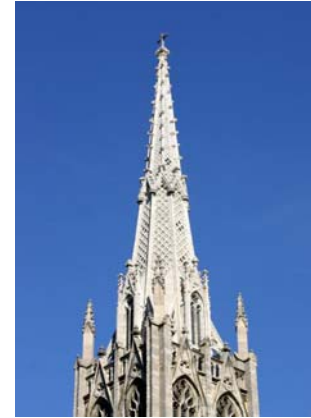


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March 6, 2016

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



Dear Friends,

It is a snowy Friday morning as I write this. Usually, by the time we reach the Fourth Sunday in Lent, spring has begun to show some signs of life. Not this year. Even though the winter has not been especially difficult, Easter 2016 comes early - on March 27th. We

have only three weeks to prepare in heart, soul, and mind for the earth-shattering message that Christ is risen. (Oops! I'm not supposed to say that during Lent). But Lent is flying by and soon it will be Easter. Will you be ready?

One thing I did last weekend to begin preparing for Easter was to go see the movie *Risen*. Frankly, I wanted to see it sooner rather than later because I feared that if I waited too long it would be gone from the theater. Movies about Jesus are typically not great, so they don't last long. The producers must walk a fine line between exercising their own imaginations in telling the story, and offending hypersensitive people who will cry foul if a scene is not portrayed exactly as they think the Bible specifies it should.

Risen is different, and well worth seeing. The premise of the movie is interesting from an historical standpoint. It explores what might have been happening in Jerusalem's halls of power during the immediate aftermath of the Resurrection. What were those who were responsible for putting Jesus to death doing with the reports that he had risen? The main character is a battle-weary Roman soldier named Clavius, who is an aide to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea. Pilate charges Clavius to find the followers of Jesus who had gone into hiding, and discover what they did with the body. If nothing else, *Risen* will cause you to wonder with new intensity: what exactly did

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!

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.

The Puritans' view of Lent? Sunday @10am

The Sunday Forum with Dr. Diana Benet

Please pray for...

happen during that fateful weekend that changed the course of world history?

I note that nearby theaters are already reducing the number of show times for *Risen*. Catch it if you can. Easter will be here before we know it.

See you in church.

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

This Sunday

9 a.m. A Penitential Order & Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen C. Holton

Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. A Penitential Order & Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen C. Holton

Music: The Choir of Men and Boys

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

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

WEDNESDAY, March 9

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

THE PURITAN REJECTION OF LENT – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM

– We will look at the reasons why the English Puritans rejected Lent and Lenten practice in the seventeenth century. A poem by Robert Herrick and a reading from the Bible will guide us in a consideration of questions arising from observances of Lent. *Led by parishioner and scholar, Dr. Diana Benet. Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served.*



those who suffer

Victoria Greenberg
Lori Interlicchio
Alana Duran
Julie Harvey
Bill Nave
Greg Gillies
Josephine Ferraiuolo
Howard Small
Trish Lawrence
Paul Tillotson

and those who have died.

HOW CAN I HELP?



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Coming Soon

MAR 9, 16 –SACRED CONVERSATION ON RACE AND JUSTICE: A 20's and 30's-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 Mar 2, 9 and 16 from 7 to 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. *RSVP to the Rev. Chase Danford [here](#).*

MAR 12 – GRACE CHURCH/GO PROJECT VOLUNTEER DAY As you may know, Grace Church is a longtime supporter of the GO Project. On most Saturday mornings, from October to April, GO volunteers work under the supervision of teachers to support some of NYC's most struggling elementary and middle school students. If you'd like to see the program in action, you are invited on March 12 to visit, or to volunteer for the day, helping the children with hands-on learning, games and fun! Saturday, March 12th from 9 am–12:30 pm. *RSVP to Olivia Nunez at onunez@goprojectnyc.org.*

MAR 13 – GOD BREAKS IN! THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM – Speakers for this Lenten series will draw on their own experience—whether through the lens of art or literature, work or leisure, joy or sorrow, to describe those times when they feel that God has been trying to get their attention. Sundays in Lent. *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.*

MAR 18 – 20s/30s-ish SUSHI FRIDAYS – Parishioners 18–45 are invited to join other young adults from NYC Episcopal parishes at our annual Lenten Sushi Fridays. On March 4, Trinity Church will host from 6:30–8:30 pm. On March 18, Grace Church will host from 6:30–8:30 pm, with 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 for either evening to the Rev. Chase Danford at cdanford@gracechurchnyc.org.*

MAR 20 – EXCERPTS FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH On Palm Sunday at 4 pm in the Church, the Adult Choir will offer Choral Evensong featuring excerpts from Part II (the Easter Portion) of Handel's MESSIAH.

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 at cdanford@gracechurchnyc.org.

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

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