

# The Epistle *E-news*

## GRACE CHURCH

### in New York City



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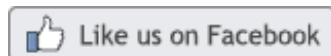
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### SERVICE TIMES for Holy Week and Easter Day



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*Note: The Epistle E-news is on recess next week.*

## Holy Week & Easter 2017



Dear Friends,

Every year the buildings and the grounds of Grace Church have their own ways of indicating that Easter is near. In the rectory yard - whether Easter is early as it was last year, or later as it is this year - the magnificent magnolia tree usually bursts into bloom in praise to the Lord. It is a springtime attraction that causes first-time tourists and veteran urbanites to stop in their tracks and stare. Tulips and daffodils are pushing up from the earth, the grass is greening, and is even looking ready for its first mowing. Inside the church, it is just at this time of year when the rising sun in the east hits the great Te Deum window above the high altar, flooding the full length of the nave with such a riot of brilliant color that sunglasses would be in order. It is really something to see.

Alas, this year the vicissitudes of March seem to have muted the praises of the magnolia tree. A few weeks ago the weather warmed up and you could see the buds preparing to flower. Then, suddenly winter temperatures and snow returned with a vengeance, and the buds closed tight as if to say, "Wait till next year; we'll try this again in 2018." As I look today, I see green leaves appearing meaning the tree has skipped its flowering phase this year.

Nevertheless, here comes Easter Day: the highest feast of the Christian year, this Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 2017. If the world seems out of kilter, and you feel tempted to bypass the celebration this year, you still have time to get ready. The Maundy Thursday service is tonight at 7 pm, Good Friday is tomorrow, the Easter Vigil is Saturday, and then the great day will be upon us. See the schedule below.

**ROMANTIC-  
BAROQUE-  
ROMANTIC?**

A History of  
Organs at Grace  
Church.  
The Sunday  
Forum April 30th  
@10 am

(details below, right)

**Tickets on  
Sale!**



**ANNUAL SPRING  
BENEFIT** – Support  
our friends at the  
GO Project in their  
work to help  
struggling  
NYC public school  
children to thrive!  
(click image for  
tickets)

**WE GIVE  
THANKS**

to all who  
supported the  
Easter flower fund,  
including

The magnolia tree may have taken the year off, but the rising sun is still striking the striking Te Deum window in all its glory. Come see it. See you in church.

[The Reverend J. Donald Waring](#)

Rector

**Holy Week continues, please join us.**

(Tonight!) MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 13  
7 p.m. in the Church

**Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing, Stripping of  
the Altar**

Preacher: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek  
Music by *Durufle, Farrant, Tallis, & others.*  
The Adult Choir.

(Service times for GOOD FRIDAY and HOLY  
SATURDAY, visit our website [HERE.](#))



\_Passio\_ mors et resurrectio dn. Nostri Jesu Christi.\_ Longinus Stabbing Christ  
with his Lance.

**This Sunday, Easter Day, April 16th**

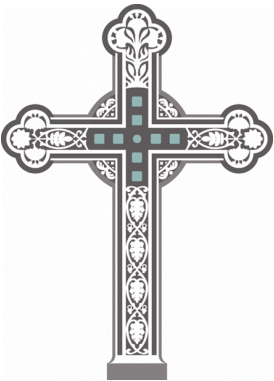
All services in the church.

**9 a.m. Festive Choral Eucharist**

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring.  
Music: The Combined Choirs of Grace Church

our special thanks to Ellen McElduff, head of the Flower Guild. The generosity of all will be in magnificent evidence, to the Glory of God, on Easter Day!

**Please pray for...**



***those who suffer***

David Morgan

Linda & Tom Hall

David

Elisa Galjour

Josephine Ferraiuolo

Howard Small

Trish Lawrence

***and those who have died.***

**April 22 & May 6**



**Come and build!**

(Click image)

**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.



***Coming Soon***

**APR 17** – The Church and Parish House are closed on Easter Monday.

**APR 20** – A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PETER HOGDEN, our Facilities Manager who died unexpectedly on March 31<sup>st</sup>, will be held in the church at 4 pm. Members of the Grace Church and School Communities are invited to attend. Memorial gifts in Pete's name may be directed to [The GO Project here.](#)

**APR 22 (SIGN UP NOW!) HABITAT FOR HUMANITY/GRACE CHURCH BUILD DAY** –We are partnering with Habitat to rehabilitate a condemned house in St. Albans, Queens for a family in need. Volunteers have been hard at work since last summer and would love to have you join them! The next build days are Saturdays April 22, May 6. *Information and registration [here](#) or contact Martha Korienek [here](#).*

**APR 22 – VOLUNTEER AT "HOPE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED"** the food ministry of Church of the Village (201 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St.). We will be serving a hot meal to those who need it on Saturday, April 22nd from 12–2:30 pm. *To sign up, please email Martha [here](#).*

**APR 28–30 –LIFT UP THINE EYES KICK–OFF WEEKEND** Join us for a joyous weekend celebration for our capital campaign, *Lift Up Thine Eyes*. In addition to the Annual Spring Choir Concert and reception on Friday evening, Apr 28th, we will also enjoy a festive event immediately following the 11 am service on Sunday Apr 30th, including the premiere of our campaign video and festive fellowship for all. *RSVP for the Sunday event [here](#).*

**APR 28 – THE ANNUAL SPRING CHOIR CONCERT** with the Men and Boys, Girls', and Adult Choirs takes place on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The program celebrates music by New York City composers: Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland, Harold Friedell, Calvin Hampton, Gerre Hancock, Anthony Piccolo, Ned Rorem and *David McKay Williams*. The concert is free and open to all. There will be a festive reception in the Chantry following the concert to benefit the Choir Special Projects Fund.

**APR 29 – EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN'S ONE–DAY RETREAT** – On Saturday, April 29th, the women of Grace Church are invited to a one–day retreat on the theme of "Sabbath." How can we create a rhythm of rest in the midst of our busy lives? The retreat is 9am–5pm at House of the Redeemer (95th, between Madison and

5th). There is a suggested donation of \$45/person. Space is limited to 20 people. *To sign up, please email Martha [here](#).*

**APR 30 –THE PENDULUM SWINGS: A HISTORY OF ORGANS AT GRACE CHURCH – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM**

– Since 1846, there have been six major organ projects at Grace Church. The most recent three follow exactly the style swing of romantic–baroque–romantic that describes the 20th Century American Pipe Organ, culminating with the triumphant masterpiece that brings so much to our worship today. We will trace that history, including the responsibility and methods ensuring that [The Bicentennial Organ](#) (Taylor & Boody, Opus 65) is protected during the present building restoration project. *Speaker John Bishop, pipe organ builder and church organist for over forty years, now specializes in consulting with parishes about the care, renovation, and replacement of their instruments. He is director of the Organ Clearing House, the only firm in the United States dedicated to the preservation of unused vintage pipe organs by helping to find them new homes.*

**MAY 7 – EVENSONG WITH EXCERPTS FROM PART III OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH @4 PM** – The Adult Choir with the Parish Choir will offer Choral Evensong featuring excerpts from Part III (the Easter Portion) of *Handel's MESSIAH*.

**MAY 14 –NEWCOMERS' CLASS** – Newcomers to Grace Church are warmly invited! Held on the second Sunday of each month in the Reception Room at 12:30 pm, each class will discuss how to become a member of Grace Church, as well as a variety of special topics (this month: **Spiritual Practices**). We suggest that you attend at least three classes throughout the year, as a way to get acquainted with the clergy, meet other newcomers, and grow in your faith.

**Next Sunday, April 23rd**

**The Second Sunday of Easter**

**9 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek  
Music: The Parish Choir

**11 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek  
Music: The Choir of Men and Boys

**6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry**

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford  
Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

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Happy Easter!*

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