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in New York City



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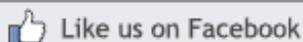
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Last day!

**EASTER
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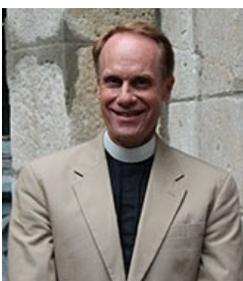


(PALM SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY to get your dedications in the Easter Sunday service bulletins!)

Bedeck the church in

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday



Dear Friends,

One of the most poignant moments of Palm Sunday is recorded only in the Gospel of Luke. As Jesus drew near to the city of Jerusalem, riding humbly on a donkey, his followers responded joyfully and proclaimed him as "the

King who comes in the name of the Lord." They believed Jesus was the long awaited Messiah who was coming to clean house. They expected the Messiah to do away with not only the Roman occupiers, but also the corrupt Temple officials who seemed to make the faith of Israel a burden rather than a blessing. All of the Gospels report as much, but only in Luke do we see Jesus, stopping at the brink of Jerusalem, and weeping over the city, saying, *"Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes."*

On Palm Sunday we will once again celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. This year we will welcome our King with more fanfare than we've experienced in the past month. The tarp covering the organ due to ceiling restoration is gone, and all 5,000 pipes of the mighty instrument will sound (but probably not all at once) for the grand procession at 11 am. Even though we will be reading from the Gospel of Matthew, I can't help but think that Luke would be more appropriate this year. As Jesus approaches our troubled cities, I imagine that he pauses and weeps. In Syria, dozens lay dead - many of them children - from an attack of chemical weapons. In North Korea, a paranoid regime seeks to develop ballistic missiles that will carry nuclear warheads around the globe.

The first Palm Sunday was all about politics: local politics delegated to Herod the King, international politics embodied

beautiful spring 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). Or find a flower envelope in the narthex or Parish House hallway.

in Pontius Pilate, and religious politics presided over by Caiaphas the High Priest. As for the current collection of world leaders today, we can only pray that they learn *the things that make for peace*. We will pray especially this Holy Week that they be guided by the Spirit of the one who rode humbly into Jerusalem, and wept over the city.

Speaking of tears, many people in the Grace Church and School communities are still feeling the loss of Pete Hogden, our facilities manager who died unexpectedly last week. For those who knew Pete and worked with him, we will hold a memorial service in the church on Thursday, April 20, 4pm.

See you in church.

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

From the Darkness to the Light



TENEBRAE
April 12th
(Details at right)

SERVICE TIMES for Holy Week and Easter Day



Visit Our Website
[HERE](#).

Please pray

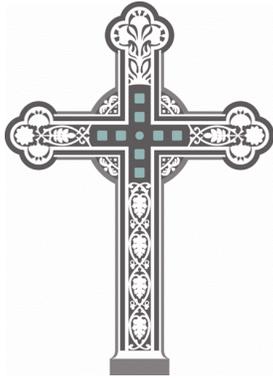
This Sunday

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

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 Girls' Choir with Adults.

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

for...



those who suffer

Linda & Tom Hall

David

Elisa Galjour

Ramzi Abed

Rayma Hayes

Josephine Ferraiuolo

Howard Small

Trish Lawrence

and those who have died

David Recca



THE SUNDAY FORUM – is on recess for Palm Sunday, Easter Day, and April 23rd.

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 (**TODAY: The ministries of Grace Church**). 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHANGES – On Palm Sunday at 9 am, children will begin in church rather than Sunday school to participate in the Liturgy of the Palms. They will then be escorted to class. On Easter Sunday, there will be no Sunday school, but children's activity bags will be distributed at the main entrance.

April 22!



Come and build!

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EXCERPTS FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH, PART II



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AT 4:00 P.M.

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Patrick Allen, Organist and Master of Choristers

Coming Soon

For a full list of **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES** (Mon, April 10 – Easter Day, Sun, April 16), visit our website [HERE](#).

APR 12 – 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 pray and read Scripture together in candlelight and peace.

APR 15 – CHILDREN'S EASTER EVE WALK – Join us on Holy Saturday, April 15, from 10:30 am–1:30 pm, as we experience the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus through interactive storytelling, crafts, lunch, and an Easter egg hunt. Activities are designed for kids ages 3–

12, but the whole family is welcome (and teens often volunteer as helpers). *RSVP to the Rev. Chase Danford [HERE](#).*

APR 15 & JUNE 4 – BAPTISMS – The next baptismal service for adults and children will be at the Easter Vigil on April 15 at 7 pm. The following date is Pentecost Sunday, June 4, at 11 am. *Please contact the Rev. Chase Danford [HERE](#) for further details.*

APR 20 – A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PETER HOGDEN, our Facilities Manager who died unexpectedly on March 31st, 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, and May 20. *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. 13th 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. Please mark your calendars!

APR 28 – THE ANNUAL SPRING CHOIR

CONCERT with the Men and Boys, Girls', and Adult Choirs takes place on Friday, April 28th 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](#).*

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*.

*To find service information,
you may visit www.gracechurchnyc.org, updated weekly.*

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