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GRACE CHURCH

in New York City



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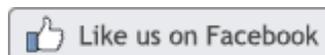
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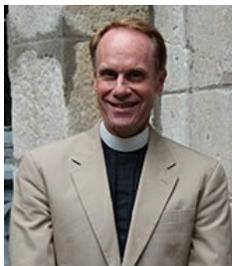
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EASTER FLOWERS
in Memoriam or
Thanksgiving**
(deadline soon!)



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March 18, 2018

The Fifth Sunday in Lent



Dear Friends,

If you scroll down to the third and fourth articles, below, you will see that we have some wonderful news to report. A generous parish family has come forward with a \$25,000 challenge grant to help us fund

"Unity House," our second collaboration with Habitat for Humanity. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 by the April 10th Vestry meeting so that we can sign a letter of understanding with Habitat. Between now and then, every dollar that we give, up to \$25,000, will have double the impact in supporting a critical outreach project for Grace Church.

A word of background, and why you might want to consider supporting Unity House. Our first project with Habitat was "The House that Grace Built." Beginning in 2015 we set out to raise \$100,000 so that we could be a full partner with Habitat in their work of buying dilapidated houses, rehabilitating them, and working with families to become first-time homeowners. The house we took on was in the St. Alban's neighborhood of Queens. It had been vacant for twenty years, and to describe it as utterly uninhabitable would have been an understatement.

Over the next two years we raised up volunteer work crews from Grace Church to participate in every phase of the restoration. Along the way we built up community amongst ourselves as we built up the house. (One couple who met at an early work day are now planning their June wedding at Grace Church!)

service bulletins if
received by Palm
Sunday, March 25th.

Make your [online
donation now!](#)

*(If your online gift is
dedicated "in honor of" or
"in memory of," please list
this in the comments box.)*

Or use a flower donation
envelope found in the
Parish House hallway.

As always, thank you!

Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter Services

For details, visit
our [website](#).

**LENTEN E-
DEVOTIONAL
(You can still
sign up!)**

Daily devotional
guide written by
Grace Church
parishioners for each
other. [Sign up, here!](#)

*Please pray
for...*

Two months ago we blessed the house and got to
know the family who will occupy it. Now the Outreach
Committee has been urging us toward part-two.

Early on we recognized the tremendous communal
aspect of the work days. As we began envisioning a
second round, the possibility of reaching out to
another faith community and sharing the experience
together became increasingly attractive. What is more,
we realized that in this time of deep division and
suspicion in our nation, that faith community ought to
be Muslim. Thus, we are partnering with a Muslim
service organization called "[Who is Hussein?](#)" They are
working to raise \$50,000, as are we. A house in Queens
has been identified, and the ground breaking is set for
Saturday, April 28th. We are calling it Unity House for
the obvious reason of demonstrating to the world that
people of different creeds and backgrounds can
extend the hand of friendship to each other, disperse
the gloomy clouds of fear, and work for the common
good of the community.

I hope the project sounds attractive to you, and that
you will participate in it - if not on a workday itself,
then by helping us reach our financial goal. If you'd like
to participate in the challenge grant, you can do so
today by clicking [here](#).

See you in church.

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

This Sunday

March 18th

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek

Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek

Music: The Adult Choir

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek



those who suffer

Albert Statman
Flordelisa Mota
Josephine

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

Peter Schultheis

STUMP THE CLERGY! The Sunday Forum @ 10 AM.

For the second week in a row, our scheduled Sunday Forum speaker has had to cancel due to a family emergency. Thus, the clergy of Grace Church will stand in the gap and reprise a session we have tried before with some success: STUMP THE CLERGY!

Audience participants are invited to submit Biblical, theological, social, even political questions that are of Christian concern and the clergy will do their best to address them. Held in the Reception Room; Coffee is served.

Newcomers' Class – New people to Grace are warmly invited to our Newcomers Class on Sunday, March 18th in the reception room at 12:30 pm. Each session will discuss how to become a member of Grace, as well as this session we will be talking about *Holy Week and Easter*. We recommend that you attend at least three classes throughout the year, as a way to get acquainted with the clergy, with other new members, and to grow in your faith. Lunch will be provided, so [RSVP to Martha](#).

Parish Wide Lenten Practice – "UNITY HOUSE"
– This Lent, Grace Church has been fundraising for "Unity House," our next house rebuilding project through Habitat for Humanity, this time partnering with the Muslim community *Who Is Hussain*. We need to raise \$50,000, so people have been using daily Lenten Bible readings to help reflect upon their blessings, and in honor of those blessings, contribute towards Unity House. If you have not yet begun this Lenten practice, there is still time! You can [contact Martha](#) to learn more.

"UNITY HOUSE" Challenge Grant – Great news! A generous Grace Church family has stepped forward

with an amazing \$25,000 challenge grant to help us fund our half of Unity House. Every dollar we raise, including those through the Lenten practice (described above) applies to the challenge. You can also [give online](#). Groundbreaking on Unity House with our Muslim partners is Saturday, April 28th, so time is of the essence for fundraising. More information on the groundbreaking to come soon.

Coming Soon

MAR 19 – LENTEN BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF LUKE – Whether you have never read the Bible before or you are a New Testament scholar, you are welcome to join in as we explore the story of Jesus and learn about different ways to approach scripture. Come to any or all sessions as your schedule allows. Mondays, Feb 26 – Mar 26, 6:30–7:30 pm in the Reception Room.

MAR 21 – PETER SCHULTHEIS – This week at our regular Wednesday 6 pm Eucharist in the chantry we will give thanks for the life of our friend Peter Schultheis and include special prayers for the repose of his soul.

MAR 24 – ECW ONE-DAY RETREAT – Join the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Grace Church for a one-day retreat where we will reflect upon Jesus' final week together. 9:30 am to 2:30 pm in the Reception Room. Lunch is provided; \$5 suggested donation. Childcare can be provided if requested in advance. For more information or to register, [contact Martha](#).

MAR 24 – MUSICAL MEDITATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK (Sat.) – SYMPHONIE-PASSION, OPUS 23. Meditations on the life of Christ inspired by improvisations offered on the Grand Organ at the Wannamaker Store in 1921. Composed by Marcel Dupré. Saturday, Mar 24, at 4 pm.

MAR 25 – EVENSONG WITH EXCERPTS FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH – The Adult Choir will offer Choral Evensong featuring excerpts from Part II (the Easter Portion) of MESSIAH. On Palm Sunday, Mar 25 at 4 pm in the Church.

MAR 25, APR 1 – SUNDAY SCHOOL CHANGES – On Palm Sunday (Mar 25) 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 (Apr 1), there will be no Sunday school, but children's activity bags will be distributed

at the main entrance.

MAR 26, 27 – MUSICAL MEDITATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK (Mon.–Tues.) – SEPT CHORALS–POÈMES POUR LES SEPT PAROLES DU CHRIST. The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross (1935). Composed by Charles Tournemire. Dedicated to Ernest Mitchell, organist of Grace Church 1922–1960. Monday, Mar 26 at 7 pm. LEÇONS DE TÉNÈBRES POUR LE MERCREDI SAINT. Tenebrae Readings for Holy Wednesday (1714). Composed by François Couperin. Amy Bartram, soprano, Ruth Cunningham, soprano, Patricia Ann Neely, viola da gamba. Tuesday, Mar 27 at 7 pm.

MAR 28 –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.

MAR 31 – CHILDREN'S EASTER EVE WALK – Join us on Holy Saturday, March 31, from 10:30 am–1 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 4–12, but the whole family is welcome (and teens often volunteer as helpers). [RSVP to the Rev. Chase Danford.](#)

APRIL 15 – GO PROJECT SUNDAY– This spring the GO Project celebrates its 50th anniversary. At Grace Church, in honor of our parishioners who have helped to make this program such a success and everyone who has contributed to its thriving, and to give thanks for the important work it does in our community, we will celebrate the GO Project on Sunday, April 15th with a special reception after the 11am worship service.

APRIL 28 – "UNITY HOUSE" IS ALMOST HERE! We begin this new building partnership with *Who Is Hussain* on Saturday, April 28th. Together we will rebuild a home in Queens through Habitat for Humanity. Please contact Martha for more information or to learn how to sign up.

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

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