

Announcements

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The Third Sunday in Lent

The Mission of Grace Church:

Live in Community, Grow in Christ, Serve the World

The Mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago:

Growing the Church, Forming the Faithful, Changing the World

Greeting

• **Welcome to Grace Church!** We are very glad you are here. All are invited to receive communion at God's altar here. Although there are customary postures (such as standing and kneeling) in Episcopal worship, you are invited to sit at any point, according to your needs and comfort. A restroom is located to the left of the altar along the windows, or off the large room on the street level. If you would like to receive a gluten-free communion wafer, please notify the usher. If for any reason you do not wish to receive one of the elements of communion (the bread or the wine) please signify that intention by keeping your hands gently folded on your chest.

• **We worship each Sunday** at 8 (quiet service), 10 AM (with music).

• **Sunday School for our young people** as announced.

• **Sunday School for adults** most Sundays after 10 AM Coffee

• **You are invited following the 8 AM service** to join in a pay-as-you-go coffee/breakfast together at Blackie's (corner of Polk and Clark).

Please gather around the font after worship and we'll all step out together.

• **Please join after the 10 AM service** in our Coffee/Tea/Juice Hour on the ground level of Grace Place.

• **We gather each Wednesday** until the Second Coming. . .

 Noon- 12:45 *Sandwich, Scripture and Sacrament* (a group exploration of one of the Scriptures for the up-coming Sunday, eating our sack lunches, sharing a simple Holy Communion)

 6:00 - 7:00 PM *Grace's Centering Prayer group*

• **Each Thursday Music@Grace Concert**, noon, followed by brown-bag lunch. This week: Lauren Toner, bassoon

Praying

Thanksgiving for **Donna** recovering from surgery following a fall; for the repose of the soul of **Krystyna**, mother of **Bozena**, who has been buried in Warsaw, Poland; for those grieving the death of **Carolyn (mother of Beth)** and **Megan ‘s father Tom**; for the **people of the nations of Haiti and Chile**; for **Miranda**; those **looking for work**; thanksgiving for **work found**; for those **living with addictions**; for **those struggling with addiction**; for our next **Director of Music** whom God has already chosen; for the birthdays in March of **Barb (2)**, **Ariel (2)**, **Graham (3)**, **Scott (3)**, **Tom (6)**, [**Al Walls’ ordination (6)**]; **Mia (9)**, [**Wayne (13)**]; **Kimberly (11)**, **Richard (14)**, **Jenna (18)**; [**Cara and Andrew Anniversary (22)**]; **Shawn (26)**, **Daniel (29)**.

Planning

Sunday, Mar 7	Sunday, Mar 14	Sunday, Mar 21	Sunday, Mar 28	Sunday, April 4
The Third Sunday in Lent <i>Faith Without Fanaticism 2 / Mitchell.</i>	The Fourth Sunday in Lent <i>Praying our Experiences / Curtis</i>	The Fifth Sunday in Lent <i>What do you desire? / Curtis</i>	The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday <i>Betrayal and Gift / Curtis</i>	The Sunday of the Resurrection / Easter Day <i>Easter Feast ya’ll come.</i>

Parking

Grace rents the parking spaces nestled around Jones College Prep (Harrison and South Plymouth Court) marked PERMIT PARKING OR VISITOR PARKING. Do not park in the spaces marked “I-Go Car” or the handicapped space (unless you have the credentials to do so). We have white laminated parking passes on the usher’s table for display on your front dashboard under the window. These spaces are for your use on Sunday morning between 7:30am and 2:30pm and for other evening worship events as announced.

Growing and Serving

- **Adult formation Sunday discussions in Lent (c. 11:30 -12:20 PM)**

3 Lent Mar 7: H.D., “Faith Without Fanaticism 2”

“You Don’t Have To Be Wrong For Me To Be Right: Faith Without Fanaticism.” Does this book title ring a bell with you as an antidote to strident voices, incivility and narrow certainties which often divide people of conviction?

The author knows what it means to be a fanatic; he was one. Yet now as a person of faith and deep commitment Rabbi Brad Hirshfield uses his own spiritual journey to help people of good will keep a passion for their own commitments but also allow for that diversity which marks our human journey. He suggests a path to peace, increased understanding and respect across religious and political boundaries.

Join us to discuss how the author distinguishes between life-giving faith and life- quenching fanaticism. We’ll also look together at how to engage in dialogue those whose beliefs

are far removed from one's own. H.D. Mitchell (retired U. Methodist pastor with recent college teaching experience) will seek to help us explore both fervor and humility in the practice of our faith.

4 Lent Mar 14: Rector Ted, “Praying our Life Experiences”

Is prayer for you perhaps an aesthetic exercise or an abstract “talking to a God you know is not there?” This discussion, based on Joseph Schmidt’s prayer classic “Praying Our Experiences: An Invitation to Open Our Lives to God” may convince you otherwise.

5 Lent Mar 21: Rector Ted, “What do you desire?”

This prime question is asked of all travelers on the journey of the spirit in this life. Come and explore the concept of desire in the Christian tradition, and have a chance to see how you would answer this question.

Palm Sun Mar 28: Rector Ted, “Betrayal and Gift”

Can being ratted out [by life, by the boss, by a friend, by a spouse, by our own body] be a gift to us? We will dive into the mystery of the sacred three days, the *Triduum* (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday).

- **Our “Other Voices” preachers in Lent:** 2 Lent Callis; [3 Lent Curtis]; 4 Lent Bidy; 5 Lent Atteberry.

- **Music@Grace, a new joint program of Grace Church, the South Loop Campus Ministry and the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University!** Noon: concert by a student musician; 12:40 brown-bag lunch in the community center. Here’s the line-up: March 4: Lauren Toner, Bassoon; March 11: Megan Williams, Soprano; March 18: Yoko Yamanaga, Violin; March 25: Aimee Biasiello, Viola. Many thanks to Anne for her vision and leadership on this.

- **Join in serving 225 Sandwich Sacks and Soup Servings in support of the Night Ministry** – every second Wednesday of the month we gather from 5 – 6:30 to prepare sandwiches and created lunch sacks with cookie, chips, drink and fruit in them. We take them to Humboldt Park, to rendezvous with the Night Ministry van, on the second Thursday of each month, 6 – 8 PM. See Marilynn.

- **Grace’s Building Committee has removed the dais from the sanctuary and stored it in the basement.** Why: to facilitate moving the piano front-and-center during the Thursday concerts; to prepare the sanctuary for re-flooring and re-carpeting this Spring; to repair and refurbish the dais, if at all possible and desirable; to experience the gathered community all on the same level during our celebration of communion. Let us know how you experience our worship space with the dais removed. Tom, chair; Tom, Craig, Mark and Ted, members.

- **Easter Flower Thanksgivings or Memorials?** Please memo your check “Easter Flowers” or give on-line at paychex.com, and tell Rector Ted the name of the loved ones on your heart.

- **Holy Week and Easter at Grace**

Sat Mar 27, Sanctuary spiff and polish ish day, 9 – Noon.

Palm Sunday, 8 and 10 AM Liturgy of the Palms and Communion

Maundy Thursday Apr 1: 6:30 PM Liturgy with meal following

Good Friday Apr 2: Music and Liturgy at 12:15 pm (Michael Biscaglia, guitar) and 6:30 PM (Erik Liefrienck piano, Pat Mosley voice, and congregational singing)

Holy Saturday: 8 PM the Great Vigil of Easter, at St. James Cathedral on Wabash and Huron

The Sunday of the Resurrection / Easter Day: Festive Communion at 8 and 10 AM; Easter Feast following, Craig Bivins is coordinating.