



# Palm Sunday

**Grace Episcopal Church, Elkridge**

Rev. Travis K. Smith, Rector

Rev. Mimi Mathews, Deacon

Feast: The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019 - 9:00 am

## Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

We're glad you are here! The center of all that we do at Grace is the worship of God as revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is our principle call as Christians and is the means by which we are nourished so that we might be the hands and feet of our Risen Lord in our community and the world.

- We invite everyone in worship to **come to our Lord's Table** during worship to receive communion or a blessing. The bread is received with an open hand; the wine by guiding the chalice to your lips or by dipping the wafer into the cup. If you do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead.
- An opportunity for **healing prayer** is offered during worship at the kneeler located under the heart banner in Grace's Wellness Corner. Prayers can be offered for any part of your life that needs it —physical, mental, spiritual. You can come seeking healing for yourself or for someone else in any part of their life.
- **Angels of Grace Nursery** is located upstairs. We love to have children at the services and welcome their energy with open hearts and arms. While not staffed, the nursery is a place parents can take a child if quiet time is desired. Go through the double doors, up the stairs, and follow the signs. A changing table is available in the nursery and in the women's restroom.
- **Children's Chapel** is offered during worship. After the Gospel, children process upstairs and celebrate God's love of them and their neighbor. Children rejoin the service during the Peace.

*Join us for further refreshment after worship concludes. If you're looking for a spiritual home, exploring your faith, searching for ways to serve your community, or seeking to make a difference in God's world, you are welcome at Grace Episcopal Church.*

### **Mission Statement of Grace Church**

- We are called by God to be a community of faith committed to knowing Jesus and making Him known to the world.
- We believe we are called to seek Christ in all persons and to love our neighbors as God loves us.
- We believe as the body of Christ we are called to reach out to our local community and the world, to invite all people to know the joy of God, and to welcome all persons into fellowship.
- We believe we are called to nurture each other in the faith and to be a fellowship of grace and renewal.

Looking for a church that loves people? Come as our guest and leave as one of the family! Church services are held at 7:30a.m. at the **Historic Stone Church** in downtown ElkrIDGE off of Main Street and at 10 a.m. at the **Holy Family Chapel** at 6725 Montgomery Road. For more information about Grace Episcopal Church, check the website at <http://graceelkrIDGE.org> or call the office at 410—796-3270.

## **The Liturgy of the Palms**

*The people stand as they are able.*

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (19:28-40).

<sup>28</sup> Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup> He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

**Celebrant**            The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*The Bishop or Priest says*

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

### **The Procession**

**Deacon** Let us go forth in peace.

**People** *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

### **Hymn - Ride On, Ride On in Majesty - WR 268**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Celebrant** There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People** *There is one hope in God's call to us;*

**Celebrant** One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People** *One God and Father of all.*

### **Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading**

A reading from The Book of Isaiah (50:4-9a).

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup> It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Psalm 39**

***Abba, Abba, I put my life in your hands.***

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### ***Refrain:***

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice rescue me, in your hands I commend my spirit.

### ***Refrain:***

For all my foes reproach me: all my friends are now put to flight,  
I am forgotten, like the dead, liked a dish that now is broken.

### ***Refrain:***

I place my trust in you, in your hands is my destiny.  
Let your face shine upon your servant, in your hands I will place my life.

### ***Refrain:***

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **Hymn: Hail Thee Festival Day - The Hymnal 1982 p175**

*Hail thee festival day blest day that art hallowed forever day where on Christ a rose, breaking the kingdom of death.*

### ***Refrain:***

He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the ruler of nature; all things created on earth sing to the glory of God:

***Refrain:***

Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art author of life and creation.  
Treading the pathway of death life thou bestowest on all:

***Refrain***

Jesus the health of the world enlighten our minds, thou Redeemer,  
Son of the Father supreme, only-begotten of God:

***Refrain***

Praise to the Giver of good! Thou Love who art author of concord,  
pour out thy balm on our souls, order our ways in thy peace:

***Refrain***

**Gospel**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Words of the Assembly**

Soldiers: Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?

Narrator: They kept heaping many other insults on him. When the day came, the assembly of the elders of the people both chief priests and scribes, gathered together and they brought him to their council. They said,

***All: if you are the Messiah, tell us.***

Narrator: He replied

Jesus: "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

Narrator: All of them asked,

***All: Are you, then, the Son of God?***

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: "You say that I am"

Narrator: Then they said,

***All: What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!***

Narrator: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him saying,

***All: We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.***

Narrator: Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Narrator: He answered

Jesus: "You say so"

Narrator: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds

Pilate: "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

Narrator: But they were insistent and said,

***All: He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.***

Narrator: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ... Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; ...

Narrator: Then they all shouted out together

***All: Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"***

Narrator: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

***All: Crucify him, Crucify him!***

**Sermon - The Rev. Travis K. Smith**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The people stand as they are able.*

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

*Celebrant*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents* I present Theodore Bartholomew to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*The Celebrant asks the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ? *People* We will.

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

**Celebrant** Do you believe in God the Father?

**People** *I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

**Celebrant** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People** *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

**Celebrant** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People** *I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.*

**Celebrant** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

**People** *I will, with God's help.*

**Celebrant**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People** *I will, with God's help.*

**Celebrant** Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People** *I will, with God's help.*

**Celebrant** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People** *I will, with God's help.*

**Celebrant** Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People** *I will, with God's help.*

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for *this person* who *is* to receive the Sacrament of new birth

*Leader* Deliver *him*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open *his heart* to your grace and truth.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill *him* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep *him* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach *him* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send *him* into the world in witness to your love.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring *him* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Thanksgiving over Water**

The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his

fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Baptism**

Theodore Bartholomew, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your *servants* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Theodore Bartholomew, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

**Celebrant** Let us welcome the newly baptized

**People** *We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.*

### **The Peace**

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

## The Holy Communion

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Priest says*

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

### **Offertory Hymn - Anthem**

## Presentation Song

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ his Son

*repeat*

And now let the weak say I am strong

Let the poor say I am rich

Because of what The Lord has done for us

*repeat*

Give Thanks

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

**Celebrant**            The Lord be with you.

**People**                *And also with you.*

**Celebrant**            Lift up your hearts.

**People**                *We lift them to the Lord.*

**Celebrant**            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People**                *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,*

*heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to

reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Celebrant and People***

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.  
AMEN

*The People respond Amen.*

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Celebrant** As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

***People and  
Celebrant***

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*The Priest invites the people to Communion*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **Communion Hymn - Old Rugged Cross - WR260 & Jesus Remember Me - WR285**

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Blessing**

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Hymn - When I survey the Wonderous Cross - WR261**

### **Dismissal**

**Deacon** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

# Announcements

## **Maundy Thursday – Good Friday Vigil**

Signup sheet is in the back of sanctuary.

## **Just for You: Care Note Booklets are available!**

The Care Notes cover a variety of topics to assist people when they are struggling with different aspects of their lives. They provide Hope, Help and Healing with the information about how you might deal with different topics like bullying, illness, hospice, death, marriage, just to name of few. and they cover all ages- Children, Youth, Adults and Seniors. They are near the front door of the FLC on the bookcase. Help yourself- they are for you and they are free compliments of the Pastoral Care Ministry committee.

## **The Grace Episcopal Church Mutual Ministry Survey**

### ***Responses Wanted - Grace Mutual Ministry Survey***

The Mutual Ministry survey is the first step in the Mutual Ministry Review process. The survey is used to help evaluate the ministry we do together and a resource for planning for the future. The goals of these survey questions are;

- To celebrate what is going well and to identify what needs attention/change,
- To give clear and reliable feedback, to speak the truth in love,
- To identify lay and priestly development needs,
- To renew/establish goals and priorities for the next review period,
- To deepen and enhance communication between the congregation, vestry, and rector for the building up of the community.

The survey is being extended through Easter.

The survey can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GraceSurvey2019>

## **Tuesday Suppers** – Soup Supper every week during lent 6pm

Thank you to Jean Schutt who has volunteered to coordinate the dinners for 2018 - 2019 year. If you would like help by doing a supper on a Vestry night, please contact Jean.

Vestry & Supper Dates are: Apr 23, May 28.

Soup Supper Days for Lent: 16 (Seder – Fr. Travis)

## **Easter Week Service**

4/14 - Palm Sunday 9 am @ HSC

4/16 - Seder Supper 6pm @ FLC  
4/18 – Maundy Thursday 7pm @ HSC  
4/18 -19 – Vigil Prayer @ HSC  
4/19 – Good Friday 12noon & 7pm @ HSC  
4/20 – Grace Side Service 8am @ HSC  
Holy Saturday Service 8pm @ HSC  
4/21 – Easter Service 7:30 am @ HSC & 10:15 am @ HSC

### **Spring Tea 2019 - May 4**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4CA5AE2FA31-grace>

If you are able to help please log into sign up genius.

Tickets available soon.

### **Fun, Families, Fellowship**

Save the following dates for this year's activities for the children of Grace Church and their families. We'd love kids of all ages and their families to come for fun and conversation with other Grace Church families. If you'd like to plan one of these activities or have any other questions, please contact Michelle Matto at [mgamatto@hotmail.com](mailto:mgamatto@hotmail.com) or 410-579-8021.

April 28, 2019, 5 PM: Dance Party/Game Night (Sunday Night)

June 2, 2019, 2 PM: Nature Hike/Picnic

### **Ladies Night (Day) Out**

Ladies will meet the last Sunday in April location TBD.

### **VBS Summer 2019**

*Let's go . . . . ~To Mars & Beyond~ Launching into Service in God's Galaxy*

Grace is reviving a tradition so this month is an "In-reach" focus. The generosity of Grace will benefit the children in our community. Parishioners will have an opportunity to help in a variety of ways. Volunteers are needed for before and during the 3- night session. Supplies need to be donated, and money is needed to purchase motivating materials.

Our first and most pressing need is for people who hear Jesus's words,  
"Let the little children come unto me..."  
and want to help make those words come to life in 2019 by  
volunteering their time and talents.

Volunteering Time: Mission Team Member, Mission Team Helpers (5th Grade & UP) - Help your church & get service hours, Registration' Set - up Team, Decorating Team, Music Consultant, Technology Consultant, Snack Team, Iron Decals on T-shirts, Sewing "Sit-upons", Safety Coordinator

This month's "in reach" ministry focus is a bit different in that it is not just about money or "things". It is about time and talent to nurture the children. Please prayerfully consider how you might contribute to this very special "in-reach".

Scheduled for June 26-28 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm @ FLC

If you are interested in helping VBS this year or have questions, you please give Marion Hayes a call (443 618 1894) / mkhayes02@gmail.com) OR Elaine Williams cell 240-893-1501 / dekka25@yahoo.com

### **Children's Sunday School**

### **Adult Sunday School**

#### *Chapter Three: The Holiness Tradition*

The greatest critique of Christianity is not "if there is a God why is there suffering in the world." Rather the greatest critique of Christianity is "if these are God's people then I don't want anything to do with that religion." The greatest reform of the church has come out of the evangelical tradition; the greatest reform of the world has come from the social justice tradition. The greatest reform of Christians emerges out of the holiness tradition. This is the tradition that calls us to the virtuous life or the re-formation of the heart. If you want to change your life this is the tradition that will invite you to embody the change for which you are hoping. I hope you will join us in Sunday School next week to take up the challenge of Holiness in the Christian life.

### **Gluten Allergy??**

Grace now has Gluten Free Host. If you are in need of the Gluten Free Host please let Fr. Travis or Rev. Mimi know and they will be happy to serve you.

### **Tithing via your Credit Card**

We have an agreement with Vanco, our online stewardship/giving company, to accept Credit Card (MC, Visa, Amex & Discover) contributions. You can register your credit card via online or via text message option. You can choose to make your contribution one time, weekly or monthly.

- Online option – graceelkridge.org – go to top right corner click on "Stewardship/Giving" and follow prompts.
- GIVE + Text – text 410-618-1877 and a link will be sent to you for donating. Follow

prompts after the link is open.

- We also purchased a “Mobile Card Reader” so we can use credit cards at events. See flyer in back of the church to log in or just to check it out.

### **Please Use Store Cards-Help The Local Poor**

In the fall 2017, The Vestry decided that on behalf of Grace Church, Fr. Travis Smith can and should continue helping indigent families approaching the church for assistance. While this is often overlooked, The Vestry is proud of this outreach and the judicious use of resources by Fr. Travis Smith. Put in simplest terms possible, the “profit” from the store card program will be used to continue this outreach; deficits will be covered by the Rector’s Discretionary Fund, (supported by loose plate offering 1st & 5th Sundays) surpluses mean more aid available to the community.

Please consider using store cards as a way to brighten the world, just a little bit for those who need it most.

### **Grace Early Learning Center**

Looking for Summer Camp - Spread the word as Grace Early Learning Center is offering summer camp this year from ages from Toddlers to Age 10. Please see Flyer on wall or back of chapel.

### **10:00 am Servers @ Holy Family Chapel**

Please check the schedule for details or call Ginny Stickles @ 410 382 2184.

April: 14 - Palm Sunday @ HSC

21 – Betty McMullen, Rita Chelton, Ginny Stickles, Isobel Schum

28 – Jody Nation, Keith Cameron, Karen Stewart, Rita Chelton

May: 05 – Ginny Stickles, Jody Nation, Bob Pappa Ginny Stickles

**“Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”** John 7:38 NRSV

Parish Calendar Week of April 14, 2019

### **Monday, April 15th**

Office – CLOSED

7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ FLC conf rm 2

7:30 pm AA meeting @ FLC

### **Tuesday, April 16th**

Office 9am – 2pm

9:00am - Discernment Study (All Welcome)

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store

6:00 pm – Seder Suppers

8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ FLC

**Wednesday, April 17th**

Office 9 am – 2 pm

6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 432 Meeting @ FLC

**Thursday, April 18th**

Office 9 am – 2 pm

7:30am - Eucharist Service @ FLC

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store

7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday @ HSC

**Friday, April 19th**

Office Hours CLOSED

10:30am GECC – Jump Bunch

12 noon – Good Friday Service @ HSC

7:00 pm – Good Friday Service @ HSC

7:00 pm – Private Rental @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church (2nd & 3rd Friday in April)

**Saturday, April 20th**

8:00 am – Holy Saturday Service @ HSC Cemetery

10:00 am – 1:00 pm - Mustard Seed Thrift Store

8:00 pm – Great Vigil Service @ HSC

**Sunday, April 21st**

6:00 am – Yale Easter Sunrise Service @ FLC

7:30 am – Easter Holy Eucharist @ HSC

10:15 am - Easter Family Service @ HSC

11:00 am – 12:30 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store OPEN (1st Sunday of Month ONLY)

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm - Private Rental @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church

## Parish Prayers of Intercession

**Apr 14 – Apr 20**

**The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Holy Apostles & St. Stephen, Arbutus; St Andrew's, Glenwood; St Barnabas', Sykesville

**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

**In our community:** We pray that we may be devoted to your worship and directed and sustained in our ministries; that the Holy Spirit will guide and uphold this Parish in all its missions and in our individual spiritual journeys. We pray for the resident of Colonial Landing Apartments, give thanks and prayer for our visitors for whom have yet to walk in our doors. We bid prayers for all member of the Regular and Reserve Forces of the United States, especially *Brian Hesson (friend Rev. Mimi Mathews)*, *Rachel Werts (Karen Stewarts daughter)*, *Jason Werts (Karen Stewarts son in law)*, *David Kinnamont (Karen Stewart son)*, *John Lord (Betty McMullen grandson -in law)*, *Matt Merritt (Amy Szekely son)*, *David Shrewbury (Puppa's son in law)*, *Marc Benson (Stickles nephew)*, *Christen Kratz Woolford (Dennis Kratz daughter)* and *Tom Woolford (Dennis Kratz son in law)*. We also pray for all the men and women who risk their lives daily serving in law enforcement, fire and public safety. Prayers for the Military who have died and their families. We continue to keep all our military and public service casualties in your prayers for their continued recovery.

### **Repose of the Soul:**

**Prayers of Special Intentions:** Lawrence Altman, Cooper Altman & Family, Mel Baumer, Blount & Family, Ann Burt, Taylor Burry, George Chaney, Chris & Beth Eble, Geri Ellen, Rosemary Klochko, Kyle Kratz, Henry, Linda Jordan, Katie Lingg, Gabriel Louis, McBride & Family, Murphy, Kathryn Newman, Patricia Parker, Rachel, Dan Rice, John Roycroft, Eric Scott, Joyce Shields, Ken & Amy Shotting, Bruce Trent, Kailyn Thompson, Constance Wolfe, Cory Woodall, Tessa & Family, Pam & Family

**For the hospitalized, sick and home bound:** Rev. Lloyd Aiken, Peggy Blackburn, Robin Blackburn, Jon Bullock, Doris Clay, Barb Durham, Eleanor Gyr, Candice Harvey, George Perry, Pam Stevens, Rebecca Ubert, Jean Williams, Irene Wilson

**Birthdays:** George Haker, Maddie Schuster, Stephen Weigman,

**Anniversaries:**

\* Names will remain on the prayer list for 8 weeks unless requested longer

**WELCOME TO GRACE - Are you one of our guest today?**

Please take a moment to tell us something about you. Share whatever you like. Please tear this off and put in the offering plate or give it to the rector.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

At which location and service were you our guest?

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Historic Stone Church      \_\_\_\_\_ Holy Family Chapel @ the Family Life Center

How did you find us?

\_\_\_\_\_ Friend

\_\_\_\_\_ Graceelkridge.org

\_\_\_\_\_ Signs

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply: \_\_\_\_\_ First time guest    \_\_\_\_\_ Returning guest    \_\_\_\_\_ New to the area

\_\_\_\_\_ Would like information on Christian Education

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult

\_\_\_\_\_ Children

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Ministries

\_\_\_\_\_ Would like to know more about Grace

\_\_\_\_\_ Would like to know more about the Episcopal Church

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (Seniors, Fellowship, ...)

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