

A Grace Note from the Rector  
March 21, 2024

Dear Ones,

On Sunday, Holy Week begins, the most holy time of the Christian Calendar. I encourage you to give yourself the gift of immersing yourself in the liturgical life of this week. While you're giving yourself that gift, think about inviting someone you know to share this holy time with us.

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 24	<b>Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday</b> ( <i>begin in the Parish Hall</i> ) Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist (9:30am) <i>Live/ Zoom</i>
March 26	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b> Morning Prayer (9am) <i>Online</i>
March 27	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b> Holy Eucharist (Noon) <i>In person only</i>
March 28	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Morning Prayer (9am) <i>Online</i> Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing (7pm) <i>Live/ Zoom</i>
March 29	<b>Good Friday</b> Stations of the Cross (Noon) <i>In person only</i> <i>The Church will be open for prayer until 3pm</i> The Proper Liturgy of Good Friday (7pm) <i>Live/ Zoom</i>
March 30	<b>Holy Saturday</b> Morning Prayer (9am) <i>Online</i> The Proper Liturgy of Holy Saturday (Noon) <i>In person only</i> The Great Vigil of Easter (8pm) <i>In person only</i>
March 31	<b>Easter Day</b> Holy Eucharist (9:30am) <i>Live/ Zoom</i>

#### EASTER FLOWERS

We will be decorating the altar with lilies and other spring flowers for Easter, and will include a list of donors and memorials in an Easter service bulletin insert. Donors are not buying an actual plant, but are making a donation to the Altar Flower Fund “in memory of” or “in honor of” a loved one(s). The recommended donation is \$20 per family, but all memorials will be printed in the bulletin, no matter what. One memorial can include more than one person. Sign up on the sheet posted in the Parish Hall or email information to Mark Mordue at [markmordue@gmail.com](mailto:markmordue@gmail.com).

#### GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

Each year, the Presiding Bishop asks us to remember the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East through a gift to the Good Friday Offering. Given the ongoing turmoil in the Holy Land, our support of the life-giving ministries in this part of the world is even more important. See the poster in the Cloister or follow this link [iam.ec/goodfridayoffering](http://iam.ec/goodfridayoffering).

I have prepared a **new devotional resource** containing 14 sonnets by Malcolm Guite, one for each Station of the Cross. It will be available all week, particularly on Good Friday.

#### CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES ~ ONGOING NEEDS

**Food Pantry:** Canned fruit, meats, and soup, crackers, cereal, pasta & sauce, mac & cheese.

## **A BETTER WAY ~ MARCH NEEDS**

NEW bed pillows (Walmart has prices as low as \$5), pillow cases, hair brushes, body lotion and disposable razors. The advocacy team at A Better Way has joined the tornado recovery efforts in Winchester and Selma by providing crucial supplies. Keep them in mind as you review this list and while out shopping. Pillows and pillow cases are greatly needed!

### **GATHERING GRACE**

Gathering Grace served **100 meals** last Sunday. The next three weekends are busy, so if you have time to **volunteer**, please see Connie or Mary. Remember to bring **candy and/or cookies** for **Easter** Sunday. Donations can be placed in the cheery bunny buckets by the Gathering Grace kitchen.

### **CARDINALS AND HOOSIERS AND BOILERMAKERS, OH MY!**

This year during NCAA March Madness, Grace Village is participating in Campus Ministry Madness, a fundraising challenge between Campus Ministry sites across the country. Did you know that 89% of students who participated in campus ministry planned to continue being active in a faith community? Your support of Campus Ministry allows students to have a space to explore and grow in their faith and prepare themselves for a deep faith life after they graduate. Help Grace Village reign supreme and/or give to your alma mater to support the transformational work happening at our Campuses nationwide! Give today at <https://campusministrymadness.org>. The competition runs until April 8th! Help Grace Village rise above the competition with your generosity!

And, that's not all! Mark your calendars, because we'll be having a complimentary "Thank You" lunch open house for all our donors on Sunday April 7th, between Noon-2pm in the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian. Door Prizes included!

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**JR Johnson** (March 21)

**Carolyn Bell** (March 22)

**Adelaide Petrucco** (March 22)

**Maggie Connolly** (March 24)

**Erica Grober** (March 25)

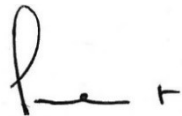
**Brooke-Renée Bonnell** (March 26)

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**Jamie-Sue & Dave Ferrell** (March 24, 2007)

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

God bless you as we approach Holy Week,



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