

The Weekly Epistle
The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday
23rd May 2010
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK



The Day of Pentecost is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year in the Episcopal Church (BCP, p. 15) [It] is identified as one of the feasts that is especially appropriate for baptism. The liturgical color for the feast is red. Pentecost has also been known as Whitsunday ("White Sunday"). This term reflects the custom by which those who were baptized. . . would wear their white baptismal garments to the church on the Day of Pentecost.

*~from An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church
by Don Armentrout & Robert Slocum*

Please pray for those being baptized at the 11:00 Eucharist, Sunday the 23rd

Alison Lindsay Cahill

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Alexandra Lee Sadrian

Cooper Hackney Thornton & McKinley Grace Thornton

Felicity Jean Strauss

Hannah Carolyn Makk

Mary (Molly) Katharine Nowlan

William Arden Moran

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9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Parish Choir

Nursery care for children ages 0-3

Sunday School for children at 9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Baptism and Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Girls' Choir and Adults

Nursery care for children ages 0-3

Sunday School for children during the sermon

6:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Ted Pardoe

Music: Hymns with piano, instrumentalists

SUNDAY

A CANTERBURY TALE - A recent New Yorker article has chronicled the status of ordained women in the Church of England, and the possibility of the first female bishop in the mother church of the Anglican Communion. What other fresh winds are blowing through the church today? The Rev. Ted Pardoe will lead the discussion in the Reception Room at 10 am. Coffee is served.

CHOIR RAFFLE - The choir is sponsoring another amazing raffle with incredible items including an iPad; ipod touch; a Nintendo DSi; tickets to "La Cage au Folles" on Broadway; Temple St. Clair earrings; an original signed print from photographer Annie Liebovitz, and much more! Stop by the choir table in Tuttle hall and buy a raffle ticket today. Raffle tickets are \$5 & \$10 each and support the Boys and Girls Choirs' special projects fund. The drawing will take place at the parish picnic on Sunday, June 6th, out in Huntington Close.

CHALLENGE PLEDGE - Great news! Those of you who have been following our weekly annual pledge announcements have recognized that we have been stalled at \$850,000 - \$50,000 short of where the budget expects pledging to be. A generous parishioner has stepped forward with a wonderful offer to jump start the engine: a \$25,000 challenge pledge. Every new pledge and all increases to existing pledges will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$25,000. You can give online through the church website at www.gracechurchnyc.org. Click on the main menu button, "Give to Grace Online," then the Donate button by Annual Pledge Campaign, and type "Challenge Pledge" in the comments section. You can even stipulate whether your gift will be a one-time payment, or something you wish to spread out over the year. Don't miss an extraordinary opportunity to double the impact of your supporting the Lord's work through the ministries of Grace Church.

OPEN DOOR MINISTRY - The Open Door Ministry staffs Grace Church with volunteers to greet visitors, answer questions and offer brief tours. If you would like to learn more about "welcoming the stranger", please contact Singleton Cox singleton.cox@gmail.com and Jennifer San Cartier jsancartier@nyc.rr.com for more information. There will be a short volunteer training session May 23, following the 11am service. Volunteers should meet at the north end of the narthex.

BROADWAY SIDEWALK - Thank you for your patience as we replace the entire Broadway sidewalk between 10th and 11th Streets, fronting the rectory yard, church, and Huntington Close. The project, costing approximately \$150,000, is being funded by the capital repairs budget. It will be done in phases, and should be completed by June. Access to the parish house, church, and chantry will be maintained at all times.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP - Join us in Tuttle Hall following the 9 and 11 am services for refreshments before being on your way.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP - meets at 5 pm in the Third Floor Conference Room.

EVENING ADULT EDUCATION - Following the 6 pm service in the Reception Room, light refreshments are available. Then from 7:30 - 8 pm the preacher of the evening helps us take a deeper look at the Scripture readers we heard in worship.

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL - All children ages 4-8 are welcome to attend. At 9 am, parents should drop their children off at the classrooms near Tuttle Hall. Children then rejoin their parents in time to receive Communion together. At 11 am, parents and children begin together in the church, and children follow the crucifer to their classes during the sermon. Parents collect their children in Tuttle Hall during the coffee hour.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - It's time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School 2010! This year's VBS will be a savannah-themed adventure for kids, ages 3-8 years old. Mark your calendars for June 28th-July 1st from 1pm-4pm. Email Maura Hooper for a registration form at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES - Are you looking for summer camp opportunities for your child? An option is Incarnation Camp, which offers an abundance of spiritually rich and fun activities for children and teenagers. Located only 2 hours outside Manhattan, it is a camp adventure close to home. Incarnation is a values oriented camp, which makes chapel and grace at mealtimes an integral part of the fun. For more information, you can visit their website at www.incarnationcamp.org, or talk to Maura Hooper for more information.

PARISH LIFE

PARISH PICNIC VOLUNTEERS - The annual Parish Picnic is coming! On June 6th, we will celebrate the conclusion of the Bicentennial Capital Campaign, recognize our wonderful choirs, and conclude the program year with a festive all-parish picnic on the lawn of Huntington Close. All are welcome to attend! We are currently organizing committees to help purchase food and to set up for the event. If you would like to volunteer, contact Maura Hooper at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY - Going through June 2 Linda Bartholomew and Ted Pardoe will lead a small group Bible study focusing on the upcoming Sunday readings. Participants can join at any time. Classes meet in the reception room from 7-8 pm. No prior studies necessary. Contact Linda Bartholomew lbartholomew@gracechurchnyc.org for more information.

20's/30's MEMORIAL DAY BBQ - Join us on Saturday May 29th at 4pm in Seymour Close for a Memorial Day weekend barbeque. Come out for some good food and a chance to unwind! Talk to Maura Hooper for details at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org or (212) 254-2000 x.113.

GIVE TO GRACE ONLINE - Our website is now capable of receiving online donations through all major credit cards. Make payments on your annual pledge, adopt a pipe, support outreach and music, put flowers on the altar, help restore the building all through our secure connection. Go to www.gracechurchnyc.org follow the links.

A CALL FOR HOSPITALITY - The baked goods and other delicious nibbles that we enjoy after the 11 am service are the gift of parishioners who volunteer to bring them. For anyone who wishes to participate in this much needed ministry of hospitality, please visit bulletin board to the left of the ladies room door to sign up. The hospitality committee will be in touch with you shortly.

OUTREACH

FOOD DONATIONS - Thank you for all your generous contributions of non-perishable groceries. The Church in the Village-one of the emergency food pantries we support-is in desperate need of more food items. They create bags of groceries for those who can cook and those who cannot. Please continue to bring your donations to the bins in the narthex of Grace Church and we will collect them and deliver. Please do not donate items which require refrigeration.

EVERY WEEK

BACH AT NOON - The organ compositions of Johann Sebastian Bach are played between 12:20 - 12:50 p.m. every Tuesday through Friday.

CHORAL EVENSONG with the Junior Choristers on Tuesdays, 6 pm, when Grace Church School is in session.

THE WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets each week at 10:15 am in the Reception Room. Newcomers are always welcome.

WEDNESDAY 6 PM EUCHARIST - The Holy Eucharist is celebrated every Wednesday at 6 pm in the Chantry with hymns and homily. Perfect for those who missed church on Sunday, or simply need an extra-dose of God's good news in the middle of the week. This Wednesday's preacher is the Rev. Linda Bartholomew.

ODDS AND ENDS

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are once again available for the 11 a.m. service. Ask an usher and he or she will be glad to assist you.

PRAYER LIST - If you would like to have a name added to the prayer list, please email Bill Nave: bnave@gracechurchnyc.org or 212-254-2000, ext 100 by Tuesday. Names will be read during the services for four weeks unless notified otherwise.