

The Surprise of a Lifetime

Last week I went for a walk and found myself thinking about how quickly the month of March was going by, and how the first signs of spring had arrived. The glacier in my driveway and the snow and ice covering my yard and side gardens were finally gone. In their place, daffodils and a few other plants suddenly appeared, tenaciously breaking through the cold hard ground, while birds once again were breaking the morning silence with their boisterous singing.

It occurred to me that while all of this earthly transformation was unfolding, Christians throughout the world spent virtually the entire month in Lenten practices – not to mention our Muslim sisters and brothers living through Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim year, during which strict fasting is observed from sunrise to sunset.

On Ash Wednesday, I spoke about how this liturgical season could be a time to declutter our hearts, minds, and souls in order to make space for God. Put things away that don't need to be left out, throw out things we don't need like fear, anger, certainty, and cultivate other things like patience, openness, a bigger heart, and love.

Now as we enter April, Holy Week approaches. The first Holy Week – a journey of pain, suffering, loss of hope, and death – ended with a surprise, something that no one foresaw or knew of or even imagined. No one expected Easter Sunday and its message of new life and new beginnings, and that God does not give up on us, even (or maybe more importantly, especially) when we are at our worst.

Those who witnessed the first Easter Sunday were radically changed. All that they experienced – the hope of Palm Sunday, the fear and crisis of Thursday night's arrest, the devastation of Friday's execution, the hopeless void of Saturday, and the unexpected surprise of Sunday – changed them forever. How were they changed? Their minds were changed, their perception was altered, and their opinions concerning themselves and their neighbors and their world were completely transformed. With Easter and its surprising message, they came to a new freedom.

And let's not forget, living in their time, they had no advantage over us. Their world was no better than ours today. Our world is in crisis. Injustice, intolerance, and cruelty seem to be the values upheld as exemplary. Right is wrong and wrong is right. It was no better, if not worse, in Jesus' time and that fateful first Holy Week. Knowing that, could we possibly be like those first eyewitnesses who experienced the surprise of Easter Sunday and like them, find our way into that new freedom?

During Lent we stand between the Christ of self-sacrificial love and the ways of the world and all its temptations. Pulled in so many directions and overwhelmed by the cares of the world, many of us feel perhaps lost, impotent, and demoralized. Which

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way is the way to go? Which way is forward? This season shows us the way and the truth and the life. It points us in the right direction. Lent is about drawing us to Jesus' way, where we are called to practice generosity, forgiveness, and hospitality whenever and wherever we can. The Good News is we're not the Messiah. Everything doesn't rest on us, but we are called to do our part.

Thankfully Lent is not over, so there's still time. With all that we are and all that we have, let's open ourselves to the surprise of Easter. With the help of the Almighty, as we make the journey of Holy Week and once again contemplate on those mighty acts of Christ, may we find our minds changed, our perception altered, and our opinions concerning ourselves and our neighbors and our world transformed, because then and only then true freedom comes!

May we all have a blessed Holy Week and a surprising Easter!

Grace and peace,



The Rev. Tom Synan+

Palestinian Oil



Palestinian olive oil will be available for sale by the Episcopal Peace Fellowship in the Connector on the first Sunday of each month. It is first cold press organic and fair trade olive oil. The proceeds from the sale enable Grace to provide a scholarship for a student at the Episcopal Technological and Vocational Training Center in Ramallah.

A Week at Grace

Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:00 am	Coffee Hour
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
11:30 am	Coffee Hour
7:30 pm	AA

Monday

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
7:00 pm	AA

Tuesday

8:30 am	Prayer Group
5:15 pm	AA
7:00 pm	Al-Anon

Wednesday

12:10 pm	Rite I Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayer
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Thursday

7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
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Friday

7:00 am	Men's Group (alternate weeks)
5:30 pm	Evensong

Saturday

10:00 am	Bible Study
5:00 pm	AA
8:00 pm	AA



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2025 Holy Week

April 13--Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Holy Eucharist (begin at the Parish Hall and process to the Church)

April 14--Monday

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist

April 15--Tuesday

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist

April 16--Wednesday

12:10 pm Holy Eucharist (Rite I) with Healing;
7:00 pm Tenebrae

The Paschal Triduum (the Sacred Three Days)

April 17--Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Foot Washing, Holy Eucharist of the Last Supper; Stripping of the Altar.
All-night vigil before the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)

April 18--Good Friday

4:00 pm Children's Stations of the Cross (Church and Town Common)
7:00 pm Liturgy of the Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ

April 19--Holy Saturday/The Great Vigil of Easter

9:00 am Liturgy of Holy Saturday
8:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and
The Feast of the Resurrection (begins outside, in the Columbarium. All are welcome to
bring bells to ring at the Gloria)

April 20--Easter Sunday

8:00 am & 10:30 am The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Easter egg hunt for children following both services

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Iconography Workshop

An ongoing iconography workshop meets every Sunday afternoon, from noon to four in the Parish Hall. Previous artistic experience is not necessary, since icon writing is as much a contemplative process of an inner spiritual journey as it is an artistic discipline. Please contact Sandy Lillydahl at slillydahl@library.umass.edu for additional information.

Raising the Questions

Raising the Questions meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 9:30, in the Connector. We discuss liturgy and theology, faith and spirituality. We talk about books we have been reading and pass around articles, prayers, and bulletins from other churches we have visited. The meetings are always open, so come join us!

Tea and Titles

Tea & Titles meets once or twice a month at 2:30 pm in the Connector to share and discuss books recently read. For more information, please contact Jude Wobst at judith.wobst@gmail.com

Our next meeting is April 3, 2025 at 2:30pm. All are welcome!

Outreach!

Our March Outreach Offering brought in \$702.00, which was collected for Amherst A Better Chance.

Generosity changes everything, starting with us.

Thank you for your generosity!

Men's Group

The Men's Group is always looking for new members for general discussions and personal exchange. We meet on Friday mornings 7-8:30. We meet in person every other Friday of each month. (On the other Fridays we will be zooming to accommodate members who live away or are unable to attend for other reasons.) For further information contact Charlie Dickinson: lcd@polysci.umass.edu

Garden Ministry

The Grace Garden Ministry will be finishing the Garth area planting project on May 3rd. If we need to reschedule, please save May 10th on your calendar. We will begin at 9:00 am and meet in the undercroft.

We worked last fall in this area and left 2 sections bare to be planted this spring.

We need donated shady garden plants for the corner (where the blue tarp is) . Please leave them near the pink door on Spring Street on May 2nd or before 9:00AM on May 3rd.

We also will be planting small perennials along the embankment.

Thanks you for helping us to make our gardens spectacular!.
Sara Liberty-Chair

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Clothing Drive

Ascentria Refugee Services for New Americans has asked Grace Church to help with a clothing drive. They are looking for seasonal clothes for refugees moving into Western Massachusetts. Ascentria especially wants clothing for children, from birth to primary school age. A shopping cart will be placed in the back of the church for those who can donate. You can bring items with you to church on Sunday or drop them off during the week during regular business hours.

Ascentria Refugee Services For New Americans provides legal, housing, and language support to new Americans across New England. Thank you for your generosity, and if there are items you wish to donate other than what is listed or would like to become more involved, please reach out to rporter@ascentria.org. If you wish to learn more about Ascentria and the work they do, please check their website at <https://www.ascentria.org/service/services-for-new-americans/>.

Prayer Circle is still here!

We are ready to pray for the needs of those in crisis who want a degree of anonymity. Names will be held in confidence by members of the Circle and will not be published outside Circle members. Names will remain on the list for a month, unless otherwise requested. If you would like to be prayed for in this way, or would like to make a request for a loved one, please contact MJ Fowler (mjfowler3@comcast.net).

Volunteers Needed Lector or Lay Eucharistic Minister

Through our lectors and LEMs – and our combined ministry of priests and laity – we reaffirm the words, ideas, and sacraments that are the foundation of our faith. We would love for you to join us! Every three months, the schedule is built around the availability of those who volunteer. At various points during the year, volunteers are also needed for Christmas, Holy Week, and other special services. Some people choose to act as either a lector or a LEM; some people act as both. Training as both a lector and a LEM can be provided. Please email Cara Crandall at msscash@gmail.com with any questions, or if you would like to become a lector or LEM.

St. Nicholas Bazaar, December 6, 2025

Donations may be dropped off in the undercroft for this year's bazaar. Please mark donations "For the Bazaar". Please remember that items should be in good condition and clean. We accept many kinds of items, but please no textbooks, binders, VCR tapes, cassettes, clothing (except scarves), or mildewed items. Place donations on the table near the large shelves in the undercroft. Contact Joan with any questions (jobrien82@gmail.com).



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Pastoral Call for Volunteers

Do you like to cook or drive? Would you like to help fellow parishioners? Pastoral Care is looking to develop a list of volunteers to be contacted as needed. Most likely a request for food or a ride would occur every other month or so. And being on the volunteer list does not obligate your assistance every time a request is made. If you are interested in this ministry, please see the sign up sheets at coffee hour, or email Gail Gnatek at ggnatek@gmail.com.

Request publicity for your event!

To make Grace Church events as successful as possible, the Communications Committee developed an online form to request event publicity. The form, which includes instructions for completing and submitting the request, is found on the Grace website under the Outreach Commission or <https://www.gracechurchamherst.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Request-for-Event-Publicity-Form-2023.pdf>. The Communications Committee asks forms be submitted six to eight weeks prior to an event to ensure adequate time for publicity.



A Litany for the Restoration of Peace in The Holy Land

God of peace, we pray for the people of Palestine and Israel in these perilous and dangerous times.
For all who are fearful for the safety of their loved ones and themselves, we pray that the assurance of unfailing love, even in the midst of danger, settles upon them. Shelter them from despair and protect them from harm.
For all who are wounded, we pray they find healing.
For all who have died, we pray they find rest.
For all who grieve, we pray they find comfort.
For leaders on all sides, we pray for a renewed will to lay down arms, for the strength to put the grievances and wrongs suffered by their people to rest, and for the conviction to embrace a path of reconciliation and peace that preserves the rights and dignity of all of your children.
God of mercy, help us to remember there is no border that can separate us from your great love and protection, no stone that can sound the well of your deep mercy.
God of justice, we pray with hopeful hearts that your beloved children of the Holy Land will be spared a future of sustained violence and unrest and that a recognition of the humanity of all people will prevail.
We ask all this in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

- American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

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Bell Ringing for Climate Action

Friday, April 11th

Calling all ages to be part of the 11th Hour Bell Ringing for Climate Change Friday, April 11 at 10:45. Join friends and neighbors for prayer and meditation before the 11th hour ringing begins. Our church bell will be rung for 11 minutes on the 11th day of each month at 11 AM. After the bells ring, everyone will have a chance to make a joyful noise of resolve.

Climate Change Prayer

Holy God,
earth and air and water are your creation,
and every living thing belongs to you:
have mercy on us
as climate change confronts us.

Give us the will and the courage
to simplify the way we live,
to reduce the energy we use,
to share the resources you provide,
and to bear the cost of change.

Forgive our past mistakes
and send us your Spirit,
with wisdom in present controversies
and vision for the future to which you call us
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Climate Action @ Grace

Climate Action at Grace (caag) remains involved with bell-ringing on the 11th of each month at 11 am. We sang at March's ringing, a song about bells inspired in part by people all over ringing bells. We hope you will consider joining us Friday, April 11. Our group is staying alert to where we can write policy-makers and where we can show up at events. We could use your thoughts and involvement including as we look ahead to Creation Season, September and October.

This is a joyful spiritual path, despite its rather overwhelming topic. Please ponder whether you are called to walk with us. We meet on the second Sunday of each month in the Parker Room by the kitchen; next meeting is **April 13, Palm Sunday, at 12:15**. Thank you.



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Children's & Youth Ministry

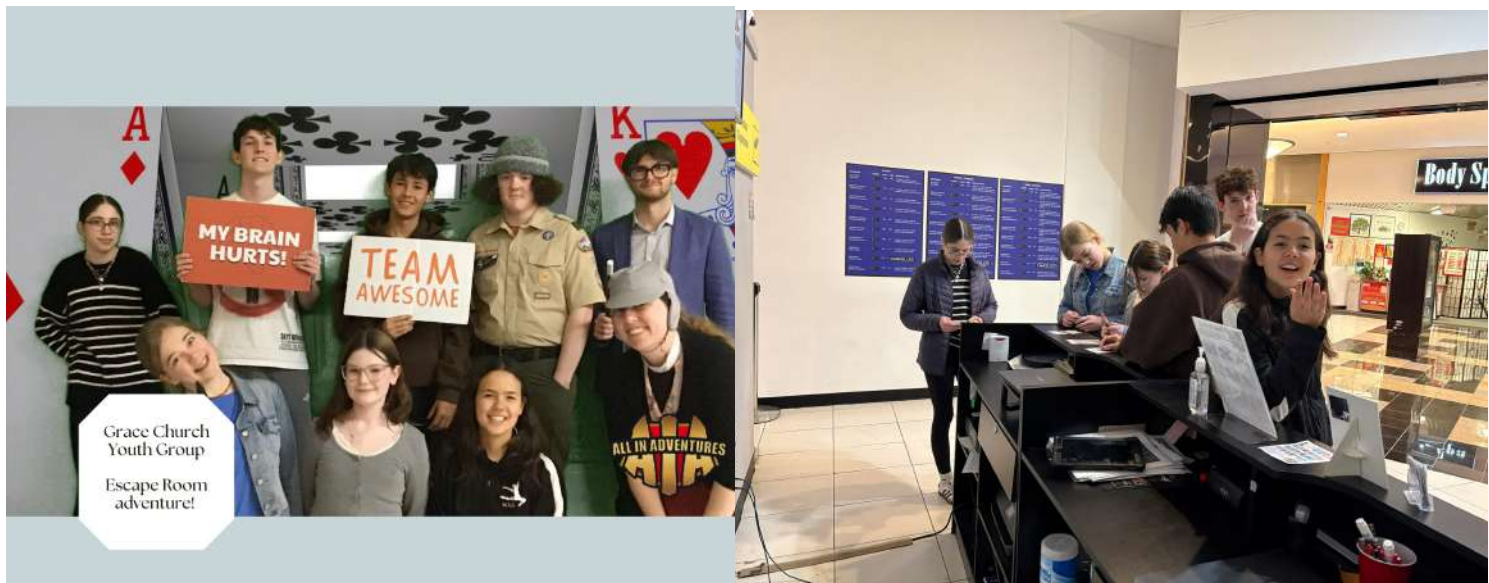
Join us Sunday April 6, 9:15-10:15 a.m., for Stations of the Cross art-making!

Last year, Grace children and youth began creating brand new artwork for our annual children's Way of the Cross Service on Good Friday. There are still stations that need updated art, so we are continuing that work together this Lent. The artwork helps tell the story of Jesus' death by concentrating on specific moments where Jesus experiences both struggle and compassion.

Children and youth of all ages are invited to join us in the upstairs classroom of the Parke House, 9:15-10:15 a.m., on Sunday April 6th to contribute their creativity to this important project.

Youth group (grades 6-12) lunch after church on April 6th

Youth group will be getting lunch together, within walking distance of Grace, following the April 6th 10:30 a.m. service. Attendees should meet around noon in the Connector. We will return to the church for pick up by 1:30 p.m. We'll continue exploring this year's discussion theme about what it means to live our "best lives" and how our faith expands or challenges the ideas we hear about what a good life includes. Newcomers and friends always welcome!



Escape Room fun, Sunday, March 23rd.

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Holy Week acolyting – please sign up!

Holy Week is one of the most special times of year at Grace Church. The meaning and beauty of these services are greatly supported through the help of acolytes. We are hoping to find acolytes for the following services:

*Palm Sunday, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, Sunday April 13th
*Tenebrae, 7 p.m., Wednesday April 16th
*Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m., Thursday April 17th
*Good Friday, 7 p.m., Friday April 18th
*Easter Vigil, 8 p.m., Saturday April 19th
and *Easter Sunday, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, Sunday April 20th

Please email me at mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org if you'd like to sign your child up for any of these services.

If your child hasn't served as an acolyte before or hasn't in a while, Holy Week could be a great time to start or restart! If it would be useful to schedule an intro or refresher to acolyting before Holy Week, let me know, and we can make that happen!

Children's Way of the Cross – Friday April 18th at 4 p.m.

Children, youth, and families are invited and encouraged to attend our annual Way of the Cross Good Friday Service! Weather permitting, our service will take us around the outside of the church, ending in the Columbarium and Memorial Garden, as we hear Scripture, pray, sing, and reflect on art (created by Grace's children and youth) of Jesus' last moments before his death. There are many opportunities for children to participate in this service, including reading Scriptures and carrying the cross. Please let me know if you have any questions about this service!

Youth group save the date – Sunday April 27th

Grace's youth group will do a fun, community-building outing on the afternoon of Sunday April 27th. We are still exploring possible activities! If you have a suggestion or preference for something we might do locally, please let me know at mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org.

Outreach Commission

Every fourth Sunday, Grace Church members' offerings are donated to worthy organizations. Ever wonder how those recipients are chosen? Have other recipients you'd like to recommend? Then why not consider joining the Outreach Commission! We meet once a month via Zoom to discuss Grace's various missions, decide on the fourth Sunday recipient, and otherwise further Grace's outreach to the world. It's a fun, easy, and educational way of serving your church. Please contact Chris Hoffmann (chris.hoffmann@umass.edu) for more information.

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Thank you, Grace Church!

For the past several years, Grace has looked for opportunities to partner with the youth group of one of our neighboring Episcopal congregations, The Episcopal Church of Saints James & Andrew in Greenfield. As part of this effort, we offered an opportunity on Monday Mar. 17th for youth of both churches to serve together at Second Helpings, their congregation's weekly free community dinner.

In the week leading up to volunteering, we had boxes in the back of the church to collect donations of peanut butter (for sandwiches given out in addition to the hot dinner Second Helpings provides) and granola bars. Megan was able to bring a generous donation from Grace Church with her on behalf of our community. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



Planned Giving – Your Will, Trust and Other Options for Beneficiary Designations

There are many ways through your estate plans to provide future support for your loved ones and for organizations important to you, such as Grace Church. A periodic review is wise to take into consideration changing circumstances. Updating designations in your will or trust are common and warrant review with your lawyer, but minor updates for individual or institutional beneficiaries may also be achieved through:

1. a simple codicil to your will (with modest legal fees)
2. designating portions of a life insurance policy
3. designating portions of a retirement plan (most 401(k), 403(b), and IRAs) keeping in mind the designations already made in your will or trust

You are welcome to contact Planned Giving Committee members Doug Adler and Kent Faerber.

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Campus and Young Adult Ministry

Young adult Lent retreat day – Saturday April 5th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., register ASAP!

Grace Church is serving as host for the Young Adult Ministry Network (YAMN)'s Lenten retreat day. YAMN is the diocesan group that brings together adults ages 18-40 from across Western Mass. for growth in faith and friendship. This retreat day will include time for personal prayer/creativity/journaling, small group conversation, and coming together for worship and Eucharist.

Please email me at mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org to register as soon as possible or fill out the online registration form at <https://forms.gle/aWwWNdiNT6NWgJZL8>. If you have any questions about the retreat, please also be in touch! Hope to see you there!

GEMS: Grace Episcopal Ministry for Students café get together – Sat. April 26th, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Coronation Café

College students are invited to our monthly campus ministry gathering hosted at Coronation Café. Treats and beverages provided courtesy of Grace Church! Stay for as much or little of the time as you can, and bring whatever conversation topics are on your heart and mind.

-Rev. Megan

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

14 BOLTWOOD AVE., AMHERST, MA

SAT. APRIL 5TH, 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT LENTEN RETREAT DAY

FOR AGES 18-40

Join young adults from across the diocese in intentionally making space in the middle of Lent for quiet, prayer, creativity, and friendship. This is a free program!

Register at <https://forms.gle/wMXypzmnNjKbpC79> or email Rev. Megan McDermott at mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org for more information.



Haiti Ministry

The Envelope, please...



The Haiti Ministry's special one-time Lenten fundraising effort continues until April 17. As of this writing (March 21), there are still envelopes at a variety of price-points that need to find a taker if the \$20,000 goal is to be met. To date, donations stand at \$3253, a good start but there's a long way to go. If you haven't yet participated, please choose an envelope at a level that fits your budget. Or simply mail a check (payable to Grace Church, with "Haiti—Lent" on the memo line), or make an online donation by clicking "Give" on the Grace home page and choosing "Haiti—Lent" from the dropdown menu.

To help parishioners understand what this partnership has meant to individuals who have visited St. Matthew's School under Grace's auspices, we asked nine of these visitors to speak briefly, at three special coffee hours during Lent.

The first of these took place on March 9. Tom Synan reflected on how he felt an immediate rapport with Père Diegue, the priest in charge of St. Matthieu at the time, as the Haitian priest graciously yet firmly led his American visitors through his usual demanding Sunday morning, which began with a service at the large church he oversaw in the city of Gonaives, then proceeded

with all deliberate speed by car to Bayonnais on a very rocky unpaved road, where he officiated at a second service in the small village church.

Meg Holladay first went to St. Matthieu as a counselor and co-organizer of a summer camp in 2011, when she was in college. She lived with a family in the village and was curious to learn more about the people there, whom she found fascinating, but was frustrated by not understanding Kreyol, their everyday language. This frustration inspired her to study Kreyol, which in turn has played a significant role in shaping her career ever since. She returned to co-direct a second camp and later worked for a full academic year at another school, on the Haitian island of La Gonâve. Now fluent, she has been an interpreter at Boston medical facilities, using her Kreyol to help Haitian clients and their doctors communicate. She now works with an organization that helps new immigrants, many of them Haitian, access social services and adjust to life in America. That first visit to Haiti became a life path.

Mark Peterman has visited Haiti four times. He showed a picture of a plaque he carved to celebrate the dedication in fall 2016 of the first classroom building that Grace funded. Reading "Grace in Haiti" and incorporating an image of our church building, it is installed in the classroom structure as a testimony to this important partnership. One of Mark's fondest memories is of bringing kazoos as gifts to the children on his first

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visit, and teaching them how to play them. Hearing the resulting “kazoo chorale” on video, performing the Haitian national anthem, was a goosebump-inducing moment in Mark’s presentation

Annie Scarff was one of the first visitors from Grace to go to Bayonnais--in spring 2009. She found the Haitians friendly, welcoming, open, and curious. Having followed the evolution of our partnership since then, she borrowed the term “island of cohesion” that she had heard through the Empty Bell community. She characterized Grace Church as an “island of cohesion” in Amherst during the chaotic times the U.S. is going through now, and she posited that St. Matthew’s School is an “island of cohesion” for its pupils, amidst the dysfunction and danger that has engulfed Haiti.

Warmest thanks to all these speakers. Sandy Muspratt and Patty Appelbaum were on the program for coffee-hour on March 23. The final coffee-hour presentations will follow the 10:30 service on April 6 (speakers: John Stifler, Suzannah Fabing, and Tahina Vatel). Please join us!

The Icon of Boris and Gleb blessed at Grace Church

Princes Boris and Gleb are considered to be the first Russian martyrs. They were the younger sons of Prince Vladimir of Kiev and were murdered by their brother Sviatopolk around 1015. In a culture without primogeniture, their very existence was considered a threat to the older brother’s power. The icon that was blessed at our church on Sunday, March 30, is based on an icon from 1340. I chose this image as a dedication to the many young people in Ukraine and also in Russia who have lost their lives in this horrific and senseless war in Ukraine.

This icon was written at the icon workshop here at Grace Church.

- Jude Wobst



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A celebration hosted by the UMass Amherst Department of Music & Dance

April 25-27, 2025 at UMass Amherst and Grace Church in Amherst FESTIVAL WEEKEND PERFORMANCES

OPENING CONCERT

Friday, April 25, 4:00 pm
Bezanson Recital Hall, UMass Amherst
Free Admission

FEATURE CONCERTS

Saturday, April 26, 7:30 pm
Sunday, April 27, 3:00 pm
Grace Episcopal Church, 14 Boltwood Ave, Amherst

Richard Sparks

Guest Conductor

Tickets on sale Feb. 1 online or at Box Office, 413-545-2511

\$25 general; Free for students w/ ID & children under 18

COFFEE CANTATA

Sunday, April 27, 12:00 pm
Amherst Coffee, 28 Amity St., Amherst
Free Admission. Please note: Space is limited.

Prelude Event at Grace Church:

BACH FESTIVAL ALUMNI CONCERT

Sunday, April 13, 3:00 pm
Grace Episcopal Church, Amherst
Free Admission

See the [Festival Concerts](#) and [Prelude Events](#) pages for further details. All programs are subject to change.

April 2025 Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, April 1	5:00 PM	Liturgical Comm. Meeting	Zoom
Thursday, April 3	2:30 PM	Tea & Titles	Connector
Saturday, April 5	10:00 AM	Young Adult Retreat	Chapel, PH, FR, C
Sunday, April 6	9:15 AM	Book Group	Parish Hall
Sunday, April 6	12:00 PM	Youth Group Lunch	offsite
Sunday, April 6	9:30 AM & 11:30 AM	Haiti Ministry Speaker	Connector
Tuesday, April 8	9:30 AM	Raising the Questions	Connector
Friday, April 11	11:00 AM	Bell Ringing for Climate Action	Front Lawn
Saturday, April 12	9:30 AM	Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross	Parish Hall & Chapel
April 13 -20		HOLY WEEK - SEE SEPARATE SCHEDULE	
Sunday, April 13	12:30 PM	Climate Action@Grace Meeting	Parker Room
Sunday, April 13	3:00 PM	Concert: Bach Festival Prelude	Church
Thursday, April 24	2:30 PM	Tea & Titles	Connector
Thursday, April 24	5:00 PM	Executive Comm. Meeting	Zoom
Saturday, April 26	7:30 PM	Concert: Bach Festival	Church
Sunday, April 27	12:00 PM	Youth Group	
Sunday, April 27	3:00 PM	Concert: Bach Festival	Church
Monday, April 28	7:00 PM	Joy of Living Group	Connector
Tuesday, April 29	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, April 29	7:00 PM	Concert: Benefit for Amherst A Better Chance	Church

See the weekly schedule of services and standard events on page 2.

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Return Service Requested

*"Grace is nothing else
but a certain
Beginning of
glory in us."
--Thomas Aquinas*

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Grace Episcopal Church, located on the Town Common of Amherst, is a community of prayer and action. If you want to connect with God or if you are seeking a deeper knowledge of God, and you would like to do this with a community that cares for you and honors you, then Grace Church is the place for you. Our doors are open to one and all, regardless of where you are in your spiritual journey.

We love because God first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Discover true life and true love at Grace Church.

Service Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 12:10 pm Rite I Holy Eucharist
and Healing Prayer
Friday 5:30 pm Evensong



See our website, www.gracechurchamherst.org for updates