

Two Poems by Henry Maxey

On Wednesday Feb. 12th, Grace parishioner (and all-star acolyte) Henry Maxey was one of three youth readers featured at Writers Read, a reading series at the LAVA Center in Greenfield. The event recognized Henry and the other two readers as youth winners of the Franklin County poetry contest, Poet Seat. I was delighted to get to attend the reading! Hearing these two poems inspired by Grace Church, I knew that these poems needed to be shared in Grace Notes. Thankfully, Henry agreed! I hope these poems serve as a reminder for us all of the inspiring beauty with which we get to be surrounded at Grace Church and the talent within our congregation! - Rev. Megan

Windows in the Sacristy

These windows are not plain
just like all the others
hidden far from view
behind the Sexton's lock
where only few will go
carrying wine in cup.
A matrix of intricate grisaille
milky white above the sink
a diamond set among the panes
red from gold, green from iron,
yellow from uranium, and white
from antimony and tin.
The ruby laid among the leaves
crowned with purple and green
as one might kings of old.
Here the windows sit,
concealed behind the organ,
the heart of the church.



St. Michael in a window

Brave St. Michael trapped in glass
silver plate and golden wings
purple cape and glory brings
frozen there for time to pass

His cape is made of finest silk
His shield embossed for heaven's ilk
His visage one of peerless grace
in pale glass it is encased

His feet upon the dragon slain
its body on the filth is lain
His mail shimmers beneath his plate
dancing for the death of hate.

His sword is slung upon his hip
as he takes the dragon through its lip
His pinions are of fiery grace
stretching out beyond his space

Brave St. Michael trapped in glass
the seraphim around do sing
as heaven's justice he does bring
frozen there for time to pass.

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Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 9, 2025

Set your clocks **ahead one hour!**

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.

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.

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
Thursday	
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	
7:00 am	Men's Group
5:30 pm	Evensong
Saturday	
10:00 am	Bible Study
5:00 pm	AA
8:00 pm	AA

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!.

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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 March 13, 2025 at 2:30pm. All are welcome!

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

Outreach!

Our February Outreach Offering brought in \$1166.00, which was collected for Welcoming Refugees Resettlement Project of Catholic Charities.

Generosity changes everything, starting with us.

Thank you for your generosity!

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/>.

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Ash Wednesday Services

Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes

March 5, 2025

8:00am, 12:10pm, 5:00pm (Chapel Taize service),
& 7:00pm



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Lenten Book Series: The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde's How We Learn to be Brave – Decisive Moments in Life and Faith Sundays at 9:15am March 9th – April 6th

The decisive moments in life are those pivot points when we're called on to push past our fears and act with strength. With How We Learn to Be Brave, Bishop Mariann Budde teaches us to respond with clarity and grace even in the toughest times. Being brave is not a singular occurrence; it's a journey that we can choose to undertake every day. Here, Bishop Budde explores the full range of decisive moments, from the most visible and dramatic (the decision to go), to the internal and personal (the decision to stay), to brave choices made with an eye toward the future (the decision to start), those born of suffering (the decision to accept that which we did not choose), and those that come unexpectedly (the decision to step up to the plate). Drawing on examples ranging from Harry Potter to the Gospel According to Luke, she seamlessly weaves together personal experiences with stories from scripture, history, and pop culture to underscore both the universality of these moments and the particular call each one of us must heed when they arrive. Several copies of the book are on order. If you would like to purchase one, please contact the church office.

Lenten poetry meditations begin Monday Mar. 17th on Zoom

Starting Monday Mar. 17th, join us for a Lenten poetry meditation series over Zoom! Poems will be selected that might accompany, expand, or challenge our understandings of the Great Litany, a prayer often associated with Lent (and which we pray the first Sunday of Lent).

The Great Litany includes the repetition of the phrases "Good Lord, deliver us," "We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord," and "Have mercy upon us." We will explore poems emerging from different times and contexts that connect, in some way, to these prayerful desires: to be delivered from trouble (including the troubles of our own souls); to be heard by God; and to receive God's mercy.

Our gatherings begin with a reflection from Megan to help us enter the poem (no literary background needed to attend and enjoy!); the opportunity to contemplate individually, with some optional reflection questions; and time to space to share thoughts with one another.

The Zoom link will be sent out early Monday mornings. Please be sure you are subscribed to Grace's emails to receive the link! You can also reach out to Megan at mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org if you are interested in recordings of the meditations.

Please note that there will be no poetry/art meditation on Monday Mar. 10th; this will be a week off between the end of the Epiphany series and the start of the Lent series.

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Bell Ringing for Climate Action

Tuesday, March 11th

Calling all ages to be part of the 11th Hour Bell Ringing for Climate Change Tuesday, March 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) will meet March 9 (second Sunday, as usual) at 12:15 in the Parker Room. We will continue building our momentum. This will include updates about the legislature, if there are any, and updates about various groups we assigned ourselves to research. We are reminded to consider watching the documentary Planet of the Humans. Please consider joining us! We would love to welcome you.

submitted by Edith Allison



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).

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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

Children's & Youth Ministry

I hope you'll look over the announcements below about upcoming events for children and youth! Please also note that some Lenten plans are still in the works. More info is to come, so please be sure you are subscribed to my parent/guardian weekly email list (email me at mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org to get yourself added!) to get the most up-to-date info on all the children's and youth programming happening here at Grace Church!

Liturgy in the Chapel, Sunday Mar. 9th, 9:35-10:15 a.m.

I had hoped to have Liturgy in the Chapel at the beginning of the month, but had to postpone because I was out sick, so we'll be having it this upcoming Sunday, Mar. 9th!

Liturgy in the Chapel is our short Communion service centered around children and their families. We focus on one Scripture reading and have an interactive sermon. Liturgy in the Chapel is a great way for children to get acquainted with, or get a deeper understanding of, the patterns of normal Sunday worship in an environment and language geared to their needs.

Please join us this Sunday at 9:35 a.m. in the Chapel! Be in touch if you have any questions.

Youth group lunch on Sun. Mar. 9th, meet at noon in Connector

After the 10:30 service, youth group will meet to go to lunch within walking distance of Grace. Please meet in the Connector, and we will leave from there! Pick-up will be back at the church at 1:30 p.m. We'll continue discussing

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this year's theme about what it means to live your "best life." Newcomers and friends always welcome.

Please RSVP to me at mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org if you believe your child(ren) could make it!

After the 9th, we will plan for our next youth group outing to be on Mar. 23rd. One potential option for the 23rd would be doing an Escape Room together! Let me know if that is something your child would be interested in or if you have another suggestion, thanks.

Away Sunday Mar. 16th

I'll be out of-town the weekend of the 15th and 16th for a family celebration. I'll have updates soon on how that will impact Sunday School! Nursery will not be impacted. Stay tuned.

Holy Week Acolyting & Children's Way of the Cross

It is not too soon to be thinking about Holy Week (which begins with Palm Sunday, April 13th, and goes to Easter Sunday, April 20th). Grace has a number of special services, which are all made smoother and more meaningful by the addition of acolytes. If your child would like to be on the acolyting schedule for Holy Week, please reach out to me at mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org.

Please also mark your calendar for our Good Friday service, April 18th, at 4 p.m.! Using Stations of the Cross artwork made by children and youth of Grace Church, we relive together the story of Jesus' death in a service that invites children's participation and leadership (both by reading Scriptures and carrying a cross) and, weather permitting, is held outside.

Welcome to new nursery staff!

We have three new nursery staff beginning this month: Amalia, Jane, and Marissa. We hope the addition of three new staff will help keep the nursery open consistently, Sundays from 9:15 a.m. – noon, in the Parker Room in the parish office. If you are using the nursery the next few weeks, please plan on spending a few extra moments potentially to introduce yourself and your children to our new staff! Thank you! If you haven't used the nursery before and have any questions, please be in touch!

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

There are lots of opportunities coming up for community building with other college students and young adults! Please consider joining us for one of the events below.

If you can't make any of these events, or if you would prefer one-on-one conversation with clergy, I, Megan, am also happy to set up time to meet with you individually. Just let me know!

GEMS: Grace Episcopal Ministry for Students, Sat. Mar. 8th , 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Coronation Café

Our monthly campus ministry gathering is this Saturday at our usual location – Coronation Café! Join us for as little or as long as you can, from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Treats & beverages courtesy of Grace Church. We'll be talking about the season of Lent (the season beginning this week with Ash Wednesday that helps prepare us for the joyful celebration of Easter), so bring your questions, thoughts, reflections, and memories of the season...or simply your openness to hearing about what Lent means for others and could mean for you! Please email me, Megan, at mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org for more information.

Young Adult Ministry Network Board Game Meet-up (up to age 40!), Sat. Mar. 29th, 2-6 p.m., Tree House Brewing in Deerfield

Our diocesan young adult group, for adults ages 18-40, is getting together for board games at Tree House Brewing. Pizza provided! Tree House has both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available; people under 21 are welcome to attend. Feel free to bring some of your favorite board games to share!

Please email me at mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org if you think you might attend so I can be sure to share information about where we're sitting (Tree House is big!). I can also offer rides to Tree House and back, so please be in touch if you need a ride!

Young Adult Lent Retreat Day, Sat. April 5th, tentatively 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Grace Church

Join young adults from across the diocese (again, ages 18-40 welcome!) for a time to intentionally retreat from other responsibilities and make space in the middle of Lent for quiet, prayer, creativity, and friendship, here at Grace Church. I hope to have more details to share soon! Please RSVP to me at mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org if you think you might be able to make it.

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.



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Episcopal Church joins religious freedom lawsuit challenging ICE enforcement actions in churches

February 11, 2025

Office of Public Affairs

The Episcopal Church is among dozens of multifaith plaintiffs in a lawsuit challenging the U.S. government's recent rescission of guidelines that limited immigration enforcement in sensitive areas such as churches, schools, and hospitals. The suit was filed this morning in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia by Georgetown Law's Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection.

Faith groups joining this lawsuit claim that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) actions in and around places of worship without a judicial warrant burden religious exercise in violation of the First Amendment and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The complaint, filed against the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, argues that these enforcement actions interfere with the plaintiffs' ability to fulfill the religious mandate to welcome and serve immigrants.

Referring to this lawsuit, Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe said that in God's kingdom, immigrants and refugees are not at the edges, fearful and alone, but are the very center of God's story.

"We believe their struggles reveal the heart of God, and we cannot worship freely if some among us live in fear," he said. "We are seeking the ability to fully gather and follow Jesus' command to love our neighbors as ourselves."

As alleged in the complaint, there are Episcopal congregations across the United States that have already seen decreased attendance at worship services and social service ministries due to fears of ICE actions. In some places, even congregants with documented legal status are choosing to stay home for fear they may be mistakenly arrested based on their appearance.

"Welcoming the stranger is not a political act—it's a sacred obligation. When immigrants walk through our church doors, they're not entering as outsiders; they are stepping into the heart of our faith, where their dignity and stories are embraced as reflections of God's love," said Julia Ayala Harris, president of The Episcopal Church's House of Deputies. "This lawsuit is about protecting our ability to live out the Gospel without fear or interference."

Co-plaintiffs in the suit include representatives from many Christian and Jewish traditions, including Baptists, Brethren, Disciples, Evangelicals, Lutherans, Mennonites, Methodists, Quakers, Presbyterians, Unitarian Universalists, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Kehilla Community Synagogue, Reconstructing Judaism, and the Union for Reform Judaism.

"We are told by the rulers of our day that the rich shall be first; that compassion is a weakness; that we should regard the migrants and strangers among us with fear and contempt," Bishop Rowe said. "But I ask us all to see that our true citizenship is in God's kingdom, where the meek shall inherit the earth, the merciful shall receive mercy, and the captives shall go free."

Haiti Ministry

The Envelope, please...

WHAT:

When you enter the Connector on March 9, you'll find the room somewhat dim and the windows festooned with streamers of envelopes. These are part of a special one-time fundraising effort by the Haiti Ministry that is taking place during Lent. The goal is to raise the necessary funds to build an additional classroom at St. Matthieu that will house the ninth graders.

HOW:

Here's how it works: There are 200 envelopes, each bearing a photo of someone from the school and a dollar amount between \$1 and \$200. We are asking that every individual at Grace, kids included, take an envelope marked with a sum they feel they can contribute, insert cash or a check (payable to Grace Church with "Haiti—Lent" on the memo line), and return it before the end of Lent on April 17. Drop it in the collection plate on Sunday, bring it to the office, or put it in the U.S. mail. If all the envelopes are filled and returned, Grace will have raised an astounding \$20,000--enough to build the classroom the school needs--in sufficient time for construction to take place during the summer break.

WHY:

St. Matthieu was gratified to add its first ninth grade class in 2024-25, so that the school now provides all levels of primary Haitian education, or Fondamentale. Students who pass a national exam after completing ninth grade earn a certificate that opens the door to further education and to many kinds of jobs. But this year's inaugural ninth graders didn't have a classroom of their own. They have been shuffled around to various nooks and crannies. Future ninth graders deserve a proper classroom, and you can make that possible.

WHEN:

The campaign will be launched at coffee hour after the 10:30 service on March 9. Look for extra goodies provided by the Haiti Committee. We've asked four people who have gone to Bayonnais under Grace's auspices to reflect briefly on how that experience moved them and has perhaps continued to affect them afterward. The intent is to focus on what this partnership has done for individuals at Grace, not just what Grace has done for our Haitian partners. The speakers on March 9 will be Tom Synan, Meg Holladay, Annie Scarff and Mark Peterman.

Save the date for further personal reflections at
CoffeeHour later in Lent:

March 23: Patty Appelbaum, Sandy Muspratt and
Tahina Vatel

April 6: Mary Hocken, John Stifler and
Suzannah Fabing



Ready to top it off! imagine a new classroom on the second floor, to the left of the two rooms already there.

Haiti Ministry

Some FAQs

Why 200 envelopes? That's our best estimate of the number of individuals who will come to Grace during Lent. We want every envelope to have a taker! Feel free to take and fill an envelope on behalf of a spouse, grandchild, or friend who doesn't attend Grace, too. If you don't attend services in person but want to be part of this effort, just mail your contribution in any envelope you have. Be sure to note "Haiti—Lent" on the memo line. You can also donate by credit card by tapping the "GIVE" button on the Grace homepage and choosing "Haiti—Lent" from the drop-down menu.

Am I supporting the individual student whose picture is on my envelope? No—you're helping to build a classroom that will, over time, benefit every child at the school who makes it to ninth grade. The pictures are there to remind us of the many children who have passed through St. Matthieu during the 16+ years of our ministry. Some photos depict teachers and administrators, too.

Is there significance to the size of the dollar amount that goes with each photo? No—all St. Matthieu's children have the same "value" (infinite) in God's eyes, the school's, and ours. You will find the upperclassmen clustered near the envelopes with the highest numbers, because they're most likely to enjoy the new classroom first. You'll find photos of preschoolers on envelopes with the lowest numbers, because we hope that Grace children will choose these envelopes, and they may identify with the littlest kids. Mostly, the pairings are random.

Is this gift tax-deductible? It is a gift to Grace Church, a 501 (c) (3) organization, tax-deductible within legal limits. If you would like Grace to acknowledge the gift, be sure to include your name and address in the returned envelope. Make your contribution anonymously if you prefer.

Thank you!

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.

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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Return Service Requested

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

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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