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From the Rector

*Without a radical hope,
against which nothing serves as a real barrier,
we cannot understand Jesus' resurrection.*

-from Christology at the Crossroads, by Jon Sobrino

Jon Sobrino, Jesuit priest and liberation theologian, lived a Holy Week story. He was serving in El Salvador in the 1980s and happened to be out of the country when several of his brother priests were murdered for their social justice work. Sobrino deeply and openly grieved the loss of his friends and through his ongoing work he searched his soul for the meaning of it all. Empowered by the memories of his friends, Sobrino engaged even more fully in his solidarity with the poor and his work to liberate the oppressed. And in a decision made in faith, Sobrino continued to preach fiercely of God's solidarity with us in Christ and the "hope against hope" that resurrection will come.

Stories like his remind us that the Holy Week story is our story. It's not only the gospel being read in Church; it's also the gospel being lived out here in our world every day. And it's important to listen to the extreme margins, to people like Sobrino and the strangers we meet along the way whose journeys cry of the present realities of extreme suffering and amazing hope.

Ask the Grace youth who recently traveled to New York City with Bethany Christian teenagers from Burma, Iraq, and Northern Africa to attend Night-watch at St John the Divine and to experience the city. They will tell you that they just heard contemporary stories of crucifixion and resurrection and in that their new friendships (with these Christians, Muslims and a Buddhist) they have learned something about solidarity and a whole lot about faith.

And so we are called this season to listen to those peoples who live on the margins of our world and also to listen to ourselves, to listen for the presence of Christ in the midst of the deaths and resurrections we know. We are called to hope against hope that there are no real barriers to God, to life, to new life.

Which is why ultimately, we make our cry, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

Peace,

Jen

Grace Episcopal Church Holy Week & Easter Schedule

We Process and Shout Hosanna! - Palm Sunday (March 28) 8:15, 10:30AM

Join us for a blessing of the palms, triumphal procession into church, narration of the Passion of Our Lord, and celebration of Holy Communion. The 10:30 service will begin in the Church yard—weather permitting.

We ‘Do this in Remembrance’ - Maundy Thursday (April 1) 6PM

Join us for an Agape meal, a foot washing, and Communion as we remember the Last Supper. We close with a stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday. An all-night prayer vigil continues in the chapel. Please bring bread or wine or fruit for the meal if you are able. Sign up for the vigil of prayer on the Commons Bulletin Board.

We Kneel at the Foot of the Cross - Good Friday (April 2) 7PM

Join us as we mark the crucifixion of our Lord with the Story of the Passion, solemn reflections, prayers, and song.

We Rise and Proclaim His Resurrection! - Easter Sunday (April 4) 6:30 & 10AM

Easter Vigil (6:30AM) - Gather with us before sunrise in the Church yard as we kindle a fire in the darkness and process inside to listen to the Biblical story of God’s saving actions. At the news of Christ’s resurrection, we shout “Alleluia!”, ring bells, sing praises, and celebrate Holy Communion. (Bring your bells!)

Easter Brunch (8:00AM—10:00 AM) - a chance for worshipers at both services to gather, celebrate and feast. All are welcome.

Easter Service (10AM) - We gather in the good news of Christ’s resurrection, celebrating Baptism, Communion, and offering our thanks and praise to God.

Come walk with us as we walk with Christ.

**Childcare available at all services*

Easter Brunch Brings Families and Friends Together

From Sue Cloutier (Fellowship Commission)

Everyone is invited to Easter Brunch from 8 am to 10 am in the undercroft. Brunch will follow the 6:30 am Easter Vigil Service. If you prefer going to the Easter Day Service at 10 am, please come to church early & join us for brunch too. Food will be provided by Fellowship Commission with a donation asked of all who are able.

\$5 per person or \$20 per family.

Fellowship Commission is in need of helpers with set-up and food prep for the Easter Brunch on Saturday, April 3rd and on Easter Sunday, April 4th with serving and clean-up. There is a Volunteer sign-up sheet posted in the Commons. Please consider this opportunity; remember the old saying... “Many hands make light work.” Thank you.

The Fellowship Commission will not be having a meeting in April.

A Sneak-Preview of Movie Night Apr. 7

Rev. Henry Idema

On Wednesday, April 7, we will be showing a remarkable film which explores the issues of eternal life, heaven and hell, and who goes where: **WHAT DREAMS MAY COME**. Academy Award winners Robin Williams and Cuba Gooding, Jr. embark on a supernatural journey beyond the realm of mortality in this visually stunning and unforgettable epic.



After Chris Nielsen (Williams) dies in an accident, he tries to remain close to his beautiful, mortal wife, Annie. With the friendly spirit (Gooding, Jr.) assigned to guide him, he begins to adapt to his new state of being in a setting that can only be described as heavenly. But when his distraught wife takes her own life, she is banished to an eternal damnation. Chris vows to find her so they can share eternity together, but no one has ever succeeded in rescuing a soul from such a horrific fate. With the help of his heavenly friends, Chris sets out on the most perilous and harrowing journey of his life, or afterlife: a quest for everlasting love that will take him to hell and back!

Refreshments are at 5:30 (please bring something to share), movie at 6 with pizza, and discussion following. Please bring a \$5 donation if you are eating pizza. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday Evening Book Group begins “The Painted Veil”

From Henry Idema



Read the book, see the movie: Occasionally Henry will have a book discussion on the last Wednesday of a month, followed by a film based on the book for the movie series on the first Wednesday of the month. We will announce these in advance to give you the chance to read the book.

The first discussion will be Wednesday, April 28, followed by the film on Wednesday, May 5. **THE PAINTED VEIL**, 1925, by W. Somerset Maugham, was made into a wonderful motion picture a few years ago. Copies of the book are available in the Commons for \$10. Both the novel and the movie will raise many psychological, moral, and spiritual issues.

The book study will start at 5:30 and run for about an hour and a half. The movie starts with refreshments at 5:30, movie and pizza at 6 following by discussion. Please bring \$5 if you are eating pizza. ***You may also bring refreshments to the book discussion, but pizza will not be ordered.***

Buildings and Grounds Continues to Make Sure our Space Is Welcoming

From Dave Masselink, Buildings and Grounds

There continues to be a lot of activity on the plate of buildings and grounds. Projects currently in the works include maintenance repairs to various parts of the building to address leaks, installation of a new phone system and re-tiling of our bathrooms. As we head into spring, we'll also be seeding the lot as we consider what we want to do with this space long term.

Want to get involved? Please mark your calendars for our spring clean-up day on April 3, at 8:30AM. We also have another painting night scheduled for April 22, when we'll be painting the the undercroft.

If you have questions or recommendations for Buildings and Grounds, please contact Dave Masselink or Prescott Slee.

Stewardship Moment: Time and Talent Survey

From Guy Packard, Stewardship Chair

Although the main thrust of the Stewardship Committee at Grace is to help us honor God's goodness to us by managing our monetary resources to keep the Church operating in a self-sufficient manner, it is also important for us to use the time and talents that God has blessed us with to

*Maintain our own faith and to
Contribute to the greater Community where we live.*

God wants us to be like the trustworthy servants in the parable to the talents (Matthew 25; 14-30) and invest our talents in a way that will reap a harvest that will further his call to us.

With that in mind, the Stewardship Committee has developed a Time and Talent Survey, which is being distributed to the congregation through the newsletter, grace webpage and will also be made available in the church commons. We are asking that everyone that can participate does so and fill out the survey. We want to capture the knowledge, skills, interests, hobbies, talents and time that everyone may have to offer. The information that we gather from the survey will only be given to Vestry and Commission chairs and used to improve, change or start a number of church programs and/or commissions

The survey is available on the Grace website or on-line through the following link

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/gracetimetalent>

For those who would prefer to manually fill it out, the survey has been sent with the newsletter and additional copies can be picked up from the office or commons. For those that fill it out manually, a colored box will be up in the commons through the month of April and May as a survey collection point or can be mailed back to the office. We encourage those that do have electronic access, to use the on-line survey.

Please prayerfully consider what God wants you to do with the precious time he has given you and with the many gifts you have received from him. Let us remember that "in Christ, we who are many form one body, . . . we have many gifts, including prophesying, serving, teaching, encouraging, leading, and showing mercy." (Romans 12:5-8) Let's all use our individual gifts to create a better world and continue to build the body of Christ.

Youth Activities Focus on Families in Need

from Debbie Coyle, Director of CYM

With the changing of each Liturgical Season, the youth of Grace focus their energy on service to their community. Grace youth gave their time and energy in support of families in need, they traveled to New York for Spiritual Retreat and learned about need both in their smaller communities and in the global community, and they look forward to a project that will help them provide service to those in need this summer.

In early March, the Grace Youth (Middle and High School) participated in a “Move-A-Thon” in which they walked, danced, and generally moved from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. This was in support of the Hope College Dance Marathon which benefits the DeVos Children’s Hospital (and the Children’s Miracle Network). The Grace Youth raised over \$650 and the pledges are still coming. Thank you for all your support.

On March 18th, the High School Youth of Grace traveled to New York to attend the Nightwatch Retreat at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. After an evening of worship, prayer, and an amazing demonstration of music in the cathedral, the youth were treated to a tour of the cathedral which provides an interesting lesson on redemption. The next day, they visited the Statue of Liberty as well as Ellis Island. As we walked through the city, we did a “visual scavenger hunt” of examples of need: both things we see at home, and things we don’t. While on the bus, we explored issues of poverty relating to immigration. We also met new friends from other parishes and from other countries.

Three of the Grace Youth will be traveling to the Diocese of the Dominican Republic with others from our Diocese to assist a parish there with improvements to their space as part of the Youth Leadership and Mission Pilgrimage through the Diocese of Western Michigan.

Finally, we will be focusing our attention on assisting parishes in our Diocese. This summer, the Grace Youth will travel to Grand Rapids to assist St. Mark’s with developing an ongoing Outreach program. Later in the week, they will travel to the Church of the Epiphany to assist with rebuilding and improving their space while learning about the difficulties faced by the people of Epiphany recently.

You can help! Our youth will need your support and your prayers. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare and participate in these activities. You can also help by providing financial support for those traveling to the Dominican Republic. Finally, you can help by volunteering at the Tulip Time Marketplaats. We benefit from this event by receiving 50% of the profits, which last year totaled over \$6,000. These funds are used for opportunities such as the Nightwatch event and New York Trip, assisting the youth participating in the Dominican Republic Trip, our Mission 2010 trip, and the upcoming Pilgrimage 2012. Please look for the sign up in the Commons or call me at the church office.

It’s never too late to be a part of Grace Children and Youth Ministries programming. Contact me at the church office 616-396-7459 or debcoyle@gmail.com for more information on how you can support CYM at Grace.



Prayer List as of March 21, 2010

PRAYER REQUESTED FOR: the Terpstra Hodson family, the Whitcomb family, Jackson Van Singel and family, the Ropa family, Gail Malkiewicz, Shannon, Jean Broersma, Beth Zirille, John, the people of Haiti and Chile, relief workers, Gail Davison, Stephanie Hartford, Lynn Smith, Donna, Chuck Breen, John Funches, Amy, Dana Whitelaw, Diane, Janet Huyser, Erin Walker, Katherine McNamar, Judy Ching, Andrew, Tom Boyd, Nancy Lathem; for the unemployed or under-employed, for the people of the Middle East and other areas of war and unrest, for the women and men of the Armed Forces, especially Chuck, David, Matt Olney and loved ones of our parish family, the youth and leaders from Grace Church and other churches in the Diocese who are traveling home from New York today, Jon Fries, Bobbie Deitenbeck, Judy Zylstra, Ralph, Sharon King, Karla Meeks, Aaron Schillaci, Mike, Brooks, Alex, Dolores & Earl, Karen Trap, Tim and Jordyn and family, Bruce Browning (brother of Jean Adams), George Julius, Marian Schultz, Gilmore Lawrence, Dave Masselink, Barb & Gordon, Richard Bailey, Isaac Montgomery, Samuel Moody, Eric Heiberg, Bradley Erickson, Aaron Miller, Betty Sova, Gloria Stegenga, Ruth Hill, Betty & Jerry, Bob & Donna, Marge Homan (mother of Carol Homan), Mary Rieckmann, Curt Keegin, Vivian Kingsley, John Keegin, Jackie Van Duren, Lisa Leland, Patrice Mourot, Ben Roper, Jim Roper.



Birthdays & Anniversaries in April

5 Gladys & Jim Woodward
7 Ione & Paul Trap
27 Barb & Scott Anderson

1 Cherie De Cook	15 Bruce Fries
Tim Methric	16 Bill Mendenhall
3 Lori Interbitzen	17 Jacob Guyer
Guy Packard	George Moeke
4 Judy Linn	18 Graeme Richmond
5 Paul Hansen	Jim Van Ark
6 Vincent Barlow	19 Molly Coyle
Margaret Hawley-Lowry	Melinda Heiberg
7 Sandy Wright	Lynne Watling
8 Jenny Shea	20 Ashley Klamt
Robert Stauffer	21 Harley Brown
9 Ron Interbitzen	22 Jonathon Fries
Michelle Essenburg	Ralph Schroeder
Cherie Schmidt	23 Krista Packard
10 Andrea Paterson	Isaac Reimer
11 Dianne Hoyt	24 Aaron De Cook
12 Julie De Cook	Dr. Drew
Kevin Wennersten	28 Nancy Chamness
13 Donna Borgman	Judy Voss
14 Bette Comport	29 Samuel Smalldon
Lynne Frey	Pamela Veenhoven
Pam Steele	30 Hugh Ervine

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Thoughts on Life's Journey

I would like to share with my journey-companions at Grace some thoughts arising from my recent reading. I got hold of a book called *These Found the Way: Thirteen Converts to Protestant Christianity*, published in 1951. Why such an old tome? you may ask. I wanted to read the first autobiographical piece, the conversion story of Joy Davidman. You may recognize her name if you saw the film *Shadowlands*, which tells of her marriage to C. S. Lewis and her death, not long after, from cancer. She was a New York Jew, an atheist from childhood, active in the Communist Party in the 1930s and early '40s, whose self-sufficiency was shattered by a remarkable experience of God's presence that led her finally to Christian faith.

Some of the other writers in this book also tell dramatic conversion stories, but alongside these are ones whose faith journey starts in childhood and proceeds through increasing spiritual maturity—sometimes, though, with quite definite and memorable steps along the way. Clearly, coming to have a personal relationship with Christ is not (as some approaches to evangelism seem to suggest) a “one size fits all” process.

I'm especially interested in the idea that—whether the process begins with one's family upbringing (as mine has) or with a more dramatic turnaround (as the etymology of *conversion* implies)—it often continues with a series of mini-conversions or, to put it another way, ascents to a higher plateau. At least, it should. If Paul could say to the Philippians, “I do not consider myself to have ‘arrived,’ spiritually” (3:12), who am I to ever think there isn't still a long way to go, to “arrive at real maturity . . . ‘the fullness of Christ’” (Ephesians 4:13)? (It's with this in mind that we at Grace are now talking, as you must have noticed, not so much about “Christian Education”—which overemphasizes the intellectual side (important though that is)—as about “Formation.”)

In the Episcopal church we tend to think in terms of two formal ceremonies to mark stages of Christian formation, Baptism and Confirmation—the latter being “the rite in which we express a *mature* commitment to Christ” (BCP, 860, my italics). But a new understanding of the significance of Baptism has been developing: it's not just the Entrance Rite but that which makes us full members of the Body of Christ and gives us our calling to be “ministers” (see BCP, 855), though of course not all of us in just the same way. Some are wondering now what that leaves for Confirmation to accomplish. And what is the best age for it? Years ago (when *we* were raising kids) fifth grade was the standard time in many parishes (including Grace). But we now realize that in our culture, with the pre-adult period becoming more and more prolonged, many begin only later to focus on life's serious decisions. So now, at Grace, we have three formal ceremonies, the two traditional ones in the Prayer Book plus, between those, “Steppin' Up” (a.k.a. Rite 13, indicating the average age).

But the fact is, spiritual maturing is a lifelong process. I think there is some recognition of this in the fact that several times a year, we are called on to reaffirm our baptismal vows. And of course, in other ceremonies that mark significant steps in one's life—marriage, birth or adoption, commitment to Christian service, reconciliation, anointing for healing (see BCP, 420–61)—there is recognition that these are times when a person is doing serious thinking and therefore they are, or can be, occasions for taking a further step in “Christian formation.”

Beyond all these ready-made forms, however, might there not be times when something else is needed? God sometimes surprises us with a grace that helps our feet go a little further along the way. What more natural than to want to tell others our good news—to share our joy? And that of course is one thing our parish community is for, to “bear witness” (about what we know by experience) and thereby encourage one another. But often it's hard to find words for our “story,” to put into words what has happened. Small talk (at coffee hour, maybe, or a Holy Chow gathering) comes so much more easily—but leaves behind, perhaps, a feeling of something else that we wish had happened.

I don't know what the answers might be. If there are others who have similar concerns, maybe we can get together and pool our ideas?

In closing, let me explain that I started writing this simply out of a desire to share some personal thoughts. Part way through, I realized that it fits in with some things we've been talking about on the Evangelism and Communication Commission. So I'll sign myself as....

Charles Huttar, E&C Chair

Gerontology and Spirituality the Focus of Stephen's Ministry Speaker

From Sharon Barlow

Monday April 26 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm , Stephen's Ministry is hosting a presentation focused on Gerontology and Spirituality. This presentation will be held in the forum room and is open to the parish.

Rev. Leigh Boelkins Van Kempen is a Reformed Church minister who has worked as the Chaplain and Director of Pastoral Care for Resthaven Care Community in Holland for 10 years. She graduated from Hope College ('80) and Western Theological Seminary ('84) where she met her husband, Case, who is also a Reformed Church minister. Leigh has worked as a Hospice chaplain (in New Jersey), briefly for Hospice of Holland, for Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity and now, for Resthaven. One of her greatest joys in ministry is hearing about the life-long faith of so many of her residents.

Leigh will be leading a discussion on *Gerontology and Spirituality*. She will address the spiritual needs of the elderly, both those who are cognitively healthy and those with dementia. She will provide suggestions on how to offer pastoral care to the older members of the congregation. This conversation will be helpful for both Stephen Ministers as well as congregation members who are caring for their own elderly family members.

Opening the Gate

By Bill Mendenhall, Taking Grace Green Committee

Last year, Jill and I went fly fishing in the area around Livingston Montana. We fished several rivers including the Stillwater near Columbus . . . it was fast and beautiful.

We worked from an inflatable 3 person rubber boat with a guide, flowing through rapids, chutes and eddies as we moved along casting to and catching some nice trout. But I was out of sync and wasn't casting well. I was having fun but I wanted to do better. And I could tell the guide was a bit frustrated with my missed mends and hook sets.

At noon we stopped at a bend and ate a very nice lunch along a sand bar while enjoying the beauty in front of us. It was a really nice day. After lunch I was anxious to get going and walked up and down the sand bar doing some of the movements I practice in Tai Chi. Someone asked me what I was doing and our friend said "Bill is a Tai Chi expert." Jill suggested I show them something. I found a driftwood tree branch, bowed, moving into "open the gate," and demonstrated a staff form I practice. Everyone was surprised and interested, and thanked me. Then things began to happen . . . for the better.

As we slid our boat back into the current I began to fish much better. My casts, line mends, and hook sets were smooth and crisp. I had moved into a nice rhythm and was working well with the guide and the river . . . and I caught more fish. The rest of the afternoon was memorable, both for the beauty of the Stillwater River and being "at one" with the movement of its fast water and beautiful trout. At the end of the day our guide told me that he had seen only a few people struggle in the morning and then fish well in the afternoon.

Several weeks later it dawned on me that doing my Tai Chi staff form probably had "opened the gate," resetting my body and mind to my surroundings and the day.

I have been practicing Tai Chi for eight years and teaching for the past couple of years. It has many health benefits, for both body and mind, and it makes you more aware of your own movement and surroundings. The origins of Tai Chi go back a thousand years ago to the Taoist monasteries in the mountains of China. The Taoist belief was that there is life and energy in everything around us and within us, and if we slow down and get in in sync with that energy, we can move and think, and do things at a higher level.

Our natural world has beauty and energy, and is full of life . . . and we are part of it. If we open ourselves up to these things, we can enjoy this gift. We can "open the gate," being more aware of our surroundings, and then tap into the energy there for us to use.

You Can Explore “Episcopal Life Online”

One thing that’s special about Episcopalians is the strong sense of connectedness that we have with other Christians worldwide, the universal Body of Christ, and especially those of our own Anglican tradition. It is easy to become focused on both the joys and the challenges in which we are immersed locally at Grace, but never far from our minds are the needs, and the often-inspiring accomplishments, of our fellow-Episcopalians in Western Michigan and around the country.

For those of you who feel at home on the Internet—which I suspect is a majority in the parish—the national Episcopal church offers some great resources. One of the easiest to keep track of is “Episcopal Life Online,” an outgrowth of, and in many ways an improvement on, the long-standing print version that used to come out monthly. Go to http://ecusa.anglican.org/episcopal_life.htm and you’ll find a page of current Episcopal news headlines, each of them expandable to a full news story with just a click. It is frequently updated, not necessarily daily but usually several times a week. Also available is an archive of these stories going back several years, searchable by date and by topic or keyword.

The same website also issues, every week, a more extended discussion on a selected topic, under the title “Episcopal Life Weekly.” These are downloadable and designed for churches to use as bulletin inserts. Grace has been accessing these for several months and printing multiple copies—not inserted in our Sunday bulletin (which often has other inserts that claim our attention) but available on a table in the Commons, to be picked up by those interested. Recent topics have included:

- Ministry to the minority Christian population in the Middle East overseen by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (to which our annual Good Friday offering is sent);
- A historic summit meeting of Christian and Muslim leaders at Washington National Cathedral;
- A center for Native American youth that was recently opened in Holbrook, Arizona;
- The work of Episcopal and Anglican delegates to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women March 1–3;
- Reports by Bishop Jean Zaché Duracin of Haiti and Episcopal leaders in New York on the earthquake that destroyed the cathedral in Port-au-Prince and on our church’s plans for aid in rebuilding and relief.
- Coming up on April 4 is an inspiring Easter message from Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori.

Those who forget to pick up their copy while at Grace, or who prefer to read “Episcopal Life Weekly” online, can go to the same website, scroll down the page, and click on the box for “Bulletin Inserts.”

While you’re at it, other clicks can take you to “spiritual resources,” this month’s dates in Anglican history, new Episcopal books and resources, or frequently asked questions and a glossary of terms. There is also a “multimedia” page offering photos, audio, and video.

--from the Evangelism and Communication Commission

Financial Stewardship Report - Total Gifts

February Budget	\$ 25,950	Year-to-Date Budget	\$ 53,780
February Received	\$ 25,509	Year-to-Date Received	\$ 56,465
Feb Surplus (Shortage)	\$(441)	Year-to-Date Surplus (Shortage)	\$ 2,685

Thank you!

Announcements and Notices

Thank you to our wonderful coffee hour hosts for March (and Feb. 28)!



Liza & Jim Barry
Jill Smalldon & Katie Verspoor
Joan Heneveld & Christi Broersma
Jeff & Rosemary Erickson
Joanne Stewart & Will Polik

- from Laurie VanArk, Coffee Hour Coordinator

Unemployment Group To Continue Meetings

Are you someone who is unemployed or underemployed? Know that you are not alone! Several Grace parishioners came together in September and plan to continue gathering on the THIRD Thursday of each month from 9:00—10:00 for bagels, coffee, networking, and ideas sharing. Jen will meet with the group in the new Adult Formation space across from the offices on the lower level. Join us on March 18, April 15, and each Third Thursday after that.

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

Whether you're graduating from High School or College, please contact Debbie at debcoyle@gmail.com so that we can recognize and celebrate your achievement!

The deadline for submissions to the May 2010 issue of Grace to You is April 21, 2010.

A Prayer For Spring by Robert Frost

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will,
But which it only needs that we fulfil



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Come and See.....

What's happening at Grace

Important Dates:

April:

- 1st - Maundy Thursday Agape Meal & Eucharist
- 2nd - Good Friday Service
- 4th - Easter Sunday Vigil, Brunch, Eucharist

**full calendar of events and list of birthdays and anniversaries in center...*

