

The Gracevine

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CELEBRATING THOSE WHO CARE
FOR OUR CHILDREN

2ND ANNUAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 19 | 10:00 AM

- > SPECIAL MUSIC BY PRE-K 3 & 4 WITH REV. SCOTT ON PIANO
- > TEACHER AWARDS AND GIFTS
- > SPECIAL LUNCH CELEBRATION HOSTED BY SCHOOL ADMIN TEAM



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MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd Norma Burlingame
- 9th Patricia Powell
- 11th Mary Lou Del Homme
- 11th Dorothy Gretchen Hickman-Joseph
- 11th Marcia Sadberry
- 13th Scott Painter
- 15th Tammy Wu
- 21st Nigel Minion
- 25th Celina Carter
- 29th Bob Andrew
- 29th Colin Dunham

Please tell us if we forgot yours!

ANNIVERSARIES

- 28TH Robert & Melissa Duran

FLOWERS

- 5th Lisa Bullock - for Tracey, Karen, Al & John Dave's Birthdays
- 12th Chantal Gaudiano - in Memory of Mona Gaudiano
- 9th C.L. & Vyonne Johnson - Celina B. Carter's birthday
- 26th The Minions - Niamh & Nathan's Birthdays

COFFEE HOUR

- 5th Daughters of the King
- 12th Kimbroughs
- 19st Teacher Appreciation
- 26th Colin Dunham



THE VICAR'S NOTES

THE REVEREND SCOTT PAINTER



"The Work of the People"

In our tradition, we often use the word "liturgy" to describe rhythms, patterns, and forms engaged for our worship together as a church community. The word "liturgy" derives from the Greek word, *leitourgia*, which described, in the ancient world, the dutiful works of a citizen in service to their state. When the fledgling Church began forming and growing as a collection of faith communities throughout the Greco-Roman world, the word *leitourgia* soon came to describe the dutiful works of those citizens of Christ's kingdom – works of mercy and worship – engaged through emerging rhythms, patterns, and forms of ordering life together in the new society of Christian faith.

When we use the word "liturgy," we are describing more than the structure of our times of worship—more than the order of our service, the words of our prayers, or the songs we sing. We are actually talking about the work we do together as God's people. Liturgy is the work of the people! (Having just walked together through Holy Week—5 gatherings for worship in the span of 8 days—it may not seem like much of a stretch to describe worship as *work!*) While our liturgy may vary from time to time, in terms of the elements we include or the specific form we follow, it does not change that we are doing the work of worship together in community.

We know that The Book of Common Prayer provides the basis for our liturgy as Episcopalians, but it may not be as clear to everyone that the BCP affords a great deal of flexibility in adapting forms of worship to be more authentic or appropriate to a particular congregation's tradition, special occasions, different seasons in the church year, or other considerations. (My liturgy professor at ,

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A Death in the Family

Eloise Shirley Taake Mauzy

June 14, 1971-April 20, 2019

Eloise Shirley Taake Mauzy was born on June 14, 1917 to Henrietta and Herman Taake. A Regan High graduate, she was happily married to Harry L. Mauzy for 63 years. Eloise actively volunteered at St. James Episcopal Church, Grace Episcopal Church, and Braes Interfaith Ministries.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Harry L. Mauzy; son, Harry L. Mauzy, Jr; her parents; her seven brothers and sister and their spouses. Eloise is survived by her daughters, Harriet L. Mauzy and Susan M. Coates and husband Charles; grandsons, Christopher L. Coates and Stephen M. Coates; numerous nieces and nephews and their spouses.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 4040 West Bellfort, Houston, TX 77025.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grace Episcopal Church Memorial Fund, Braes Interfaith Ministries, 4300 West Bellfort, Houston, TX 77035 or Houston Hospice, 1905 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030. Condolences may be offered at www.millerfuneral.com



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Seminary of the Southwest often referred to the prayer book jokingly as a choose-your-own-adventure prayer book!)

For example, during the Great 50 Days of Easter (between Easter Sunday and Pentecost) it is sometimes common practice for a congregation to omit The Confession from its weekly worship. This is not to say we may not sin or err during those days, but to acknowledge that after the Lenten season of penitence and contrition, Easter comes joyfully as a time of Resurrection Feasting and Celebration. This year, we are following the custom of omitting The Confession during Easter Sundays.

The BCP also affords the choice of praying over the Eucharist with one of several forms of the Eucharistic Prayer. During The Great 50 Days, we are praying with Prayer D, which is based on the prayer of St. Basil from the 4th Century. This form for the Eucharist shares the most in common, of all of our Eucharistic Prayers, with the wider Church catholic. And so, in Easter, we pray with words that lead us toward greater unity with our Christian siblings around the world and in various traditions. (Please see the “liturgical notes”

below, by Ellis Montes, for more on Eucharistic Prayer D and other changes it allows.)

We hope to be more intentional, going forward, in sharing some of the thinking behind liturgical decision-making for each season. Every time we try something new, we learn from it, and the learning informs choices for future seasons in future years.

Ultimately, our goal is to facilitate good “work of the people” – in worship and service – that is pleasing to God.

I am privileged to be in community with you as your Vicar, and I love worshiping with you.

Scott



Liturgical Notes – by Ellis Montes

During the season of Easter, we are chanting more and praying with Eucharistic Prayer D. Chanting has been a part of Christianity since the beginning, and the tradition is actually a continuation of chanting in Jewish worship. For Easter, we are chanting traditional Anglican chants that stem from the Roman tradition. (When I first learned these chants, I was attending a church that used the 1928 Book of Common Prayer text, which had more—and older—words. So, I slip up from time to time!) An important thing to remember is that we are chanting from a translation of the Latin, which has a much different grammar structure than English. Therefore, there is room for us to make sure we can get the point across no matter the variations in words, while using the same notes.

A special feature of Eucharistic Prayer D is that it has space towards the end for additional petitions. In the Eucharistic Prayers, we repeat that the ritual is a representation of us bringing our gifts before God as an offering. What I enjoy about Prayer D is that we can bring our own petitions, our thoughts, our lives, before God on the altar, alongside the bread, wine, and other offerings. Because of this space for our own prayerful offerings in Prayer D, we pray for our community during the Eucharist rather than after the Nicene Creed in separate Prayers of the People. It is a strong reminder that God accepts our offerings, no matter how unworthy we may feel.

THE VIEW FROM HERE

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*Thoughts, Reflections, and
Wisdom from Philip Montgomery,
Bishop's Warden*



Now that Holy Week has passed, the Vicar and Bishop's Committee are beginning the work of planning for Grace's future.

When it comes to planning, one of my favorite models in the Bible is Joseph in the book of Genesis. Joseph becomes the right-hand man of Pharaoh and, acting in love and compassion, prepares Egypt for seven years of privation. Through his prudent planning he not only helps the people of Egypt survive hard times, but he helps the nations and communities surrounding Egypt. Grace is also in a position to provide spiritual sustenance to our own members and to the surrounding communities.

To provide for our congregation and neighbors, we need thoughtful planning that addresses our future in the short term and long term just like Joseph did.

As a first step in planning, the Bishop's Committee will hold a retreat in May to clarify our mission and values as a community. This retreat will be working from the results of the Holy Cow Survey, which was completed earlier this year, made possible by The Episcopal Diocese of Texas. The purpose of the survey was to help us assess the health of our congregation determine how best to support growth, and facilitate sustainability and health in this congregation.

At our June Town Hall meeting, we will share some of what we've learned from the survey and initial steps taken as a result.

I ask each of you to pray for Grace, for the Vicar and Bishop's Committee during this planning phase, and for wisdom and discernment for all our church leaders.

Philip Lee Montgomery, Bishop's Warden
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Holy Communion on the Labyrinth

A ritual of movement,
contemplation, and worship on
Grace's Tree of Life Labyrinth

Third Sunday,
May 19
at 6:00 PM

FOURTH FRIDAYS
GRACE PARISH HALL
5/24

7:00-9:00 PM

JAM NIGHT

- > BRING YOUR INSTRUMENT
- > BRING 1 OR 2 FAVORITE SONGS TO SHARE - ANY GENRE!
- (COPIES OF SHEET MUSIC OR CHORD CHARTS FOR 6-10)

- > IF YOU DON'T PLAY, COME TO LISTEN OR SING ALONG
- > DRINKS AND LIGHT SNACKS WILL BE SERVED

HOLY WEEK AT GRACE

Helen Rose Ebaugh

This Holy Week at Grace was the most meaningful and prayerful Holy Week I have ever experienced. It was truly a pageant with costumes, music, poetry, lighting and ritual that united us in community, living out what Jesus asked us to do, "love one another." In fact, it reminded me of Handel's "Messiah," the epic musical piece that describes the arc of Jesus's life on earth.

The pageant began on **Holy Thursday** when we gathered around tables in the Parish Hall to reenact the last meal Jesus had with his very special friends in that upper room in Jerusalem. After celebrating the Eucharist, we shared bread, soup, salad and wine, reminiscent of that last meal before he was murdered. I could soulfully and physically feel community among us. Then we all helped to strip the altar and prepare it for the austerity of Good Friday. Everyone pitched in to make it a shared experience.

The Stations of the Cross on the Labyrinth at noon on **Good Friday** recreated Jesus's journey to his crucifixion, just as Jesus walked to his death on the cobbled streets of Jerusalem. Friday night's ritual was done in a darkened church where celebrants entered down the side aisle dressed in black robes to a bare altar to create an atmosphere of mourning. Our wonderful Choir set the mood with a moving rendition of "Were You There When They Crucified our Lord?" Rev. Bob Flick's Gospel message was one that stressed the ultimate goal of passionate love to go out with the message of love to the whole world.

That message was lived out in our **Easter Vigil** on Saturday, shared with brothers and sisters from neighboring churches. These fellow Christians did not just join us as spectators but took an integral part in the service, in the readings, the music, the sermon, the acolytes. Walls crumbled as we celebrated as Christians. The grand finale was Rev. Scott's piano rendition of "Marching in the Love of God," with people dancing in the aisle!





The climax came Easter Sunday as we celebrated the Risen Christ, with gold robes, a profusion of Easter lilies, the lovely flowered cross and triumphant music. Christ was risen and we were ready to share His love with our community, our fellow Christians, and then the whole world.

Our love as a community expanded Tuesday evening beyond just our Grace community and our fellow Christians. People of other faith traditions: Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhists and no faith at all, joined us on our Labyrinth to respect one another's sacred music, and we danced together on the Labyrinth. Hands joined, we rejoiced in our one God and ourselves as part of this great, marvelous universe, along with the hovering oak trees, native Texas plants, soft moon, warm breezes, and twilight descending. The great arc of the Easter pageant came to a close but the warm memories will permeate throughout the year.

Finally, I offer a tribute to our producer and leader, Rev. Scott, who is surely the Risen Christ's special gift to our community. Resurrection, indeed!

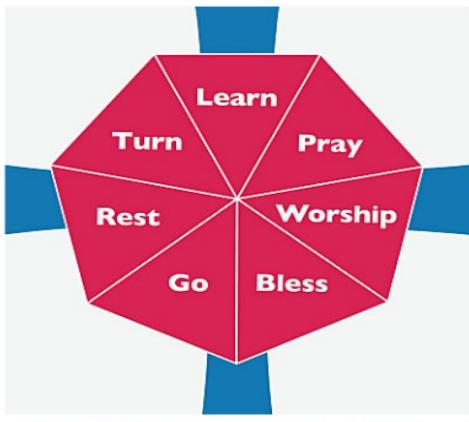




Thanks to Chuck Luke for most of these wonderful photographs!



Sundays in
Eastertide
9:00 AM
Adult Study



Develop a
Rule of Life
for a Life of
Love

THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life



sacred music on the labyrinth: voices of many faiths a 2019 compassionate houston event



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PRAYER AND POTLUCK

Saturday, May 11, 2019—Flex Room

Please join us for scripture study this month. Bible study is among several traditional disciplines that can help us grow in our understanding our faith. All are invited to join us as we explore our Gospel readings for personal enrichment in a communal atmosphere. Each participant is asked to bring a brunch item or beverage to share during our study as we seek to nourish both the body and the mind, knowing the Spirit is with us always.

The Sunday, May 12, 2019 Gospel reading is John 10:22-30 “Conflict over Jesus’ Claims.”

Questions:

When has doubt interfered with
some goal in your life?

How did you resolve your issue or not?



DOK Spring Retreat | Saturday, May 25, 2019 | 8:30 AM-1:00 PM

Marcia Sadberry, Speaker | Continental Breakfast, Lunch | Holy Communion

4040 W Bellfort Ave | Houston

All are
WELCOME!



GRACE GOES TO LUNCH

MAY 4, 12:30 PM | SIGN UP IN PARISH HALL
NAPOLI PIZZA - BEECHNUT & CHIMNEY ROCK



LGBTQ+ & Allies Hangout

MAY 25, 2018
7-9:00 PM
5336 NOLDA STREET
HOUSTON, TX 77007

JOIN US AT THE HOME OF
NEAL MASSEY - 7:00 PM
FOR FOOD, DRINK, FUN &
FRIENDSHIP.

Email
JuniorWarden@graceinhouston.org
for more information.

 GRACE
EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

Save the Date!

We will have a Cream Tea
fundraiser on June 1 in Parish
Hall from 3-4:00 PM.

This will be a fundraiser to
support the ministries of Grace.

More information is
coming soon!



2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 11:30 AM

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ADULT FORMATION & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sundays @ 9:00 AM

Adult Forum: Bible Study—
Practices for Jesus—Centered Life
Contemplative Prayer with Gospel
Reading — Lectio Divina (Library)

Sundays @ 9:00 am

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Sundays @ 10 am

Children's Chapel is available each Sunday. The children exit the church following the cross before the first Lesson and return at the Peace.

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 11:30 AM

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JOIN US IN THE CHURCH SANCTUARY FOR QUIET IN COMMUNITY,
AROUND THE SACRED MEAL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



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Daughters of the King?



The Saint Clare Chapter of the Daughters of the King invites all women of Grace to join us on our spiritual journey.

As Daughters, we are charged with daily prayer, service, evangelism, and the strengthening of the spiritual life of the parish. We meet the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM in the Flex Room.

We would love to have you!

Reading With Grace Book Group

The Reading With Grace book club will be meeting again on the second Thursday in May.

The selection for the month is "Becoming" by Michelle Obama.

Please join us on May 9th at 2 pm in the Flex room.
All are welcome.



Sexton Mario Ruiz, son Jadiel, and family at Easter Service.



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