

CLARKE PARISH – BERRYVILLE, VIRGINIA

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

THE EVANGELINE

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From the Office

Rector's Reflection

Join us in DC to see the musical Godspell!

The Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC has its own theatre and is putting on the well-known musical from the 1970s - Godspell.



From the museum's website:

"Experience the Gospel of Matthew in a whole new way — with Godspell. Writer John-Michael Tebelak wrote this musical on the life of Jesus as his 1970s master's thesis requirement for Carnegie-Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh. For composer Stephen Schwartz, Godspell launched his legendary songwriting career, with chart-topping hits like "Day by Day," "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," and "Learn Your Lessons Well."

Museum of the Bible is hosting its own production of Godspell in our World Stage Theater from May 14 through June 12. For more than 50 years, Godspell has entertained audiences around the world, and now it's live in Washington, DC. Come experience the show, drawn from parables in Matthew's Gospel, and follow Jesus Christ as he recruits followers and teaches them various lessons through song and dance.

Come experience this classic, heart-warming stage production at Museum of the Bible."

Clarke Parish would like to take a group on **Friday, May 27th at 7:30 pm** to see this production. **Tickets are \$55 each.** We need to book soon to ensure availability. If you would like to come, please contact the office and let us know how many tickets you would like. The cut-off before we place the booking is close of business **Monday, March 21, 2022.**

Blessings,
Justin+

Upcoming Service Schedule

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

8 am - Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

@ Grace Episcopal Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

8 am - Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

@ Grace Episcopal Church

Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts
Seminarian - Caroline Mitchell
Lay Reader - Jon Campbell

9:15 am - Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

@ St. Mary's Memorial Church
Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts
Seminarian - Caroline Mitchell
Lay Reader - Gwendolyn Malone

11:15 am - Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

@ Grace Episcopal Church
Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts
Seminarian - Caroline Mitchell
Lay Reader - Ben Newlon
Acolytes - Miles I. & Lily B.

Lectionary Insert
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Exodus 3:1-15 / Psalm 63 / 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 / Luke 13:1-9

The altar arrangements (sticks & branches) at Grace Church are given to the glory of God by Susie Bailey & Barbara Clagett in loving memory of their father, William B. Clagett.

Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts
Seminarian - Caroline Mitchell
Sermon - Rev. Mark Jefferson
Lay Reader - Melissa Casey

9:15 am - Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

@ St. Mary's Memorial Church
Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts
Seminarian - Caroline Mitchell
Sermon - Rev. Mark Jefferson
Lay Reader - Caroline Mitchell

11:15 am - Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

@ Grace Episcopal Church
Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts
Seminarian - Caroline Mitchell
Sermon - Rev. Mark Jefferson
Lay Reader - Stuart Dunn
Acolytes: Stella H. & Gray J.

Lectionary Insert
[CLICK HERE](#)

Joshua 5:9-12 / Psalm 32 / 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 / Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The altar arrangements (sticks & branches) at Grace Church are given to the glory of God by Penny Poe in honor of her daughter, Leigh Ann Poe, who celebrates her 27th birthday on March 25.



Guest Clergy
Rev. Dr. Mark Jefferson to Visit Clarke Parish
Sunday, March 27

Rev. Mark Jefferson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Homiletics (Preaching), is preaching sermons around the world in honor of Virginia Theological Seminary's historic bicentennial. VTS is honoring its 200th anniversary on October 15, 2023 and in contribution to this special event, Rev. Dr. Jefferson is preaching 200 sermons locally, nationally, and internationally in the time leading up to the bicentenary. We are honored to have him with us at Clarke Parish on Sunday, March 27th where he will offer the sermon at all three services that morning.

Bio (from VTS Website): Before joining the Virginia Theological Seminary faculty in 2016, Mark was an adjunct professor at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA, and previously taught at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Jefferson holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Religion focusing on Homiletics from Emory University where he was a doctoral fellow for the Fund for Theological Exploration (FTE) and the Lilly Foundation. During his doctoral work, he received the W.E.B. Du Bois Award from the Candler School of Theology. Active in the life of the church in graduate school in Atlanta, Dr. Jefferson was the Director of Christian Education at The Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Church, which, at the time, was counted as one of the fastest-growing churches in the country, according to Outreach Magazine. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, where he concentrated his coursework in homiletics, completed a certificate in Black Church Studies, and served as President of the Black Student Caucus. He majored in Political Science and concentrated in Public Administration at Norfolk State University (NSU) in Norfolk, Virginia. While at NSU, he served as the President of Pi Sigma Alpha (the political science honor society), earned the Vince Lombardi Most Outstanding Football

Athlete Award, and was named a Coca-Cola Academic All-American.

Dr. Jefferson's preaching, scholarship, and engagement with popular culture outline his commitment to be a public theologian. The critical engagement of the American social imagination and African American socio-political enfranchisement and empowerment are areas of concentration for Dr. Jefferson's life and work.

Dr. Jefferson is an emerging scholar interested in the ways that consciousness and imagination inform the practice of preaching. His dissertation titled "Beyond the Talented Tenth: W.E.B. Du Bois, the Hip-Hop Emcee, and the Reimagination of African American Homiletics" explores Du Bois' advocacy of the "Talented Tenth" social imagination and its influence in the formation of black preachers and preaching. In his upcoming book, tentatively titled, *The Mis-education of the African American Preacher*, Dr. Jefferson extends the work of Carter G. Woodson and his critique of the educational and cultural formation of African American leaders, namely preachers, by arguing that they are being formed to ineffectively preach and connect with the black masses. Dr. Jefferson has also contributed to the African American Lectionary and the Academy of Preachers.

Dr. Jefferson is an internationally respected preacher and teacher of preachers. He was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College and appeared in *The Nassau Guardian* (Bahamas). He has preached at churches such as: Washington National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.; Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA; Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, PA; The House of Hope Atlanta, Decatur, GA; Friendship Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA; Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix, AZ; Alexandria Detention Center, Alexandria, VA and Bethel A.M.E, Hampton, VA among many others churches, conferences, chapels, public gatherings, and occasions. Dr. Jefferson was selected for the historic Lenten Preaching Series at Calvary Episcopal Church, in Memphis, TN. VTS is honoring its 200th anniversary on October 15, 2023, and in contribution to this effort, Dr. Jefferson is currently preaching 200 sermons locally, nationally, and internationally in the years leading up to the Historic Bicentenary.

Dr. Jefferson engages popular culture through lectures, panels, presentations, and social media. He was a featured panelist at the Something in the Water music festival sponsored by the African American Museum for History and Culture. His blog posts have been featured on Urban Cusp and The Root. He is invited to engage on social media panels, programs, and virtual events.

Dr. Jefferson, a native of Hampton, Virginia, is the quarterback for the Seminary's flag football team, the Fighting Friars.



In-Person OR Live-Stream... Your Choice!

Although we will always prefer having you attend service and worship with us in our beautiful churches, we will continue to live-stream the 11:15 am service each week for our friends that are traveling, further afield, or still uncomfortable attending in person.

Live Stream services are available to view via our YouTube Channel (Clarke Parish - Berryville Grace Episcopal Church) OR Facebook (Grace Episcopal Church - Berryville). The service goes live at 11:15 and then afterward is available to view at your convenience.

Parish Calendar - Quick View

A Look Ahead...Upcoming Events & Activities

- **March 16** - Service of Noonday Office / 12 pm @ GEC
- **March 19** - Taize / 7 pm in the McIntosh Chapel
- **March 20** - St. Mary's ECW Meeting / Parish House immediately following 9:15 service
- **March 20** - NO Adult Christian Education
- **March 20** - Youth Confirmation Students to meet with Rev. Ivatts / 10:15 am
- **March 21** - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room
- **March 23** - Service of Noonday Office / 12 pm @ GEC
- **March 26** - Taize / 7 pm in the McIntosh Chapel
- **March 27** - Rev. Mark Jefferson from the VTS Bicentennial 200 Sermons Program will join us as guest clergy for the day. He will preach at all three services (8, 9:15 & 11:15 am)
- **March 30** - Service of Noonday Office / 12 pm @ GEC
- **April 2** - Taize / 7 pm in the McIntosh Chapel
- **April 5** - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House
- **April 6** - Service of Noonday Office / 12 pm @ GEC
- **April 9** - Taize / 7 pm in the McIntosh Chapel
- **April 10** - No Sunday School!
- **April 10** - Palm Sunday Worship & Confirmation with Bishop Porter Taylor. This special service will begin at 10:15 am at St. Mary's for the Blessing of the Palms. The congregation will then depart and begin their procession through town to Grace Church for the remainder of the Palm Sunday Liturgy and the confirmation of our youth candidates.
- **April 14** - Maundy Thursday (7 pm liturgy at St. Mary's)
- **April 15** - Good Friday (7 pm service at GEC)
- **April 16** - Holy Saturday (Liturgy of Holy Saturday - noon @ St. Mary's)
- **April 16** - Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil will begin at 8 pm at the Rectory firepit)
- **April 17** - Easter Sunday! All three services will be celebrated at Clarke Parish (8, 9:15 & 11:15). An Easter Egg Hunt will take place in lieu of children's Sunday School @ 10:15 (please meet in the GEC parish hall) and a potluck picnic will be enjoyed immediately following the 11:15 service.
- **April 18** - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room
- **April 24** - St. Mary's ECW Meeting / Parish House immediately following 9:15 service
- **April 24** - NO Adult Christian Education
- **April 24** - Piedmont Singers Concert (5 pm @ GEC)
- **April 29 - May 1** - Shrine Mont Parish Retreat!
- **May 1** - NO Sunday School (Retreat Weekend)
- **May 3** - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House
- **May 5** - 'Thoughtful Thursday' Services resume at Wickliffe Church (time TBD)
- **May 16** - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room
- **May 22** - 'Mass in the Grass' and Parish Picnic!
- **May 22** - NO Sunday School
- **May 29** - NO Sunday School (Memorial Day holiday)
- **May 30** - OFFICE CLOSED (Memorial Day)
- **June 5** - Last Day of Sunday School for the 2021/2022 youth session.
- **June 7** - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House
- **June 20** - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room

Church News

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to provide spring flowers to brighten the church on Easter Sunday, please complete and return this form to the office with a \$15 check payable to Grace Church by April 6, 2022.



Easter Flowers are given to the glory of God in
(memory / celebration / honor)

please circle

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The Season of Lent Service Schedule



Wednesday Noonday Service - Remaining Wednesdays in Lent / 12 pm @ GEC with guest clergy from the local Ministerial Association. No Lenten Lunches in 2022!

- **March 16:** Sermon = Rev. Justin Ivatts (Clarke Parish)
- **March 23:** Sermon = Pastor Larry Santmyer (Church of New Beginnings)
- **March 30:** Sermon = Rev. Jonathan Bunker (Berryville Presbyterian Church)
- **April 6:** Sermon = Father Paul (St. Bridget of Ireland Catholic Church)
- **April 13:** Sermon = Rev. Paul Woodruff (St. Luke Baptist Church)

Taize - Remaining Saturdays in March / 7 pm in the McIntosh Chapel @ GEC

- **March 19**
- **March 26**

Palm Sunday - April 10, 2022

Worship & Confirmation with Bishop Porter Taylor. This special service will begin at 10:15 am at St. Mary's for the Blessing of the Palms. The congregation will then depart and begin their procession through town to Grace Church for the remainder of the Palm Sunday Liturgy and the confirmation of our youth candidates.

Maundy Thursday - April 14, 2022 / 7 pm @ St. Mary's / No Dinner in 2022!

Good Friday - April 15, 2022 / 7 pm @ Grace Church

Holy Saturday - April 16, 2022

Liturgy of Holy Saturday / noon @ St. Mary's
Easter Vigil / 8 pm @ GEC. This special service will begin at the Rectory firepit

Easter Sunday - April 17, 2022

Christian Education News - THIS WEEK



Adults: The Adult Class currently studying the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday mornings will NOT meet this week (3/20). St. Mary's ECW will be meeting in the Parish House instead. Class will resume on - Sunday, March 27th at 10:15 am.

Children: Class begins at 10:15 am - Come join us in the "Gracement" for some Sunday morning fun!

Confirmation Students: Class begins at 10:15 am - During class time, candidates for Confirmation will be meeting individually with Rev. Ivatts to discuss final steps before the Bishop's visit next month and to answer the important question, "Are you ready and do YOU wish to be confirmed into the Episcopal Church?"

Shrine Mont Parish Retreat April 29 - May 1, 2022

Who's ready to spend a weekend in Orkney Springs? Our



annual Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont is a highlight of the programming year and a great opportunity to engage with fellow parishioners and church friends. It's fun for the whole family! If you've never attended, haven't been on retreat in a while, or are new to Clarke Parish, we hope you will consider joining us for all or part of our retreat weekend at Shrine Mont - we guarantee a great time!

Mark your calendar & Save the Date!

The cost for the weekend is all-inclusive (housing, meals & fun):

Adults = \$150

College Students = \$100

Teens (13-18) = \$85

Youth (0-12) = \$60

Please note: The cost will never prohibit someone from attending our weekend retreat if they really want to go.

Scholarships & financial assistance are available. Please reach out to Robin for more information.

In an ongoing effort to keep Shrine Mont happy, we must provide them with an early idea of attendance numbers. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall foyer. If you want to sign-up and can't make it by the office during the week, please reach out to Robin and she'll add your name to the roster. Registration Forms and Deposits (50%) are due to the office by April 11th. Any remaining balance is due by April 29th.

[Click HERE to print a Registration Form](#)



**Bishop's Reception for The Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor and Confirmation Celebration for our confirmands
Sunday, April 10, 2022 - GEC Parish Hall @ noon**

On Palm Sunday (4/10/22), Bishop Porter Taylor will join us at Clarke Parish to celebrate the Litany of the Palms, Holy Eucharist, and the laying on of hands with the Confirmation of our youth confirmands.

We will offer one service only this day beginning at 10:15 am at St. Mary's Church for the blessing of the palms before processing through town to Grace Church for the remainder of the service.

Immediately following worship, we will gather at the Parish Hall for a special Bishop's Reception and Confirmation Celebration with heavy hors d'oeuvres and finger foods. We haven't been able to enjoy a meal and social time together in a very long time and thought this a wonderful opportunity to get back to what we do so well - food & fellowship!

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. If you would like to help with the reception and/or contribute something for the table, please visit the link below to sign-up. Your help will be most appreciated!

[Click HERE for the Perfect Potluck Sign-Up Sheet](#)

<https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/HOUD4809>

Sing a New Song!



What are your favorite hymns? Why do you like them? When do you first remember singing them? There is always a story!

Dorothy Davis says "One of my favorite hymns is *It Is Well with My Soul*, by Horatio Spafford. I recall hearing it sung at a Union of Black Episcopalians National Convention in Richmond shortly after I returned to the Diocese of VA. It was sung by volunteer (two or three) choir members from each diocese in the USA and arranged and directed by Dr. Carl Haywood. It was an amazing evening of music! The lyrics are so meaningful. We at St. Mary's Church love singing this special hymn at our Homecoming Services. It is found in LEVAS, hymn #188. In my memorial service preparations, I've specified this hymn is to be sung." Thanks for sharing it us with us, Dorothy!

In 1873, Spafford's wife and four daughters were traveling to England by ship when the ship collided with another vessel and sank. All four daughters were lost. Spafford wrote the hymn while on board another ship going to comfort his grieving wife. Composer Philip Bliss named the tune *Ville du Havre* after the stricken ship. The words in the first verse reflect Spafford's very deep faith in God: "Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to know It is well, it is well, with my soul."

Keep a song in your heart!
Blessings, Wendy O.

Altar Guild News Volunteers Needed!



The Altar Guild at Grace Church, a special group of volunteers that maintain the altar area and set up for services, is in need of some new volunteers to help with this important ministry. It is the responsibility of the Altar Guild to dress the altar with seasonal hangings, maintain the candles (and keep filled with oil), lay out the communion supplies, etc.

If interested in learning more and/or joining this special group, please contact Priscilla Lowe as soon as possible - priss@prisslowe.com



A Message from the Outreach Committee Ukraine Outreach Report

The Clarke Parish Outreach Committee has donated income from the Fowler Trust to assist people affected by the violence in Ukraine.

- We sent **\$500** to **Direct Relief**, an organization providing medical support in Ukraine.
- We sent **\$500** to **Care**, an organization providing humanitarian support for Ukrainians.

Both charities were already working in Ukraine before the war.

After making these donations, Episcopal Relief and Development, ERD, established the Ukraine Crisis Response Fund. The Outreach Committee will likely make a contribution to this fund in the future. Another good option for donations would be the International Committee of the Red Cross, ICRC.

Below are the links to ERD, ICRC, Care, and Direct Relief:

DIRECT RELIEF

<https://www.directrelief.org/2022/02/direct-relief-mobilizing-emergency-aid-for-ukraine/>

CARE

<https://www.care.org/>

ERD

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/give/donate-now/individual-donation/>

ICRC

<https://www.icrc/en>

The Clarke Parish Outreach Committee

Margaret Burks, Melissa Casey, Tara Flaten, Bob Holmes, and Nadine Pluchinsky



Stewardship Online Giving

We have partnered with Tithe.ly - a trusted platform to provide a simple, convenient, and secure way to continue supporting the church and our ministry through online giving from anywhere at any time.

Please consider this option to make pledge or one-time payments to the church. You can also set up recurring payments, and likewise, use Tithe.ly to give to the General Fund, Grace Giving, St. Mary's Giving, the Rector's Discretionary Fund, the Backpack Ministry, or 'Other' by selecting from the drop-down menu options. Give it a try - it's easy!

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