

CLARKE PARISH – BERRYVILLE, VIRGINIA

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

THE EVANGELINE

Keeping you up-to-date on church happenings



From the Office

Rector's Reflection

April 6, 2022

Dear Friends -

This Sunday, Palm Sunday, we begin one of the most holy journeys of the Christian year with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. While in many ways the Palm Sunday liturgy encapsulates Holy Week, I encourage you not to just wait until Easter to come to church again. Holy Week is a journey - a journey that we all take with Jesus to the Cross. The Holy Triduum, which begins on Maundy Thursday and lasts until the Great Vigil of Easter, is officially considered one single liturgy, which is why there is no blessing between the start of the Maundy Thursday service and the blessing at the end of the Great Vigil.

Join us as we walk the Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross). Bring your kids so they too can experience the story and the theatre of Holy Week. Experiencing Holy Week is how we can truly experience and understand the key of our faith. I look forward to walking this journey with all of you.

Blessings,
Justin +



Holy Week Service Schedule



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 late 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.

Palm Sunday Service
Confirmation and Reception
Bishop Visitation Day with The Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor
THIS SUNDAY - April 10, 2022
10:15 am - Holy Eucharist (Rite II)



On Palm Sunday, Bishop 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 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.

Celebrants

Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor
Rev. Justin Ivatts

Seminarian

Caroline Mitchell

Lay Readers

Gwendolyn Malone
Stuart Dunn

Acolytes

Molly McFillen
Diane Preston

Lectionary Insert

CLICK HERE

Luke 19:28-40 / Isaiah 50:4-9 / Psalm 31 / Philippians 2:5-11 / Passion Narrative - Luke 23:1-49

The altar palms at Grace Church are given to the glory of God in honor and celebration of those confirming their baptismal covenant with the laying on of hands by Bishop Taylor this morning -

Lily Bosworth
Stella Herndon
Miles Ivatts
Gray Jones
Warren Maiberger
Robyn Preston
Elise Rovde
Michelle Jones

Bishop's Reception & Confirmation Celebration

THIS SUNDAY - GEC Parish Hall @ noon

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>



Holy Week Service Schedule

Wednesday Noonday Service - April 13, 2022 / 12 pm @ Grace Church

Guest Clergy: Rev. Charles Woodruff (St. Luke Baptist Church - Berryville)

- Maundy Thursday - April 14, 2022 / 7 pm @ St. Mary's

/ No Dinner in 2022!

Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts

Sermon - Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader - Jon Campbell

Good Friday - April 15, 2022 / 12 to 3 pm @ Grace Church / 'Seven Last Words' Prayer Vigil with guest clergy from the Clarke County Ministerial Association

Clergy Participants

Rev. Jonathan Bunker (Berryville Presbyterian Church)

Dr. Caroline Mitchell (Clarke Parish)

Rev. Tyler Phillips (Berryville Baptist Church)

Rev. Julie Harris (Clarke Parish)

Rev. Harry Neidig (United Methodist Churchs of Boyce, Millwood & White Post)

Rev. Delbert Pope (St Luke Baptist Church)

Rev. Justin Ivatts (Clarke Parish)

Good Friday - April 15, 2022

Holy Eucharist / 7 pm @ Grace Church

Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts

Seminarian - Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader - Robin McFillen

Acolyte - Molly McFillen

Holy Saturday - April 16, 2022 / noon @ St. Mary's / Liturgy of Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday - April 16, 2022 / 8 pm @ Grace Church / Easter Vigil

This special service will begin at the Rectory firepit and then move indoors to the sanctuary at Grace Church.

Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts

Lay Reader(s) - Kim Davis, Kathy Cambell,

Acolyte - Miles Ivatts

Easter Sunday - April 17, 2022

8 am - Holy Eucharist @ Grace Church

Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts

Seminarian - Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader - Melissa Casey

9:15 am - Holy Eucharist @ St. Mary's

Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts

Seminarian - Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader - Gwendolyn Malone

10:15 am - Easter Egg Hunt - please meet at the GEC Parish Hall

11:15 am - Holy Eucharist @ Grace Church

Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts

Seminarian - Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader - Tara Flaten

Acolytes - Stella Herndon, Miles Ivatts & Warren Maiberger

SAVE THE DATE
Choral Eucharist
with the Piedmont Singers
Sunday, April 24

The Sunday after Easter is sometimes known as "Low Sunday" because church attendance is lower than it was for the services during the period of Palm Sunday through Holy Week and Easter. This year on Sunday, April 24, we have the opportunity to experience a very special Choral Eucharist led by The Piedmont Singers, the music outreach choir of Clarke Parish.

The Communion worship service will include the *Missa Brevis Sancti Johannes de Deo (Short Mass of St. John of God)* by Franz Joseph Haydn composed in about 1774 to be used in a monastery chapel in Eisenstadt, Austria, where the patron saint was St. John. The liturgy of the service will be from the 1789 Book of Common Prayer, which was used during Haydn's lifetime, and the congregation will sing hymns by Bach and Martin Luther that Christians have sung since that time. The choir will close the service with *The Ukrainian Prayer* by English composer John Rutter, composed recently in support of the people of Ukraine.

We hope you can join us at Grace Church on Sunday, April 24, at 5:00 pm for this special service of worship.

Parish Calendar - Quick View

A Look Ahead...Upcoming Events & Activities

- **April 9** - Campus Clean-Up Day / 9 to noon! Please come help us do some Springtime Yard & Garden Maintenance around the campus so we can have everything looking its best for the Bishop's visit. Many hands make light work!
- **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)
- **April 18** - OFFICE CLOSED (Easter Holiday)
- **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** - Choral Eucharist with the Piedmont Singers (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 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 12** - Summer Schedule BEGINS - During the Summer months, services will be offered at 9:15 am (St. Mary's) and 10:30 am (Grace). Services will alternate between Eucharist and Morning Prayer each week. For example...if Grace is offering Morning Prayer, St. Mary's will have Eucharist (and vice versa). Switch between the two churches

depending on your weekly service preference.

- **June 20** - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room

Church News

Volunteers Needed!
Campus Clean-Up Day
THIS SATURDAY, April 9th from 9 to noon



Help us put our best foot forward to make our church campus look its best for the Bishop's visit on Palm Sunday. The lawns and gardens need some love and attention after the long winter to get them springtime ready. Dave McGuigan (Jr. Warden) and Kathy Campbell will be our project coordinators for the day.

Please join us for our Campus Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 9th from 9 to noon. Bring gloves, rakes, clippers, yard tools, etc. There are plenty of projects to tackle and keep everyone busy - "Many hands make for light work!" Come for all or part of the workday as your schedule allows. THANKS!

LAST CALL
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 10, 2022.

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

please circle

OF _____

BY _____

For flower orders at St. Mary's, please contact Dorothy D. at (304) 229-4710



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.

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 15th. Any remaining balance is due by April 29th.

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



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!*

"My song is love unknown," #154 in *Hymnal 1982* is a poem written by English clergyman Samuel Crossman in 1664. I remember the first time I sang this hymn being struck by the words in the first stanza "love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be." Today it speaks to me of Bishop Michael Curry's message that "Love is the way."

Rev. Percy Dearmer, a Church of England priest in the early 20th century says of the hymn, "The fourth verse asked what Jesus had done to deserve the crucifixion with the ironic answer being that he had healed the sick."

The tune *Love Unknown* was composed by English composer John Ireland in 1925, reportedly on the back of a menu during a conversation with a friend about the deeply touching poem.

For me, this hymn says most everything we need to know about Jesus' great love for all of us his children. I hope it touches you as well.

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



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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.

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**GIVE
NOW!**

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