

With the GRACE of God and empowered by the Holy Spirit
We seek and serve CHRIST in ourselves and our neighbors.

The Spirit of Grace

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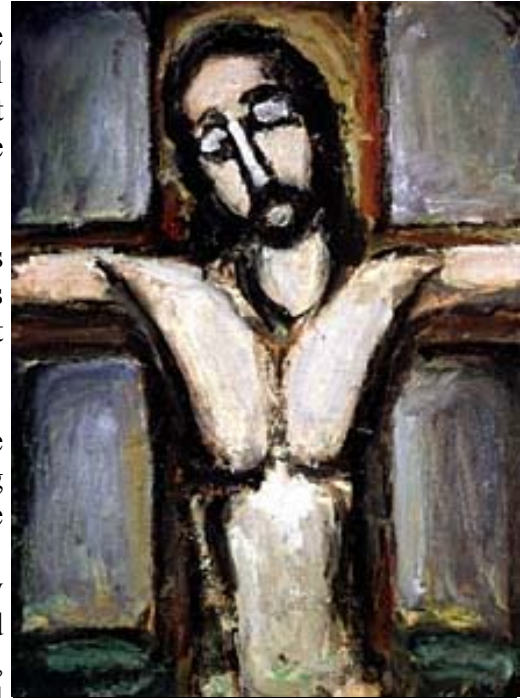
PRESENTATION OF "SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST" ON GOOD FRIDAY AT GRACE EPISCOPAL

"Seven Last Words of Christ" by Franz Joseph Haydn, will be presented at 7:30 pm March 25, Good Friday at Grace Episcopal Church at 1545 Franklin Avenue, Astoria. This free event at Grace Episcopal Church is handicapped accessible. Child care will be provided.

"Seven Last Words of Christ" by Franz Joseph Haydn, is chamber music presented with scripture reading and comments by clergy and members of Grace Episcopal Church, First Lutheran Church, and Peace Lutheran Church.

"The Seven Last Words of Christ" was composed in 1786 for the Easter season in Cadiz, Spain. It was presented with the reading of the scripture and comment. Haydn wanted it to be accessible to everyone.

He wrote, "Each Sonata, or movement, is expressed by purely instrumental music in such a way that even the most uninitiated listener will be moved to the depths of his soul"² The next year, Haydn arranged a string quartet version, which Con Amici will perform with eight players for a larger sound.



Christ Crucified" (c. 1939)
Oil on canvas

After a dramatic introduction, the next seven movements, representing the last seven things Jesus said, are largely serene, even transcendental, expressing Christ's victory over the situation and the gift that His life and His return to God is to living people. Haydn tells the story of Jesus on the cross: Sweet music expresses His caring for His mother Mary, a teasing song tells of soldiers taunting him, a strong, dark passage carries His crying out in agony and doubt, which then resolves into acceptance and deliverance. The subsequent earthquake closes the work, with a jumbling rhythmic fury that sounds almost twentieth century in its composition.

Brief readings will be presented between musical movements by Father Richard Loop of Grace Episcopal, Pastor John Wecker of First Lutheran, Pastor John Finstuen of Peace Lutheran plus members of their congregations.

Grace Episcopal Church on Franklin Street was first used for services on Easter, 1886. The church is Victorian Gothic with excellent acoustics for chamber music.

Con Amici will play as an octet, joined by friends from North Oregon Coast Symphony.

Please call Father Dick or the church office at 325-4691:

- When a member of your family is in the hospital.
- When you learn of a death in the parish family.
- When your class, group or committee plans to have a meeting. We need to get meetings and classes on the calendar.
- When your address and/or phone number is changed.
- When you learn of someone who may be a prospect for our parish.
- When you feel we can assist you in any way.

2004 VESTRY MEMBERS:

Judy Atkinson — (Sr. Warden) (06)
 Elaine Lumbra (06)
 Bob Westerberg (06)
 Ashley Lertora (07)
 Vacant (07)
 Vacant (07)
 Pete Hoffman—(Jr Warden) (08)
 Clyde Tarver(08)
 Jack Spring (08)
 Fr. Richard B. Loop
 —(Clerk of the vestry) TBD

Your Vestry...

Deepest wishes for Grace Church...

At the Vestry retreat held in February, the facilitator asked each vestry member to write out their deepest wish for Grace Church. The Vestry wanted to share some of these wishes with all of you.

“Learn to value each other as diverse children of God- Leading to a vibrant growing congregation not worried about numbers.”

“ A sense that we are all on (Grace’s) this journey together, we all need to work together for its success and health of this community.

“That we can be together as a family of God –loving, trusting, helping and praying together as God’s people. We may not be a BIG family but we can be a STRONG one.”

“For Grace Church to become the ‘Church of Choice’ in the community and to be filled with members aged 0-99+ years.”

“We are truly fortunate to have been gifted with a versatile and historic building. Our predecessors saw to it that Grace was well equipped and cared for. Now its our turn. I pray that we can come to know Grace Church not simply as a place we visit on Sundays mornings, but as a very special place that needs the same love and respect as our homes. Together we can keep it the gem it truly is.”

SPRING BAZAAR AND BBQ



Spring is just around the corner, and the men and Women of Grace Church are planning a fun and exciting event for Saturday, April 9. There'll be starter plants, flower baskets, garden tools, pretty pots and containers, door wreaths, wind chimes, and all manner of lovely things for your home and garden for sale. The Bazaar will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. it is planned that a big grill will fire up out front of the church. Ernie Atkinson promises to be one of the grill masters. Bet you'll find Pete Hoffman flipping those burgers, too! You can order hamburgers, turkey burgers, sausages, hot dogs and turkey dogs right off the grill. Inside you'll find all the fixings plus coleslaw, potato salad, chips, pickles. Build your own hamburger or dress up your hot dog!

Dessert? You'll find all kinds of great baked goods at the Spring Bazaar. Mary Lovell will head that category!

We need all of you! Set up for the Spring Bazaar will take place on Friday, so please bring your items for sale then. Then on Saturday, bring yourself, friends, family, and enjoy the gorgeous spring day at Grace Episcopal Church.



Holy Week Schedule-

March 23	Holy Wednesday	8pm	Tenebrae
March 24	Maundy Thursday	6pm 7pm	Agape Meal Maundy Thursday Liturgy (stripping of the Altar and foot-washing)
March 25	Good Friday	12:10 pm 7:30pm	Stripping the Cross Presentation of " <i>Seven Last Words of Christ</i> " (Con Amici will play as an octet, joined by friends from North Oregon Coast Symphony)
March 26	Holy Saturday	noon	Holy Saturday Liturgy

Easter Week Schedule

March 26	Easter Vigil	8pm	
March 27	Easter Day	8 am Holy Eucharist—10 am Holy Eucharist	Flowering of the Cross
March 29	Morning Prayer	7:30 am	
March 31	Evening Prayer	7:00pm	

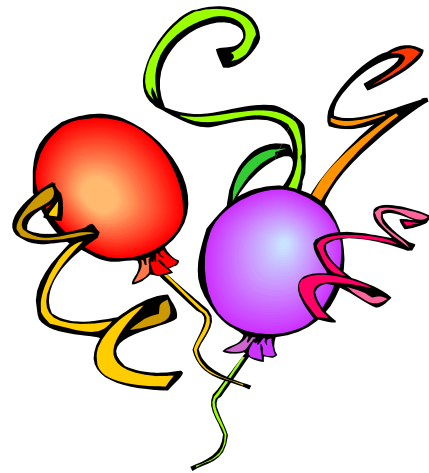
For further information on any of the above mentioned Holy Week/ Easter Week scheduled events please call the church office at (503) 325-4691.

March/April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Note: If your birthday or anniversary is not listed below, please call the parish office or stop by to update your parish information.

March/April Birthdays

<i>03/01 Margaret Brookes</i>	<i>04/04 Michael Brewer</i>
<i>03/01 Megan Casebourn</i>	<i>04/08 Colleen Fitzpatrick</i>
<i>03/02 Rachel Lertora</i>	<i>04/11 Ashley Lertora</i>
<i>03/03 Marilou Sayer</i>	<i>04/16 Emma Benford</i>
<i>03/07 Tim Hill</i>	<i>04/16 John Gardner</i>
<i>03/08 Elaine Lumbra</i>	<i>04/17 Natalie Cellars</i>
<i>03/12 Donna Bunnage</i>	<i>04/18 Brenda Penner</i>
<i>03/15 Lesleann Hayward</i>	<i>04/19 Robert Stricklin</i>
<i>03/15 Jeannette Hayward</i>	<i>04/20 Hannah Sorenson</i>
<i>03/15 Vicky Iverson</i>	<i>04/24 Bert Levy</i>
<i>03/16 Jacob Bowser</i>	<i>04/24 Tish Tarver</i>
<i>03/17 Michael Henderson</i>	<i>04/25 Lynn Buckmaster</i>
<i>03/17 Edward Nelson, Jr</i>	<i>04/27 Chris Hayward</i>
<i>03/21 Betsy Weidman</i>	
<i>03/22 Don Glenz</i>	
<i>03/22 Aletha Westerberg</i>	
<i>03/23 Sarah Lertora</i>	



March/April Anniversaries

04/12 Carol and Carl Abraham
04/19 Jeannette and Chris Hayward
04/20 Lora and Richard Vetricek

2005 Parish Directory Changes

There were no changes and/or additions to report.

This and That at Grace——

Christian Education will hold a Rummage Sale in June. Kathy Bowser has offered to chair this event and the entire Christian Ed department asks that you start 'rummaging around now' for donations. Watch bulletins and the newsletter for further information.

Community Soup/Sandwich Supper and **Community Dinner** meal programs are asking for volunteers. What ARE these two meal programs? Community Soup/Sandwich Supper is a time for members of Grace and members of the surrounding communities to come together on the 2nd Sunday of each month for a Soup/Sandwich meal. Community Dinner is held on the 4th Sunday of each month where a complete hot meal is prepared and served. Great food and a Great Opportunity for Fellowship happens twice each month at Grace at 4pm. The members of Grace get the extra bonus of volunteering in the kitchen preparing the meal of the day, setting up the dining tables, serving our guests, sharing a meal with members of our community and helping with the dishes. You don't need to volunteer for the entire 3pm to 6pm(ish) time slot. The drill for meal volunteers is pretty much the same except the fare for the 4th Sunday is a complete dinner. Do you have a few hours on the 2nd and 4th Sundays that YOU could help out preparing sandwiches at the church in the early afternoon? Setting the tables in the Parish Hall? Serving our guests? Do you LOVE to do dishes? Please leave a message at the church office for Audrey Steinmetz or Lou Sayer concerning the Community Meal program if you can help out at either of these meals. **Easter Day Dinner** is planned for the 4th Sunday of March 27th at 4pm. Please consider giving a few hours of your life to share with members of our community who may not have family to 'dine' with.

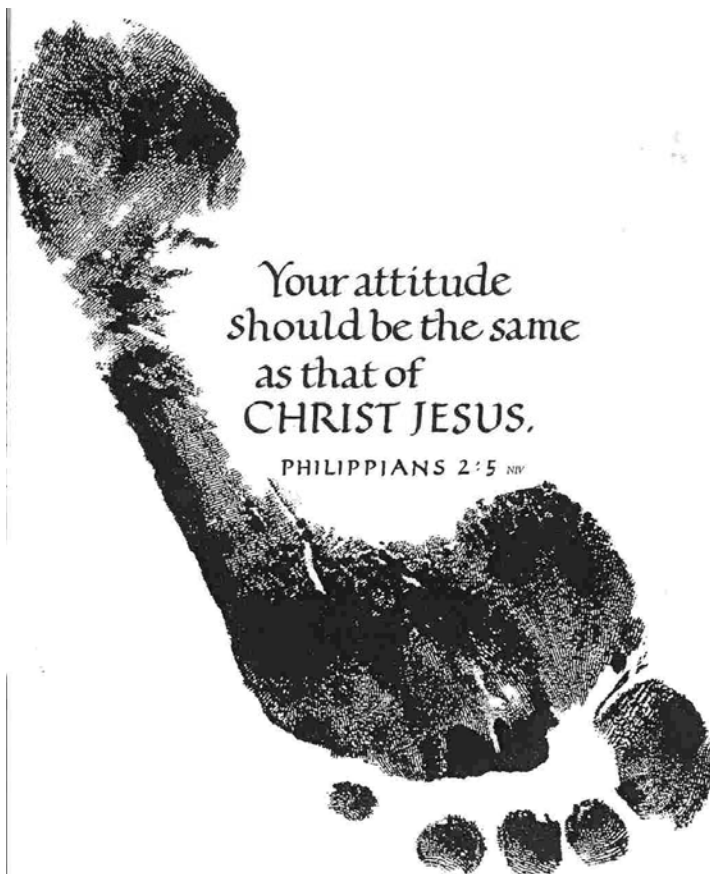
On March 5th **The Women of Grace** reported having a very advantageous meeting. Plans for elections of new board members is in process. Plans for the April 9th Spring Bazaar are underway (Please note the article in this newsletter issue).

Our **Vestry** has voted to change meeting dates. The new date for **Vestry** meeting will be the **Second Tuesday** of each month at 7pm. The Vestry meetings are 'open' meetings for anyone who wishes to sit in on the meetings.

Through the past crisp winter months there have been generous donations towards the Christ Room Food Pantry and to the Rector's Discretionary Fund and our church resources have responded to immediate needs for those who searched for temporary housing, fuel to search for or to reach work and food to get through a difficult few days. —The sun is shining and Spring is in the air! We have gotten through the chilly, drafty winter months and look forward to the renewal of Spring. We are looking forward to gardening, planning trips or other springtime renewals to shed the cloak of winter. However, the need is still here on the North Coast for donations (monetary and food stuffs) for the '**Christ Room Food Pantry**' and monetary to the **Rector's Discretionary Fund**. Each week there are those in our communities here on the north coast who come to Grace for a 'hand up' to get their life back together and back on track. Please consider making an offering in either of these directions.

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