



**Love God.
Love your neighbor.
Change the world.**

A Message from Father Tom

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God . . .

We participate in the Gospel story. Everything that happened to Jesus will happen to us. Jesus was baptized, so were we; Jesus spent time in the wilderness; why even with Google Maps we have all been lost from time to time; Jesus borrowed a burro; so did we. We participate in the Gospel mysteries and we speak the truth – prophets one and all.

We are known by the stories we tell. As a people of faith we tell the story of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem every year. The events of Jesus last days, we convey in many ways: we act it out in plays, in musicals and films. I pray that in many respects we reenact the story in our lives as well: the love, the overcoming of temptation and finding a new peace.



Our world needs to hear this story just as much as we need to tell it. Because, like in Paul's world, the story has to be told precisely given that the world doesn't want to hear our story. Well tough – we tell it anyway!

The world wants us to hear and tell other stories – rumors, fake news. Stories that declare a kingdom of "success" (what ever that might be). Rumors that promise life found in superior power and not weakness; rumors that life is found in acquiring the best brokerage account, the best books, the best weapons, and all the best "stuff" the world has to offer. Rumors that life really is easy and that discomfort for God's sake is foolish!

We hear in these stories, these rumors, that "life" is gained by winning and being number one – economically, educationally, politically.

These rumors of success ask us to look the other way as innocent mothers mourn the loss of guiltless children in Parkland, Denver, Iraq. Rumors that say look the other way as we mourn

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Saturday, 5:30 PM

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the death of our friend Mike. No! We are in the same mind of Christ. We know that new life is found in Christ: "whether we live or if we die" we belong to the Lord!

These stories of the world, these rumors and their apostles turn away muttering the mantra, "The one who has the most toys at the end of the world – wins." Actually what these stories say is that everyone is losing or else lost; especially lost are those who don't or won't listen to the messages of greed, entity comforts, fear or conspicuous consumption.

So we keep telling our story. Tell and retell the story of Jesus' last days in Jerusalem, and like Paul – this week – reflect on that story. We return to the story because, like Paul says, the death and resurrection of Jesus shapes us as God's people.

Being God's people means that we cannot care about our comfort, or care about being number one, or care who is winning and who is losing. As God's people we join the suffering and weak. Following Mike's example, being God's people means owning up to the death of Jesus – not ignoring it as an acceptable loss. We acknowledge the many times we loved, argued with and maybe even betrayed Christ – AND STILL by God's wonderful grace we are conformed by the faith story that is the church's story – our story: Jesus loved us to death! Let every knee bow in that faith.

Our story says it takes faith to know that an opponent's insult isn't the view of God – not even when the rumor claims to be speaking for God! It takes faith to know that the world's opinion doesn't matter. Our story says that In the end – and this week is the end – we present ourselves to God, and not to those who applaud us or scorn us.

It takes faith to know ourselves as worthy because we are children of God. Sinners, yes, but still worthy. It takes faith to look beyond the glory, laud and honor, as Jesus did on Palm Sunday, and know that standing with God won't necessarily win worldly lasting praise. However, standing with God will win our everlasting lasting peace.

Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus.

Tom+

Bishop's Committee Update



Community Garden at Grace?

Two representatives of the City of St. George Parks Department attended the March BC meeting to discuss the potential to use our church property to establish a community garden to replace the one closing at Tonaquint Park. The City reps provided information about the proposed project, presented a schematic of the proposed garden layout and answered questions. The City would assume all costs to build, maintain and supervise the garden. They also would enforce strict guidelines to prohibit gardeners from using any of the church facilities (restrooms, playground, etc.). Discussions and negotiations with the City continue as we examine the pros and cons of this proposal.

BC Retreat

The Bishop's Committee is planning a half-day retreat, tentatively scheduled for June 2, to help orient new BC members and to discuss Grace's ministries, goals and challenges in the year ahead.

BC Meetings and Minutes

Minutes of the BC meetings (typically on the third Thursday of the month) are posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church within a week after each meeting. Except for executive sessions, BC meetings are open to anyone who wants to attend. Keep in mind that visitors have no voice or vote at the meetings. However, if you have an item that you want to bring to the attention of the BC, you can make a brief statement (maximum of three minutes) provided you notify Father Tom of your desire to do so at least four days prior to the BC meeting.

Below is the record of attendance and giving at Grace for the past several weeks:

Saturday/Sunday		Attendance Sat/Sun	Pledge Offering	Plate Offering	Total Offering
Feb 24/25	Lent 2	27/80	\$1,651	\$541	\$2,192
March 3/4	Lent 3	31/85	\$2,390	\$556	\$2,946
March 10/11	Lent 4	40/57	\$2,370	\$658	\$3,028
March 17/18	Lent 5	27/90	\$4,045	\$673	\$4,718
March 24/25	Palm Sunday	23/79	\$1,455	\$651	\$2,106

Look What We've Been Up To!

Palm Sunday Procession, complete with Joey the Burro



Bishop Scott visited Grace on March 18



Every Burro (Donkey) has a cross on its back. "Every Burro carries the cross of Christ!" my Grandmother told me, because "the Burro carried the Christ Child to Bethlehem and the King into Jerusalem." In Ancient Near East city states like Ur, Ninivah, and Babylon that we read about in Jonah, the Psalms and Genesis, when a King went to war and returned victorious, he would ride back into the city on a Donkey. This symbolized peace had arrived.

We make our way into the Sanctuary! Let us all have a Peaceful Holy Week and a Victorious Easter!! Amen! Thank you Flicka Scott and Jackie Bees for the loan of Joey! We participate in the Triumph already won! ~ Father Tom

This Month's Special Events – Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday, April 1 at 10:30am
Easter Sunday Worship



Saturday, April 7 at 7:30pm: SG Chamber Singers concert at DSU Eccles Hall

Friday and Saturday, April 27/28:
Diocesan Convention at St. Matthews Church in Price

Weekly Events

Sundays

- 9:00am:** Choir Practice
- 9:15am:** Bible Study
- 10:30am:** Holy Eucharist

Tuesdays

- 10:30am:** Men's Discussion Group
- 12:00 Noon:** ROMEOs Lunch

Wednesdays

- 12:00 Noon:** Holy Eucharist
- 1:15pm:** Bible Study

Thursday (April 5 only)

- 12:30pm:** JEWELs lunch at Cappeletti's (Contact Marcia at 435-275-7818 to RSVP)

Saturdays

- 5:30pm:** Holy Eucharist

Altar and Communion Linens by Marcia Burchstead

Last month's article described the various vessels used during Holy Eucharist, and this month our series concludes with a description of the linens used at the Altar during services.

The **Fair Linen** is the long white cloth that covers the top of the Altar, typically hanging down over the ends of the Altar. The BCP directs that at the Eucharist, the Altar "is spread with a clean white cloth during the celebration." The Fair Linen is often embroidered with five crosses, one on each corner and one in the center, to represent the wounds suffered by Christ at the Crucifixion. References to the Fair Linen date from the 1552 BCP.

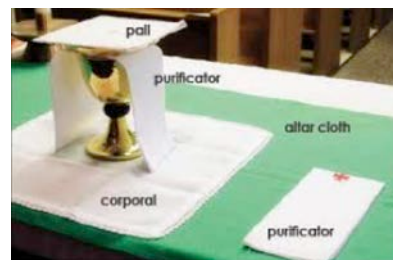
The Fair Linen is the Altar's only adornment except during services offering Eucharist, at which time other Communion linens and vessels are placed on the Altar as well. The Altar is never left uncovered, except on Good Friday.

The **Corporal** (from Latin *Corpus*, or body) is a square white linen cloth or placemat, usually somewhat smaller than the breadth of the Altar, upon which the Sacred Host and Chalice are placed during the celebration of Mass. The **Pall** is the cloth used to cover the Paten holding the bread.

The **Chalice Veil** is the square of material that covers the Chalice and Paten until they are needed for preparation of the Eucharist. It typically matches the Eucharistic Vestments in the liturgical color of the season.

A case of two squares of stiff material hinged or bound together at one end, the **Burse** contains the Corporal and **Purificators**, small napkins used to wipe the inside and outside rim of the Chalice during Eucharist. Like the Chalice Veil, the Burse is covered in the liturgical color of the season and is placed on top of the Chalice Veil.

In setting the Altar for the Eucharist, the Corporal is placed on the Fair Linen. The Chalice is placed on the Corporal, the Paten is placed on the Chalice, with a Purificator between the Chalice and Paten. The Pall rests on top of the Paten and is covered with the Chalice Veil. The Burse is then placed on the top of the Chalice Veil. When the Chalice and Paten are completely prepared for the liturgy with Chalice Veil and Burse, they may be referred to collectively as a "Vested Chalice."



Thanks to gifts from late parishioners Melva Smith and Sue Skinner, Grace has matching sets of Altar linens and priest's vestments in all the liturgical colors. Additional sets of linens were gifted to Grace by Gail Czerniewski in memory of her parents. We are most grateful for these generous gifts.

Adult Gift Project: Christmas 2018

As we continue our tradition of collecting and organizing donations throughout the year to provide Christmas gifts for Switchpoint and Community Soup Kitchen participants, March is “hair care month,” with requests for:



- Travel-size shampoo and conditioner

Please put any items you wish to donate in the Christmas box on the Food Box Distribution shopping cart, which can be found near the church entrance or ministry sign-up table.

We appreciate your generosity in helping to contribute to these Christmas gift bags!



Many thanks to Rebecca Alisa, Manager of the Santa Clara Harmon’s store, for the generous donation of 600 paper grocery bags to the Food Box Distribution ministry!

Michelangelo in St. George

Michelangelo’s Pieta, one of the world’s great works of art, is displayed in the Vatican’s St. Peter’s Basilica, but St. George residents can now view this moving masterpiece without the time and expense of flying to Rome.

Thanks to the generous gift of an anonymous donor, Dixie State’s Sears Art Museum now holds one of only 100 exact castings of Michelangelo’s masterpiece distributed throughout the world. The sculpture will remain on display as part of the museum’s permanent collection.

Sears Art Museum is located in the Eccles Center on the DSU campus and is open Monday-Friday from 9am to 5pm (closed during school holidays). Admission is free.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving?
Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show
me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?

~ Ven. Fulton Sheen



Save the Date – May 21, 2018

The sixth annual golf tournament to benefit Switchpoint and the Community Soup Kitchen will be held on **Monday, May 21**, at the Sand Hollow Resort Championship Golf Course. More details will follow next month.

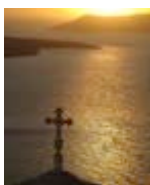


If you would like to volunteer to help at the event or want more information, please contact Nick Bujanovich at ndbuj1947@gmail.com or 206-618-0202.

Transitions

Grace's Bishop's Warden, long-time parishioner and life-long Episcopalian Mike Smith, passed away at his home on March 18. A celebration of his life was held on March 23, and his remains were laid to rest in the Memorial Rose Garden. Mike's calming presence and loving service to Grace and our members will be greatly missed. Mike, may you rest in peace.

Sherry Hardy, another long-time parishioner, passed away in early March after a long illness. A private funeral was held in Salt Lake City. May Sherry rest in peace.



Prayer List

Please keep our church family needs in your prayers. Check the weekly worship service bulletins or the Amazing Grace Updates for a current prayer list.

Parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized and would like a visit from clergy or the Pastoral Care Team (Lay Eucharistic Visitors): please call Father Tom at the church office at 435-628-1181 or at 435-236-7947 to make arrangements.

April 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Normal Office Hours: Closed Monday; Tues 9am-1pm; Weds/Thurs 10am-1pm; Fri 10am-2pm						
Check our website, www.gracestgeorge.org , for the most current updates to the calendar.						
1 EASTER 9AM Choir Practice 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Holy Eucharist 1PM Unity Church 8PM AA Group 3	2 11:45AM Soup Kitchen	3 10AM Grace Team Serving in Soup Kitchen 10:30AM Men's Discussion Grp 11:45AM Soup Kitchen 12PM ROMEOS 6PM AA Grp 2 8:45PM NA Mtg	4 11:45AM Soup Kitchen 12PM Holy Eucharist 1:15PM Bible Study	5 11:45AM Soup Kitchen 6PM AA Group 1	6 11:45AM Soup Kitchen	7 5:30PM Holy Eucharist
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Father Tom's weekday office hours are 10am to 2pm Tuesday through Friday and by appointment. He is available at any time in case of pastoral urgency. He can be called at the church office (435-628-1181) or 24/7 on his cell phone (435-236-7947) or emailed at fathertom@gracestgeorge.org.

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Afternoon			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Evening							✓