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Sunday Services:

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist ~ Rite I

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II
Choral Family Service

Nursery Care ~ Available 9:00 AM
- 11:15 AM in St. Martha's Room.

Sunday School ~ 10:00 AM
Kindergarten - Grade 5

Youth Group ~ Grade 6-12
Meetings are bi-monthly in the
upstairs Youth room. 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Activities:

Bible Study ~ Wednesdays at
10:00 AM in the Fireside Room in
Baxter Hall.

Sounds of Grace Handbells ~
Rehearses Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 PM

Grace Parish Choir ~
Rehearses on Thursdays 7:30-9:00 PM

From your Rector ~ The Rev. Susan Scranton



Heavenly Father, Giver of all gifts and Source of all life: give us generous hearts, that in response to your love, our lives may overflow in thanksgiving and generosity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

It is clear from Holy Scripture and from the journey we have taken Walking the Way of Love, that God's intention from the beginning was to bless us abundantly. The biblical record is filled with accounts of God's pursuit, God's longing for us to live in the blessings of love. As retired bishop of Indianapolis, the Rt. Rev. Catherine Waynick once said, "The Resurrection, after all, is God's response to humanity at its worst, and the message of the Resurrection is this, 'There is nothing you can do – no cruel, evil thing – that will make me stop loving you.' Blessings indeed!"

Our only response is to receive these blessings with the intent that we are to be blessings to others. In essence, blessed to be a blessing to others is the task of faithful and generous stewardship.

God has entrusted to us the enormous privilege of stewardship of creation, of our lives, our faith, our church, and indeed of our blessings. Into our hands God pours blessings and responsibilities and says, "take care of all that I have given you." Such as response was shown in all of its fullness as we took a risk and brought our Blessing of the Animals to Finkbiner Park. The gracious gift of the Grace Episcopal Church community offered in thanksgiving to God and to the more than 125 people who came to our service was a response of faithful stewardship.

As we have taken the journey of Walking the Way of Love, we also evidenced faithful stewardship of our faith lives as we sought to turn our hearts to God, learn more about Holy Scripture and prayer, faithfully worship, and go into the world in witness to God's love as shown in Jesus Christ.

It is now time to turn our hearts to faithful financial stewardship of what God has blessed us with at Grace Episcopal Church. This wonderful community, "The Church that love built," can only thrive as we take care of it with the stewardship of our time, talent, and treasure. In addition, it will take each and every one of us to recognize that we have a steward's stake in Grace Church and to take seriously the commitment of a generous financial pledge.

How much you choose to pledge is a matter of the heart and a decision to be made between you and God. I can only suggest the guidelines that I use. I choose to honor to tithe – the giving back to God of 10% of my income in response to God's love for me and my love of this congregation. It is not always easy to do so, especially when I worry about finances. I think most of you know by now that my nickname is "What-ifer-Scranton," the what-ifs concerned with anything about which I chose to worry. The only antidote is love. God asks us to tithe for one reason: a response of love; and what God asks of us, he provides and enables. So I encourage you to consider the tithe or at least proportional giving at whatever percentage seems appropriate. Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Luke, *Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back* (Luke 6:38).

Pledge cards for the year 2020 will be sent out in the next couple of weeks, and in the meantime, I urge you to pray about your response of faithful stewardship.

Love built Grace Episcopal Church, love sustained it, and love will enable it to grow. Will you join with me in sharing that love by giving faithfully, proportionally, generously, and joyfully?

In Christ's love, Susan +

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

Romans 12:4-5



I truly believe Paul's message that it is crucial for Christians to be part of a community. I am so thankful to have been part of this wonderful Christ-centered community for the past twenty-two years.

In a world filled with conflict and insecurity, my family at Grace is a grounding force in my life. In its simplest terms, "stewardship" means to take care of something. I care for my community at Grace Church, and I want to see it flourish and grow. My relationship with Christ has grown stronger through this community and is reflective of the time and resources I have shared with the parish. Stewardship is a time to celebrate our community. It is a time to bring your talents and resources to the table with joy and thanksgiving. Please be generous.

Frank Boyd, Senior Warden



~ Stewardship 2020 ~
Ingathering

Sunday, November 10, 2019

A Mexican Fiesta celebration with a taco truck following the 10 AM service will mark the conclusion of the fall campaign with Stewardship Ingathering of the 2020 pledges.

The Parable of the Two Seas

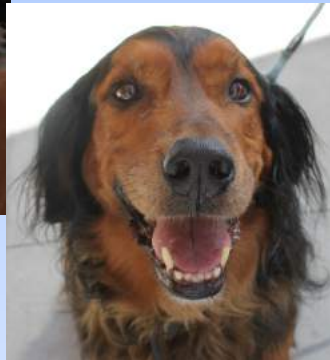
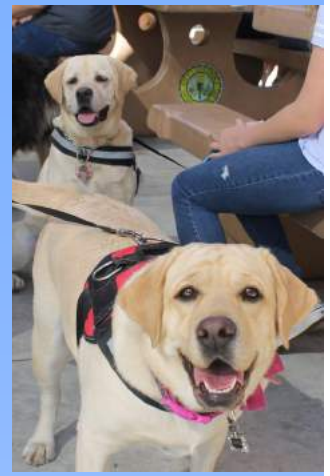
There are two seas in Palestine. One is fresh, and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Along its shores, the children play. The River Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills. So it laughs in the sunshine. And people build their homes near to it, and birds their nests; and every kind of life is happier because it is there.

The River Jordan flows on south into another sea. There is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, no children's laughter. Travelers choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air hangs heavy above its waters and neither man nor beast nor fowl will drink.

What makes this mighty difference in these neighboring seas? Not the River Jordan. It empties the same good water in both. Not the soil in which they lie; not the country about. This is the difference: The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it, another drop flows out. The giving and receiving goes on in equal measure. The other sea is shrewder, hording its income jealously. Every drop it gets, it keeps. The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. This other sea gives nothing. It is named the Dead Sea.

There are two kinds of people in the world. There are two seas in Palestine. The giving for God's sake is the significant thing. The blessings received will be consistently out of proportion, *pressed down, shaken together, running over...*

Blessing of the Animals





MUSIC OF GABRIEL FAURÉ

Parish Choir
of
Grace Episcopal Church

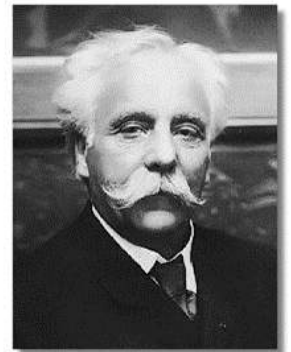
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019
AT 4:00 PM

Featuring: David Aldrete, Choir Master ~ Susan Scranton, Piano
Laurel Myers McKenzie, Flute ~ Rick England, Piano and Organ

Program: Messe Basse arranged from the 1882 score by Rick England, ASCAP
Berceuse, Opus 56, No. 1 ~ Sicilienne, Opus 78 ~ Après Un Réve, Opus 7. No. 1

Who was Gabriel Fauré?

By Rick England



Gabriel Fauré was one of the greatest composers of the end of the 19th Century in France and a life member in the CMHF. (Composer's Moustache Hall of Fame). He occupies an important position between the late Romantic Composers such as Camille Saint Saens (his teacher) and the Impressionists such as Maurice Ravel (his student). He was particularly popular in England, even playing at Buckingham Palace; the English delighting in his colorful and charming compositions with America typically joining the culture party 100 years later.

He was at various times the Organist and Choir Master of the Church of the Madeleine in Paris, a member of the Institute of France, and head of the Paris Conservatoire. The French President Millerand hailed him as the most important composer in France in 1922.

He composed a great deal of piano music, chamber music, orchestral music and vocal music. Even though he was a professional organist for four decades, he left no compositions for organ, preferring the expressiveness of the piano instead.

The early music of Fauré is characterized by strict adherence to classical form with taste, harmonic sensibility, purity of line, with unexpected and colorful modulations. His most famous compositions of this period are the *Pavanne*, *Requiem*, *Sicilienne*, *Nocturnes for Piano*, and the song *Après un réve*.

Our Choir and Soloists will perform some of these, along with the Messe Basse and part of the Dolly Suite at the special concert, devoted entirely to the music of Fauré on **October 20, at 4 p.m.** Come and be French; it will be well worth an hour of your time. Bring your friends, there will be wine afterward.

Reviews:

"His music is too hard." *Franz Liszt*

"He is the Brahms of France." *Aaron Copland*

He was "a first class organist when he wanted to be." *Camille Saint Saens*

"We don't need these novelties: the Madeleine's repertoire is quite rich enough." *The Priest in Charge at the Madeleine after the first performance of the Requiem.* [obviously a bafoon, a dunce and an ignoramus. RE]



All Saints' Celebration

Visitation from Assisting Bishop Samuel Azariah
The Sacrament of Confirmation & Holy Baptism

Sunday, November 1, 2019 at 10:00 AM

(There will be no 8:00 AM service)

On Sunday, November 3, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints' Day, complete with a visit from Assisting Bishop Samuel Azariah who comes representing the Diocese of Los Angeles, and in fact, representing bishops within the historic Episcopate going back to St. Peter and St. Paul. With that auspicious connection to the earliest Christians, Bishop Azariah will be confirming Janice Holland and offering the sacrament of Holy Baptism to anyone desiring to be baptized. Potential baptismal candidates or parents must speak with me immediately if this is to take place.



The tenor of the All Saints' Celebration is to give thanks for all of God's saints, both the living and the dead. Having said that, we remember that saints are not the epitome of popular definition that suggests they are incredibly pious perfect people who never do anything wrong. Rather, saints are believers in Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who have been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever.

That is why All Saints' Day becomes such an appropriate day for baptisms as we invite God's beloved children into the Body of Christ and the Communion of Saints. It also reminds all of us of our own baptismal covenant and provides the backdrop for a candidate to reaffirm her baptismal covenant and be confirmed by the bishop. Our All Saints' Day Service thus becomes a somewhat solemn and even poignant, bittersweet celebration. It becomes a day to remember.

As the Memorial Book is placed at the altar and the names of those who have died are read, we remember their stories and the families to whom they belong. Memories, some as fresh as the day they were made, bring to mind our times, our lives, and the love we have shared. But we also remember their witness of hope that points to the promise of eternal life, given to us by Jesus. This hope unites us with all of our beloved saints with a love that never dies. A prayer from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer gives us words to remember the promise:

Almighty God, from whom neither life nor death can separate those who trust in your love and whose love holds in its embrace your children in this world and the next: so unite us to yourself, that in our fellowship with you, we may know ourselves always united to our loved ones through him who died for us, and was buried and rose again, Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN.

Please join us for one service at 10:00 AM on November 3, so that the entire congregation can gather as the Communion of Saints at Grace Episcopal Church. Following the service, there will be a festive reception in Baxter Hall.

In Christ's love,
Susan +

**Los Angeles Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists
to host a “Members Recital”
at Grace Episcopal Church on
Monday, November 4 ~ 8:00 PM**



You are cordially invited to come to the American Guild of Organists – Los Angeles Chapter – Members’ Recital featuring David Ball from Christ Cathedral, Garden Grove, Bob Scholz from Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Arrowhead, and our own Rick England from Grace Church.

The concert, which begins at 8:00 PM on Monday, November 4, is preceded by a dinner to which you are invited. If you would like to meet and socialize with members of the chapter, please come to social hour at 6:15 PM and dinner at 6:45 PM. Cost of the catered meal is \$20 and will be held in Baxter Hall. If you are interested in coming to the dinner, please RSVP to Russell Schertle either via email or via telephone no later than Wednesday, October 30. You can reach Russell at Russell@rgschertle.com or at 323-828-3633. There is no admission charge for the concert which will be held in the church.

Please come and hear the organ as you have never before heard it played at Grace Episcopal Church. I think you will enjoy it.



As most of you know, Grace Episcopal Church collects food yearlong for the homeless, with the collections going to Shepherd’s Pantry. However, at this time of year, we turn our attention to the Holiday Food Basket program.

Sponsored by the Glendora Community Coordinating Council, a community volunteer service association, of which Grace Church is a part, the “Holiday Basket Program” provides food baskets for over 250 families in need in Glendora and surrounding communities. Those who wish to contribute may do so by donating non-perishable food items and/or monetary contributions. The food is assembled into baskets for

those in need, and the money is used to purchase gift cards which are included with the donated food baskets. Food for the Holiday Baskets will be collected through Tuesday, November 5.

Listed below are some suggestions of food you might wish to donate. Please take note that we cannot accept perishable items (check those expiration dates!), homemade foods, or items packed in glass jars. All items must be standard size.

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| 1. Peanut Butter and Jelly (in plastic jars) | 10. Beans / Chili |
| 2. Canned Tuna or Chicken | 11. Canned and Packaged Meals (Stew, etc.) |
| 3. Soup (i.e., Chicken Noodle) | 12. Crackers (Graham, Saltines, etc.) |
| 4. Cereal (Cold & Hot) | 13. Fruit Juices |
| 5. Pasta & Pasta Sauce | 14. Instant Potatoes / Stuffing Mix / Gravy |
| 6. Rice (Bags / Boxes) | 15. Cranberry Sauce / Pumpkin Pie Mix |
| 7. Canned Vegetables | 16. Muffin & Bread Mixes |
| 8. Canned Fruit | 17. Jell-O & Pudding Mixes |
| | 18. Pancake Mix and Syrup |



Daylight Savings Time

ends on
Sunday, November 3, 2019
at 2:00 AM!



Third Pledge Report...

The third Quarter Pledge report offers an up-to-date analysis of pledge income received from January 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019. Overall, 78 pledges were made for the year 2019. As of September 30, 26 pledgers are on target, having given what was pledged; 22 pledgers are ahead by \$9,729; and 27 pledgers are behind by \$6,817. As you are aware, Grace Church is working with a deficit budget this year, and we encourage all pledgers to keep as current as possible, especially as we come near the end of 2019. Thank you all for your generosity.

VESTRY NOTES

Please remember that all parishioners are welcome to attend our Vestry Meetings. Normally we meet on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. The next Vestry Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21, at 6:30 PM

The September 16, 2019 Vestry Meeting opened with prayer.

Heard oral reports from the Rector and Wardens.

Karen Cleland, Parish Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report for August 2019, including the Income and Expense Sheet, Balance Sheet, General Ledger Fund Summary, and the Scrip Report. She also reported that all of our accounts at Bank of America have been closed out and new accounts opened at America's Christian Credit Union.

Upcoming Events: The Blessing of the Animals at Finkbiner Park — October 6; Music Concert featuring the music of Gabriel Fauré as performed by our parish choir — October 20; Bishop's Visit and Confirmation — November 3; Stewardship Ingathering Celebration — November 10.

Buildings and Grounds: Todd Rice gave an update on all projects. He noted that the shed has been repaired and the Eagle Scout project continues along the east wall next to our driveway. Todd continues to work on the sprinkler system and the grounds. Rick Sandona will be working on all of the church computers, updating and installing new software.

Outreach Committee: Debbie Pullen reported on the work of the Outreach Committee. On Thursday, October 17, Grace Church will be honored at Hillside's "Circle of Excellence" dinner. Receiving the Hillside Community Angel Award, our church will be recognized for our many years of service.

Stewardship Committee: Rev. Susan noted that the sermon series focusing on "Walking the Way of Love," has kicked off our stewardship for 2020 campaign. Further events will include an instructed Eucharist as we experience "worship" and the Blessing of the Animals as we experience "bless." Stewardship Ingathering Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, November 10, with a celebratory Mexican Fiesta taco luncheon following the 10:00 AM service.

Parish Growth Committee: Work continues with welcoming the newcomer and making our church more visible within the community. It is hoped the Blessing of the Animals at Finkbiner Park will offer a blessing to both humans and animals and make our church more visible within the community.

Closing prayer and adjournment