

*They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."*

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

The hour has come. Holy Week is at hand. As we enter these most sacred of days, a schedule of our worship services and other events is below.

Will Jesus find you sleeping? Or, will you keep awake and pray with him?

Faithfully,  
Andrew

### **Holy Week & Easter**

**Maundy Thursday** We remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples with a service at 7:30 p.m. featuring Foot Washing, Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar.

**Maundy Thursday Overnight Vigil** Parishioners are invited to stay awake with Christ on the last night of his life by holding vigil in the chapel. Please sign-up in the narthex.

**Maundy Thursday Youth Lock In** Beginning at 9 p.m. all Grace Church Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to spend the night at the church "staying awake with Christ," playing, praying, and delving into what the first Maundy Thursday might have been like. The lock-in ends at 8 a.m. on Good Friday.

**Good Friday** This year, we will hold two different services on Good Friday. At 12 noon, we host the other multicultural Episcopal congregations from the Diocese of Washington as we join together to mark the three hours in which Christ hung upon the cross (worshippers are welcome to come and go as they are able and please). At 7:30 p.m., we hold our traditional Good Fridayliturgy.

**Stations of the Cross for Children** Join us Good Friday, April 3 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. for this family and children oriented Stations of the Cross recalling the events of Jesus' last hours on his journey to Calvary. Utilizing storytelling and child-friendly language this interactive activity is a powerful way to deeply engage our Lord's passion. Stations will feature captivating imagery, and readings by Sunday School teachers. Music will accompany our procession.

**Easter Egg Dyeing** Bring a dozen hard boiled eggs, your family and friends, and join us as we dye Easter eggs from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday, April 4 in the Undercroft. Dye will be provided. Some of the

eggs will be used in Sunday's Easter Egg Hunt, which takes place between our two Easter services. For more information, contact Thalia Washington at [thalia.theodore@gmail.com](mailto:thalia.theodore@gmail.com)

**Easter Eve** The Great Vigil of Easter, a powerful service of darkness and light, with readings and music, captures all the drama of the Easter mystery and is highlighted by baptisms. The service begins at 7:30 p.m. and marks the first celebration of the Resurrection.

**Easter Sunday** Festival services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. celebrate Christ's triumph over the grave. An Easter brunch, along with and Easter Egg hunt for children, immediately follows the 9:00 a.m. service.