

Go, tell it on the mountain



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Dear Friends,

As a child, I was fortunate to be brought up by parents who valued stories. My earliest memories are of being read books by members of my family. Our Great Aunt Mary always sent us books for Christmas. I would sit on the bench at the window of my bedroom in Beverly, with the sun pouring in, and read for hours.

My father was a great story teller. He would regale us with tales from his childhood. Each time he would tell us a familiar story, he would allow himself more poetic license. Memories of people and places that my family shared made events that occurred long before I was born come alive and they became a part of who I was as well.

My household wasn't the only place where story telling was valued. Reading and writing was stressed throughout the schools I attended both in Beverly and in New York. No matter the subject matter, communication skills were a major



The Rev'd Deborah Phillips
Rector

component of all curricula.

The other obvious place where story telling was valued was church. I remember hearing wonderful tales about Moses and the Exodus, of Joseph and his brothers and his dreams, of King David, and of witches and dry bones. Then, there were the wonderful stories of the Holy Family and of the death and resurrection of Christ. I also heard stories from missionaries who had traveled to exotic and faraway places. I know these stories influenced my decision to go to Malaysia for two years.

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8 & 10:30 am

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6:15 pm

Morning Prayer
Monday through Thursday
9:30 am

Evensong
First Wednesday of each Month
5:00 pm

Young and the Restless Chapel
December 18 at 2:30 pm
January 8 at 9:00 am

The stories from Scripture were similar to the stories my family would tell of relatives from generations past. The people and places came alive with each retelling and became a part of me.



But, there are other stories that are told which can make all the difference in the world. These are the stories told by people in our parishes of the transforming love of God. Whether they be stories of inspiration, or hope, or of comfort received; stories of answered prayers, of spiritual journeys, or of welcome; these stories bring us closer to God and the love and joy that nearness brings.

When Bishop Gayle Harris was with us last month, she shared with us a story of a woman she met who had one of the best stories she had ever heard. A mother of four children told her that she had been diagnosed with an aggressive cancer. She needed to undergo three months of intensive treatments. Each and every day for those three months, the people of the parish brought breakfast, lunch and dinner for her family. She tells her friends about this and brings them with her so they may benefit from being a part of this story of God. In four sentences, she has developed her story of encounter and joy. The Bishop challenged each member of the Vestry to develop their own four sentence story, for this is all that evangelism really means; telling a story.



I know the power story telling has on our youngest members. You should see how they light up during Young and the Restless Chapel, for they are drawn into these

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amazing stories of God. The rhythms and songs we sing bring life to people and events from long ago, as the children are drawn into the joy. I encourage all of you to come to one of our chapel services, and you will be reminded of the power of the Story of God.

During this season of "Epiphany," of manifestation, Jesus is made known in the stories from the Bible. But, Jesus is also made known through our stories of faith. This can often seem daunting. Once the story is stirred up within us, however, it is even harder to keep silent about the joy in our hearts. So this season, we are about stirring up the story within us.

The title of this issue, "Go, tell it on the mountain," comes from a familiar hymn. It was born in the oral culture of African slaves in the American south. It was embraced by the civil rights movement in the 1960's. Today it is a perennial favorite at Christmas concerts and church services across North America. The spiritual has come to mean many things depending on the time and place in which it is sung - freedom anthem, hymn of faith, a simple song of Christmas. As is the case with most spirituals, its music and lyrics cannot be attributed to any one person. African American composer John Wesley Work is credited with formally adapting the song



"How lovely are the messengers"

*Go, tell it on the
mountain,
over the hills and
everywhere.*

*Go, tell it on the
mountain,
that Jesus Christ is
born.*

and including it in a songbook in 1907. The versions of "Go Tell it on the Mountain" are as varied and distinctive as the people performing it. But it is always, at its heart, a song of joy.

This is also true of our personal stories of faith. We can tell of the time when the journey with God was a freedom anthem; of times when we were no longer held back by loneliness or pain, by struggles or even sin. We have experiences to relate of times

when acts of belief, both great and small, led us to a promised land. There are times when our stories of faith are affirmations of simple truths, yet it is in their repetition that new meanings are birthed. But like this spiritual, our stories are always, at their heart, stories of real joy.

I hope you take advantage of the opportunities God provides to claim your story and to share its power. I hope that the events and services at Grace Church this and every month provide you with every opportunity to go and tell those you know your story of Grace so that they too, may know the joy to be found in God.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

- Isaiah 52:7-10 read on
Christmas Day

- Debbie

Mark's Corner



Mark Engelhardt
*Lay Associate &
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When I was a young student of the piano, my mother could always tell my mood by what I practiced and how I played it. The music and the performance were her windows into my state-of-being at that moment.

As an adult, I have long been aware of this thermometer for myself and often find that my organ or piano practice times are my own moments of self-recognition. More significantly, perhaps, my practice time often serves as my psychological “comfort food.” It’s that place where I can retreat when I need to retread . . . to regain my equilibrium to face the rest of the day. It is my Centering Room.

This place-to-go is an important dimension in my life. I need the extended time of solitude to still my anxieties, to release frustrations, and, surprisingly, to do a lot of work in my subconscious self. (My workouts at the gym are other occasions for entering into this comfort zone. What are yours?)

The problem is that as necessary as this time alone is in my life, it is just that — alone. I can’t function solely in this space — how boring my life would be if that were the case, and how tired I would quickly become of my own company! I need others around me, I need my community to really survive.

And this is where my own personal paradox lies: as a natural introvert, I’m completely unhappy when left to my own devices all the time; but, when I am in community, especially those of choirs and church family, I come alive. It’s here that I most often feel God’s presence. Even when a rehearsal doesn’t seem to go so well, or the choir school trebles seem like a frustrating exercise in herding cats, we’re working together for a sole common goal — praising and worshipping God. It’s when I’m with these others who are walking the same road that I feel myself supported in the rough times and know that even when life feels almost too hard to bear, I’m not bearing it alone.

And then the realization comes again that none of us bear it alone, but that Christ is walking this path with us, and that not only our scripture and tradition tell us that God is with us, but our experience of God is tangible in our lives together.

We all have those private Centering Rooms where we can rejuvenate, but it’s in our response to God’s call to live together in community and to serve and love our neighbors as ourselves that we truly find life, and peace, and yes, comfort.



Young and the Restless Chapel January 15 at 9:00 am

Come and Sing...
Move...
and Pray...
to the rhythms and sounds of the story of the Star of Bethlehem.

The service opens with a welcome to all, followed by our opening song, "This is the Day."

This month, we sing the story of the star that drew shepherds and angels, kings and paupers and all the animals and children to the Light of Christ.

You can get ready by practicing "Twinkle, twinkle little star" as we learn new words to this tune to sing to the star over the manger.

We will move to the song, "Bend and Stretch" as we reach for the stars and to heaven.

Then, we play our chosen instruments to the rhythmic "This Little Light of Mine."


Calling God to "Come by Here" draws us to the Communion that we share.

As the service draws to a close, we take the Star of Bethlehem which rises in our hearts out into the world to share with those whose days seem so dark.

So come and sing, move and pray as we joyfully sing to the Lord for the marvelous things done because God loves us so.

People of any age (and restlessness!) are warmly invited to attend this half hour service.

**All children are spiritual.
All children are musical too.**




**Young and the
Restless Chapel**

**Sunday 15 January
9:00 am**

for young children (from birth on)
their parents
and those who are young at heart
to sing and share communion.

Young and the Restless Chapel is led by
The Rev. Debbie Phillips,
educator and Rector of Grace Church
and Teresa Ines Coelho,
folk musician and teacher



**Come celebrate the Epiphany Star and
we will learn songs and play our instruments**

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All people of any denomination are welcome!

Worship Leaders January 2012

Jan 1	8 am Henry Clarke, assisting	The Holy Name
	10:30 am Hugh MacKay, Joanne Moar, vergers	Numbers 6:22-27
	Rodney Bedell, acolyte	Psalm 8
	David Walcher, lector	Galatians 4:4-7
	Ethel Crawford, Babs Hawkes, chalicers	Luke 2:15-21
	David Latinik, Jane Stewart, ushers and greeters	
	Marc Hawlena, Joanne Moar, counters	
Jan 8	8 am Cynthia Duda, assisting	Epiphany I—Baptism of Jesus
	10:30 am Hugh MacKay, Joanne Moar, vergers	Genesis 1:1-5
	Mason Nalipinski, acolyte	Psalm 29
	Helen Watson-Felt, lector	Acts 19:1-7
	Maureen McHugh, Jane Thompson, chalicers	Mark 1:4-11
	Hank and Sean Cook, ushers and greeters	
	Stephen Allen, Gary Young, counters	
Jan 15	8 am Priscilla Lemons, assisting	Epiphany II
	10:30 am Hugh MacKay, Joanne Moar, vergers	Samuel 3:1-20
	Campbell Boisvert, acolyte	Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
	Stephen Allen, lector	I Corinthians 6:12-20
	Walt and Juli Lederhaus, chalicers	John 1:43-51
	Pauline Grady, Marc Hawlena, ushers and greeters	
	Anne Busteded, Mark Steadman, counters	
Jan 22	8 am Gretchen Eilertson, assisting	Epiphany III
	10:30 am Hugh MacKay, Joanne Moar, vergers	Jonah 3:1-5, 10
	Rodney Bedell, acolyte	Psalm 62:6-14
	Deb Papps, lector	I Corinthians 7:29-31
	Deb and Jon Papps, chalicers	Mark 1:14-20
	David Latinik, Jane Stewart, ushers and greeters	
	Marc Hawlena, Pat Small, counters	
Jan 29	8 am Cynthia Duda, assisting	Epiphany IV
	10:30 am Hugh MacKay, Joanne Moar, vergers	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
	Mason Nalipinski, acolyte	Psalm 111
	Pat Small, lector	I Corinthians 8:1-13
	Gerry Cole, Paige Nalipinski, chalicers	Mark 1:21-28
	Anne Busteded, Jon Papps, ushers and greeters	
	Laura Beasley-Topliffe, Rebekah Clark, counters	
	Cindy Rhodes Beth Brown, altar guild	

A Service of Lessons and Carols

All our services celebrate the joy of Christ, and this one is no exception! Come join us on Sunday, 8 January at 4 o'clock in the afternoon as we tell the story of the Word made flesh.

Through readings and anthems by the choirs, listen to the story unfold as the angel announces the dawn of a new era with the birth of Jesus, and nature awakens and comes to see this baby Divine.

Join us in hymn singing. Raise your voices as we join the "Lord of the Dance."

Members of local service agencies will be joining us as the readers of the lessons. This is a way to highlight some of the important work these organizations do to bring peace and comfort to the neediest members of our communities.

Lessons and Carols for the Nativity Cycle: The Word made Flesh



*Sunday, 8 January 2012
4 o'clock in the afternoon*

*Readings, Anthems
& Hymns*

All are welcome to come!

*Readings by members of
service agencies in Salem
as we offer thanks
for the work they do
to improve our quality of
life in our community*



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*Some of the music featured will be:
Dixit Maria - Hassler
Magnificat - Powell
Angels we have heard on high
The Wexford Carol
The Huron Carol
The First Nowell
Shepherd's Pipe Carol - Rutter
Children, Go Where I Send Thee
Lord of the Dance
Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

*All sung by the
Parish Choir of Grace Church &
The Choir School at Grace Church*

The anthems will be sung by members of the Parish Choir of Grace Church and The Choir School at Grace Church. Both these choirs are directed by Mark T. Engelhardt, Lay Associate and Principal Parish Musician of Grace Church. The service will be led by The Reverend Debbie Phillips, Rector of Grace Church.

A reception will follow so that you may meet some of the representatives of these wonderful organizations.

So come and join us as we celebrate God's Love coming to join us on earth!

Announcements

WARRANT FOR PARISH MEETING

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF GRACE CHURCH IN SALEM will be called to order on **Sunday, January 29 at 11:45 am** for the following purposes:

1. To receive the annual reports of the Parish.
2. To present a budget for 2012.
3. To elect the following officers of the Parish:
 - Two Wardens (1 year)
 - Two Vestry persons (3 years)
 - One Vestry person (2 year)
 - Treasurer (1 year)
 - Clerk (1 year)
 - 2 Delegates of Convention (1 year)
 - 1 Alternate Delegate to Convention (1 year)
 - 5 Delegates to North Shore Deanery (1 year)
4. To consider ways to live into our mission.

Everyone is invited to the meeting. Only members will be allowed to vote.

A member is anyone who regularly attends Sunday worship, financially supports the parish through a pledge and participates in the life of the community. Everyone present, however, is welcome to participate in the discussion.

The mission of Grace Church is to unconditionally invite all people to join us in building a faithful Episcopal congregation that goes out into the community and through prayer, presence and partnering improves the quality of life by bringing everyone closer to God.

Please join us in our mission.

Quinn Sadie Cutler will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday 8 January. Her parents, Krisen and Mark, and her siblings, Shea, Addie and Harper will be on hand to witness this event, as all of us at Grace Church commit ourselves to supporting Quinn in her life in Christ.

Welcome Home! It was wonderful to see Michelle and Mildred Aroko, Emily and Susie Barnes, Amelia Brown, Sam Clarke, Kai Nalipinski, Dale and Dana McGrath, Charles Thompson-Melby, Kirsten (Thompson-Melby) Rosa and Ben Willand over the Christmas holidays.

The Website continues to be a good source of inspiration and information. Don't forget to check the Parish Calendar for events, meetings and services. You can also find copies of E-News, leaflets and Gracenotes from the webpages. The address is www.gracechurchsalem.org.

Facebook page and group are also available. Many parishioners have been posting photos for these sites, so be sure to check them out as well.

Pledge Envelopes are located at the entrance of the church for 2012. If you would

like envelopes, please see Marc Hawlena, Gary Young or Debbie. Don't know what we are talking about? Ask just about anyone in the parish about pledging and they will share with you what it has meant to their lives of faith. You may, of course, always ask Debbie about it as well.

Thank You for Christmas Services to all who decorated, cleaned, set up, sang, read, served, **prayed**, baked, ushered, counted, dressed children in costumes, and every other thing under the sun to make our adoration and celebration of the birth of Christ so beautiful!

Three Parish Partnership will resume regular meetings following the Christmas break beginning at 6:00 pm on Sunday, January 15th. For questions or more information, please see Steve Allen, Sr. Warden or Jane Stewart, Vestryperson.

Telling our Story through Pictures

The Greening of the Church



Christmas in Salem
At Grace Church



A Visit from Bp. Nicholas



Evensong with the Choir School



Tree of Remembrance



The Polar Express



Choir School Christmas Party



A Visit from Bp. Harris



The Christmas Pageant



In Paradisum



Taylor Griffin, brother of Melanie Griffin, brother-in-law of Melanie's husband, Benjamin Larrabee and uncle to their son, Morrison, died on Sunday October 16 in Lake County, Calif. He was 40 years old. Taylor was President of The Rogers Collection, Ltd., a specialty international foods importer. When Taylor was in town visiting his sister's family, he would worship at Grace Church. He doted on Morrison and thoroughly enjoyed this life that God had given him. Taylor appreciated the joy that Morrison experienced at the Young and the Restless Chapel, and was very supportive of our ministry to children. Taylor was also a great story teller.

We, at Grace Church, wish to thank Taylor and his family for the many gifts that have been given in his memory. Taylor's parents, Pamela and Jeff Griffin asked that, in lieu of flowers, all gifts be given to Grace Church. So far, over \$10,000 has been contributed. This is a very meaningful way to remember a loved one, and at the same time, support our future ministries.

There are so many who will continue to grieve over his death. Please keep them all in your prayers.



*Give to the departed eternal rest
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



*Grace Church in Salem
Invites you to join us for 12th Night:*

*Celebrating the visit of the Magi
Saturday, January 7 at 5:30 pm*



Social Hour

Roast Beef Dinner

with

Yorkshire Pudding

Roasted Vegetables

Macaroni and Cheese

Special King and Queen Cake

\$10 adults

\$5 children & seniors

Children under 5 free

*Appearance of the Three Magi
Crowning of New King and Queen
Caroling*

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Birthday Prayer 8A HE 9:30A Choir 10:30A HE	2 Office Closed	3 9:30A MP 6P AA	4 9:30A MP 4P Choir School 6P Encounters with God 7:30P Parish Choir Rehearsal	5 9:30A MP	6	7 Twelfth Night Party! 5:30 Pm
8 8A HE 9:30A Choir 10:30A HE/CS Holy Baptism 4P Lessons and Carols	9 9:30A MP	10 9:30A MP 6P AA	11 9:30A MP 4P Choir School 6P Encounters with God 7:30P Parish Choir Rehearsal	12 9:30A MP 11:15A Music Together	13	14 9:30A Music Together
15 Healing 8A HE 9A Y&R 9:30A Choir 10:30A HE/CS 6:00P Partnership Meeting at Calvary	16 Office Closed	17 9:30A MP 6P AA	18 9:30A MP 4P Choir School 6P Encounters with God 7:30P Parish Choir Rehearsal	19 9:30A MP 11:15A Music Together	20	21 9A to 12 noon Project Day at Church 9:30A Music Together
22 8A HE 9:30A Choir 10:30A HE	23 9:30A MP 7P Vestry	24 9:30A MP 6P AA	25 9:30A MP 4P Choir School 6P Encounters with God 7:30P Parish Choir Rehearsal	26 9:30A MP 11:15A Music Together	27	28 9:30A Music Together 10:30A Serving Lunch at Life-bridge
29 8A HE 9:30A Choir 10:30A HE 11:45A Annual Meeting	30 9:30A MP	31 9:30A MP 6:30P North Shore Deanery Assembly		The Office is open Monday through Thursday from 10 until 2.	Please feel free to call the Office to schedule appointments with the Rector or Lay Associate for other hours.	