



# Grace Episcopal Church Worship Committee Minutes

11 April 2021

Committee Member	Present
Stephanie Batterman	X
Jackie Berry	
Greg Caron	X
Mary Caron	X
Glenis Elliott	X
Ed Greene	X
Frank Jacob	X
Pam Mott	
Will Neilson	X
Diane Paterson	X
Liz Prest	
Sharon Steele	X
Frank Strasburger	X
Mary Swain	X
Cindy Young	X
Gard Conley	X
Conrad Wall	X

The meeting followed the Sunday Diocesan Service. The Rev Frank Strasburger opened with a prayer.

### Special Services After Action

All members spoke glowingly of the Holy Week services, mentioning especially the Passion sung on Palm Sunday and on Good Friday, the sung Mass on Palm Sunday, Mary singing on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and Nancy singing “Were you There when they Crucified my Lord”. All were well done, moving, and compassionate. There was a new understanding and appreciation of our work together. Father Ed expressed his appreciation for Mary taking care of the music and Julia managing the program, saying it was for him learning to let go, like the resurrection. There was also great appreciation for all our Clergy. We have been very blessed during this last year to have them.

### Continuing Services

- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** is continuing at 10:00 am, with Ed Greene doing an abbreviated Morning Prayer followed by informal discussions on the day’s readings. This service has been well-received.
- **Sunday Services**
  - Will continue at 10:15 am on Zoom.
  - All services and service bulletins can be found on our website.  
<https://gracebath.org/worship/worship-services/>
- **Diocesan Services.** We will continue to share the service with the congregation, even though attendance is low. It also gives our Supply Priests a well-deserved week off. There were many



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complaints about the audio this week, but last month the audio worked well. It appeared that the Diocesan audio was not as good as previous month.

## **Music**

- Gard and Mary told us that Gard is working with two different groups learning how to put multiple voices together on a YouTube video to be shared as a part of our service. They will probably use recorded organ music and record two or more voices separately, then synch them with AV software. A suggestion was made that maybe the proof of concept test could be done as a prelude or postlude to the service.
- Copyright issues
  - We have OneLicense, which provides copyright permission to reprint and record hymns for the congregation. In addition, we have purchased the podcast / streaming option to our license.
  - Julia will print a message on our bulletins stating that we have permission for the materials.
  - Organ accompaniments provided by Conrad Wall are all properly licensed. He will give Julia the appropriate text to use in the bulletins.
  - Apple music is not a problem, as that is purchased.
  - YouTube is in the public domain, so that is covered.
  - Spotify is one source we have used that we must do more research to see if we need separate permissions.
- Music on the screen – some discussion, but bottom line was that it was felt important to show the music on the screen so that all could participate, whether they have a hymnal or not.
- Chanting the Psalm – Mary stated that she felt the single Cantor doing the chant did not engage the congregation. Many stated that they appreciated the chanting, but others suggested that it might be able to be done responsively like was done on Palm Sunday. We have generally only sung the psalms during Lent and Advent. Suggestions were made to increase the use of sung psalms using different types for different liturgical seasons. More to follow on this.

## **Technology**

- Sharon reported that the technology package has been approved and a down payment sent to the vendor. No definite timeline available yet.

## **Service Schedule**

The schedule currently goes through April. <https://gracebath.org/worship/worship-leader-schedule/>. We do have priests scheduled through 2 May. Without Pam at the meeting, it was decided that we will discuss Pentecost on email to determine what we will do. No priests are scheduled past 2 May. One suggestion was to have everyone talk at the same time, unmuted, which would truly provide the babble of languages, thanks to Zoom.



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Date	Service	Officiant
18-Apr	10:15 AM	Pam Mott
25-Apr	10:15 AM	Bishop Brown
2-May	10:15 AM	Michael Ambler
9-May	10:15 AM - Diocesan Service	
16-May	10:15 AM	
23-May	10:15 - Pentecost	
30-May	10:15 - Trinity Sunday	

Julia and Ed are working with the Diocese for the services with the Bishop and Michael Ambler.

## **Return to church**

- The Diocese and the Governor have released updated guidance on returning to church.
- Any return to church will be dependent on the technology upgrade and the repairs to the church.
- The Return to Church committee will be presenting findings to the Vestry on 20 April, but the recommended first phase will be for Altar Party, Organist, Cantors to be at the church, zooming to the congregation at home.

## **Attendance**

Worship Service (all home Zooms)	Date	Approximate # of Congregants
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	21 Mar 21	48
Wednesday Morning Prayer, Bible Study	24 Mar 21	12
Palm Sunday	28 Mar 21	51
Maundy Thursday	1 Apr 21	20
Good Friday - Noon	2 Apr 21	10
Good Friday – 7 PM	2 Apr 21	22
Easter Vigil (St. Paul's)	3 Apr 21	9
Easter Sunday	4 Apr 21	56
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Diocesan)	11 Apr 21	43

## **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be 9 May following the Sunday worship (Diocesan service) – will use same Zoom as Sunday worship.

- <https://zoom.us/j/5772630207>, (Password: 798671)
- OR call 646-876-9923 with ID: 577-263-0207

Sharon closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Steele, Chair