

A Triduum and Workshop invitation from Father Patrick Malloy

Last year, Fr. Peter Pearson brought a delegation from his parish, St. Philip's, New Hope, to Grace Church for our celebration of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. They did not have the custom of celebrating the Triduum in the parish, and he thought that by giving some members an experience of the services, the parish would come to believe that all the work it takes to celebrate these services would be worth it. This year, St. Philip's will celebrate the Triduum. One of the members has since become the liturgical musician in another parish, and he has contacted us for all of our materials so he can introduce the celebration of the complete Triduum in his new parish.

I have heard from some members of our own Diocese that they are where St. Philip's was last year. As much as they would like to celebrate the Triduum as it is prescribed in the Prayer Book, it is not "on the radar screen" of most members of the parish. Others have said that they cannot imagine that the benefits would outweigh the effort necessary to pull these services together. The Vestry of Grace Church, therefore, would like to invite the members of the Diocese who do not celebrate the Triduum in their home parishes but would like to, to join us. The services on Thursday and Friday will be at 7:30, and the Saturday evening Easter Vigil will be at 8:00.

The following Thursday evening, April 12, we will hold a workshop from 6:00 - 9:00 on "taking it home." We will need to know by Monday of Holy Week how many will be coming for the workshop, so can you please reply, malloy@rcn.com, if you do plan to attend? I would also be happy to provide additional information. Thanks. *[Patrick Malloy]*