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FROM SENIOR MINISTER JOY FALLON

I never have any idea what to wear these days. Each morning I peek out the window to gauge the weather by people-watching on Boston Common: are they hurrying, hunched against the rain, or are tourists strolling around in flip flops? Have winter parkas made yet another reappearance, or are office workers actually smiling, practically skipping along, because it's already 60 degrees, with a promise of more warm breezes as the day grows longer?

That variation in life is part and parcel of our church these days, too. We just completed a high point in our life together at the culmination of Holy Week: 230 people attended Easter's Morning Prayer, the front and sides of the church were filled with bowers of fragrant flowers, new and old friends greeted each other, and a joyful message of hope was offered in word and song.

But in my sermon I also acknowledged that not everyone present on Easter necessarily feels caught up in the holiday spirit. Not all of us can call ourselves "believers" on Easter morn – and that's no surprise. It's always been that way; even most of those closest to Jesus didn't know what to make of an empty tomb. Just because April has arrived, not everyone feels that his or her life is on the upswing. We're all like seeds buried underground, and we rise at different times – some early crocuses and daffodils, other late bloomers, waiting until late August, or even September. But whatever our timetable, all plants are meant to rise. So are you.

I wonder what will help you "rise" in the next several months? What's the mixture of sun and rain and fertilizer than would help you sprout and bloom?

If you've an idea, please let me know. Betsy Peterson, our new Chair of Adult Religious Education, also keeps asking her committee: how can King's Chapel best serve our community, both within the church and just beyond our doors? The two task forces I wrote about last month also are asking versions of that question: What new groups are we not serving yet, and how could we best reach them? What kind of second service could King's Chapel offer, in addition to our traditional Morning Prayer service, that would feed souls?

Plans for the next several months give examples of the kinds of varied approaches we could consider. We're blessing pets at our Sunday 9:45 AM family service on May 18, out in the Parish House Garden: a short service to which it's easy to invite a newcomer, and which regular 11 AM congregants also can easily join, alongside their Fido or Fluffy.

If the arts are a special draw for you, on May 14 architect Todd Lee will deliver a presentation on Sacred Spaces, taking us through the world with visual images. In musical offerings, we're beginning our partnership with the Handel and Hayden Society, ramping up to the 2015 marking of the 200th anniversary of the first American performance of the Messiah, in King's Chapel: on June 3, the Tuesday 12:15 concert will be put on by H & H. Our Music Director and Organist, Heinrich Christensen, will be a featured performer at the national American Guild of Organists gathering this year in Boston: he'll perform Robert Sirota's "Apparitions" on Wednesday and Thursday, June 25 and 26 at 4 p.m. at the church. Sirota's sermon preached at King's Chapel on February 23rd about this piece, based on old American hymnody, is posted at our website.

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On Sunday June 1st, we'll hear from one of our teens, Caroline Bergeron, who worked last summer alongside those in Costa Rica, providing health care; she's returning this summer, because it was a life-changing experience for her. You can join the Habitat build in Dorchester on June 28th or support Boston's mothers of murdered children in their annual Walk for Peace on Mother's Day.

And if you wish participate in our wider church, King's Chapel plans to send a delegation to the UUA General Assembly; it's in nearby Providence, RI this year, during the last weekend in June.

What might make your spirit come alive? I'd love to know! It's why I'm here.

With blessings always,
Joy

PET BLESSING

Pet Blessing - Sunday, May 18, in the Parish House Garden, 9:45 AM
On Sunday May 18th, we will host our annual Pet Blessing in the Parish House garden, as part of our Family Service, from 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. In the past, this has been a great time to introduce people to the church: we've had pets from the neighborhood; and grandchildren and friends join us. Last year Joy blessed a little garden snail as well as fluffy dogs, a guinea pig, and a small stuffed animal. Feel free to enter the garden directly from Branch Street, behind the Parish House at 64 Beacon St. There is plenty of time to attend the Pet Blessing and then join us for Morning Prayer, too, if you'd like. Come one, come all -- we all can use an extra blessing!

*HANDEL & HAYDN SOCIETY
BICENTENNIAL EVENTS*

Boston's venerable Handel & Haydn Society gave its first performance at King's Chapel on Christmas Day 1815, with then music director B.J. Lang as one of the primary initiators in this effort to play contemporary music (Haydn having just passed away in 1809). The society is now gearing up to celebrate its 2015 bicentennial with a number of events all across the city. We are excited to be part of the party. The first event at King's Chapel will take place as part of our Tuesday Recital series, on May 6 at 12:15. A quartet consisting of violinists Susanne Ogata and Julia McKenzie, cellist Guy Fishman and Ian Watson (familiar to KC audiences from our Britten concert this past fall) on harpsichord will play works by Handel & Vivaldi. This concert is presented to the community free of charge. There will be another H&H Tuesday recital on June 3, and more events coming up in the fall and into 2015.

*SACRED SPACES PRESENTATION BY TODD
LEE, MAY 14TH AT THE PARISH HOUSE*

Todd Lee, FAIA, has been an architect since 1968, and a member of King's Chapel since 1980, joining soon after he returned to Boston from his native New York City with his not-yet-wife Felicia R. Clark. Opening his own office in 1984 which eventually grew to more than 30 colleagues, Todd was soon joined by Felicia as his city planning partner, a working relationship that thrived until her untimely death in January 1990, following a serious stroke a few years earlier. Todd was blessed to meet Karen C. C. Dalton in the summer of 1990, fall in love again, and be married by Carl and Charles in the summer of 1991.

Todd's architecture practice has taken him to four continents, with resort, hospitality, and commercial assignments in Isfahan, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Beijing, Chung-du, as well as London, Burgundy and the Cote d'Azur and to many islands of the Caribbean. In parallel, his education projects have been done in Roxbury, suburban cities and towns, and as well as for Harvard, Exeter, and Northfield-Mount Hermon. He has contributed articles and design drawings to a number of professional journals, and has been a guest critic at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, University of Pennsylvania, and the Rhode Island School of Design, and taught design studio extensively at the Boston Architectural College.

Todd's lecture "Sacred Spaces" distills his thinking over the more than 50 years of his own creating places for human use, shelter, celebration, sanctuary, and reflection. But the nearly 100 examples shown and discussed in his lecture are drawn from the world's culture and history. His presentation can be considered a "fly-by" refresher of the diversity of locations and structures we humans have both found and fashioned to be our places of encountering and interacting with a spirit/power greater than ourselves. Comparisons and counterpoise in the examples, should give us ample source material to discuss, as we consider our own house of worship, the rituals and messages it sends and we draw from it, and the setting it provides for our worship and spiritual life.

Presented by the King's Chapel Adult Religious Education Committee

AGO CONVENTION JUNE 23-27

The American Guild of Organists will hold its national convention in Boston from June 23 to 27. There will be all kinds of event going on all over town, check out <http://www.agoboston2014.org/tickets/> to look for public concerts. Of particular note is James David Christie playing with The Landmarks Orchestra at Symphony Hall on Monday, June 23. There will also be a family organ day at Old South Church on Saturday, June 21. King's Chapel will host two identical concerts on June 25 and 26, featuring Heinrich at the organ plus a string quartet. The program will be eerily reminiscent of the one heard in February as part of the King's Chapel Concert Series, and will include the official premiere of Robert Sirota's new work Apparitions. Heinrich will also accompany Unitarian worship at First Church as part of the convention's service offerings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

- ❖ **BOSTON PRIDE PARADE, SATURDAY, JUNE 14 2014:** Mark your calendar! KC will field its fifth annual team of walkers in this joyful celebration of diversity and inclusion in the city of Boston. This is an easy walk and some meaningful fun and fellowship. Visit the Boston Pride website (www.bostonpride.org/parade/) or contact KC team champion, Gregg Sorensen (greggdavidsorensen@gmail.com), for more information, or to sign up.
- ❖ **COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE:** CAC is delighted to welcome two new members: **LaToya Andrews** and **Caroline Sears**. Thanks to both for stepping up to join us! **LaToya** already attended her first CAC meeting and participated in the mailing of our spring fund-raising letter. Thank you to those who responded with a check! If you haven't yet, please send us a contribution, to help us support our community partner organizations. We are especially hopeful that your generosity will allow us to send at least 6 urban kids to summer camp this year through the UU Urban Ministry. **Caroline** recently led the Church School's excellent bake sale for The Heifer Project, and she will be our CAC "champion" for Heifer next year, as well as hopefully helping to strengthen CAC's ties with the Church School. Please join her in welcoming Heifer volunteers and animals, and KC families and pets, at the Pet Blessing in the Parish House garden on **May 18**.
- ❖ **CANCELLATION OF THE KC HFH BUILD AND PARTNER CHURCH VISIT :** The King's Chapel Habitat for Humanity Build and partner church visit to Kolozsvar scheduled for July 2014 has been cancelled. This was necessitated by an inadequate number of participants.
- ❖ **SPIRITUALITY IN THE ARTS:** Upcoming from the Adult Religious Education Committee: Poetry in the Garden, led by Ciel Hills— Wednesday evenings July 23 and July 30. In July and August, two interfaith discussions using *The Faith Club* by Ranya Idliby, Priscilla Warner, Suzanne Oliver. Conversations between a Muslim, a Jewish, and a Christian woman, sharing and exploring their respective faiths. Coming this Fall: *Spiritual Autobiography*, led by Rev. Joy Fallon. Six sessions, requires a commitment to the whole course. Dates to be determined. Please call the Parish House if you are interested.. Keep checking in for more information on these and other upcoming Adult Religious Education programs.
- ❖ **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:** June 1 Children's Sunday, June 3 Vestry and Changing of the Guard, June 8 Pentecost, June 15 Kim Luck preaching before she pursues other ventures, June 22 - King's Chapel's Birthday, June 25-26 Heinrich's concerts at King's Chapel with the American Guild of Organists, June 27-29 UUA General Assembly in Providence



Elizabeth Thomson helped continue the longstanding tradition of red eggs at Easter Vigil. During Holy Week, in the kitchen at the Parish House, Elizabeth offered demonstrations on dyeing, wrapping in tulle, and tying the traditional eggs

GUIDE STAFF SAY GOODBYE TO ASSISTANT HEAD GUIDE TRACIE HENSON

The King's Chapel guide staff is bidding a fond farewell this month to our Assistant Head Guide, Tracie Henson. Originally from St. Louis, Missouri, Tracie moved to Boston to pursue a Master of Science degree in Forensic Anthropology at Boston University and was hired as Assistant Head Guide three years ago. She has been an invaluable part of our team these last few years, helping to manage the day-to-day operation of the guide program with superior organizational skills, a team-oriented demeanor and a kind and generous heart. Tracie is moving back to St. Louis with her fiancée, Chris, to welcome their new baby girl this summer. We are thrilled for her, and thankful for her years of hard work and positive energy. She will be deeply missed!

--Theresa Cooney O'Hara, Head Guide



Betsy Peterson and Elsie Herrmann donned work gloves and gave the Parish House Garden some tough love on Tuesday, April 22nd. Thank You !

KING'S CHAPEL SERVICES

SUNDAYS

King's Chapel is at the corner of School & Tremont Streets in downtown Boston. Sunday services begin at 11 a.m. and last for approximately one hour.

4 Morning Prayer with Communion

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
The lesson is Luke 24:13-35

11 Morning Prayer

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Todd Lee, lay reader
Anne Sexton, lector
The lesson is John 10:1-5

18 Morning Prayer

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Lee Glenn, lay reader
The lesson is John 14:1-14

25 Morning Prayer with Great Litany

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Marie Wells, lay reader
Cathy Price, lector
The lesson is John 20: 15-21

SECOND SUNDAY

May 2014 Second Sunday Collection: Ecclesia Ministries

Ecclesia Ministries is the designated recipient of the "Second Sunday" collection in May. Ecclesia has provided spiritual community and services to homeless people in Boston for the past 30 years. Its programs include Common Cathedral (an outdoor church and street ministry) and Common Art, where KC member Emanuel Genovese serves as a volunteer teacher.

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WEDNESDAYS

Midweek prayer services begin at 12:15 pm and last approximately thirty-five minutes.

7 Midweek Prayer

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14 Midweek Prayer

Steve Aucella, guest preacher
Todd Lee, lay reader

21 Holy Communion

28 Midweek Prayer



Have announcements, updates, events, or news you'd like to share with the members and friends of King's Chapel? Email it to admin@kings-chapel.org for it to be included in next month's newsletter.

We'd love to hear from you!

Rev. Fallon's sermons are now available online! Click on the *Worship* tab and you will see the tab labeled *Rev. Fallon's Sermons*. Click there and you will see her sermons from the start of her ministry to the present.

TUESDAY RECITALS

Tuesday Recitals at King's Chapel present a variety of programs, featuring local and visiting musicians. Admission is by suggested donation of \$3; the donations are given to the performers. Programs begin at 12:15 pm and last approximately 35 minutes. For more information, please call 617-227-2155, or visit www.kings-chapel.org.

6 **Handel & Haydn Society, Ian Watson, Director**—Vivaldi, Handel, C.P.E. Bach

13 **Scott Thomas Lesser, cello**—J.S. Bach, Hovhanness, Martino

20 **Pentimento: Eric Haas, recorder/traverse, Olav Chris Henriksen, lute/theorbo**—Early American Music

27 **Denise Konicek, soprano, Karen Gardener, contralto, Heinrich Christensen, organ**—Bach, Handel, Tchaikovsky, Rossini

CHANCEL FLOWERS

If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Louise Perkins, Chancel Committee Co-chair: lvperkins50@live.com.

Please send your Chancel Flowers gifts ATTN: Parish Administrator, KC Parish House, 64 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108 with "Chancel Flowers" on the memo line of the check.

- 4 The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Nicholas and Nancy Danforth.
- 11 The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Alice deVermandois Perry, Lewis Frederick Perry, Elizabeth Lowell Ware and Charles Eliot Ware, Jr. by their children and grandchildren.
- 18 The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of In loving memory of Sheila, Molly and William Barthorpe, Teresa and Donald Sexton by Anne and Peter Sexton.
- 25 The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Lydia and Jose Gomez-Ibanez by their children and grandchildren.

MAY 2014 EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.			Wedding Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Knight's Tem- plar 3:00 p.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Church School Committee Meeting 8:30 a.m. Family Service & Church School 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer with Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Aumond/Hamilton Wedding 4:00 p.m.	Outreach & Communi- cations Task Force 10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Recital Handel & Haydn 12:15 p.m. Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.	Task Force for Addi- tional Ser- vice 6:30 p.m.		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.		Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Prayer with Holy Communion 12:15 p.m. Adult Religious Education Committee Meeting 4:30 p.m. Sacred Spaces by Todd Lee 7:00 p.m.		<i>June Newsletter Deadline</i>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
PET BLESSING Family Service & Church School 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.	Outreach & Communi- cations Task Force 3:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m. Parish Council Meeting 5:45 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.		Guide Staff En- richment Day	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Morning Prayer with Great Litany 11:00 a.m.	<i>Memori- al Day</i> <i>Parish House Closed</i>	Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m. Task Force for Additional Service 6:30 p.m.			

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The Rev. Joy Fallon, Senior Minister
Heinrich Christensen, Director of Music
Kimberly Luck, Church School Director
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Cindy Stephens, Bookkeeper
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