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Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 24th, 2024 – 10:30 am

Festival Eucharist, Rite I



Palm Sunday 2023

WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are pleased to welcome you to Grace Church. If you are joining us for the first time, please send us a message at welcome@gracealex.org, so we can get to know you. We can also add you to our mailing list by request. We're glad to have you join with us in worshipping God in the beauty of holiness, something which is central to our identity at Grace. We hope you will join with us in sharing the love of God with this world that needs healing.

Assisted listening devices are available for use during worship. Please see an usher if you'd like to use one.



Please silence your cell phones during worship.

Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

Through + life-giving liturgical worship + joyful community + empowering others

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HOME COMMUNION

Home Communion is available upon request for parishioners who desire this service by Eucharistic Visitors every Sunday. Home Communion will be in one form, Bread only. To request Home Communion, parishioners are asked to contact the Parish Office by telephone at 703-549-1980 no later than 12 pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday on which they would like to receive Home Communion.

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY
FESTIVAL EUCHARIST, RITE I

Children 3 months until 3 years are welcome in the nursery. Please ask an usher to direct you.

Weather permitting, the congregation will gather on the circular drive near the columbarium, in front of the Narthex doors.

Please take a palm from the ushers.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed is the King who cometh in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE ACCOUNT OF THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Mark 11:1-11a

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." ' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The people raise their palms to be blessed.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

AT THE PROCESSION

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The people follow the crucifer in procession before returning to the nave.

If you prefer, you may move immediately to be seated in the nave.

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King! to
whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son, who
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high; and
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went; our
4. To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise; to
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring, who

Repeat Refrain

in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
we with all crea - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

STATION COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 156

Ride on! ride on in majesty!

The King's Majesty

THE SALUTATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Children ages 3 years - 3rd grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.
The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector A reading from the Book of The Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint; and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

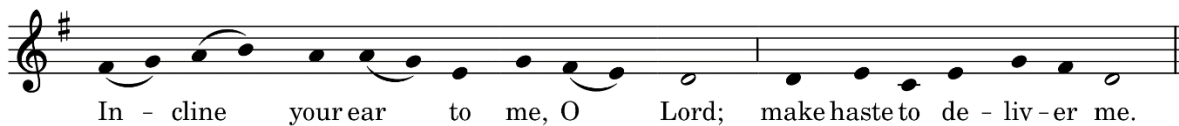
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The choir introduces the Antiphon, all repeat. The choir chants the verses, all repeat the Antiphon as indicated.

PSALM 31:9-16

plainsong



Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed. **ANTIPHON**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot. **ANTIPHON**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God. **ANTIPHON**

My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me." **ANTIPHON**

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and sing the hymn.

Sequence Hymn 164

Alone, thou goest forth O Lord

Bangor

*The people remain seated for the first part of the Passion.
At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.*

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Narrator: Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

Narrator: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

Chief Priests: Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.

Narrator: While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

Crowd: Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.

Narrator: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

Jesus: Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.

Narrator: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, the disciples said to Jesus,

Disciples: Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

Narrator: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

Jesus: Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.

Narrator: So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.
When it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.

Narrator: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

Disciples: Surely, not I?

Narrator: Jesus said to them,

Jesus: It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

Narrator: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

Jesus: Take; this is my body.

Narrator: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

Jesus: This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

Narrator: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

Jesus: You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.

Narrator: Peter said to him,

Peter: Even though all become deserters, I will not.

Narrator: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.

Narrator: But Peter said vehemently,

Peter: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

Narrator: And all of them said the same.
They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples,

Jesus: Sit here while I pray.

Narrator: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

Jesus: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.

Narrator: 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,

Jesus: Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.

Narrator: Jesus came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus: 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.

Narrator: 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,

Jesus: 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.

Narrator: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.

Narrator: So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

Judas: Rabbi!

Narrator: and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.

Narrator: All of them deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.
They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

Crowd: **We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'**

Narrator: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

High Priest: Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

Narrator: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

High Priest: Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'

Narrator: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest: Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?

Narrator: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

Chief Priests: Prophesy!

Narrator: The guards also took him over and beat him.
While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

Servant Girl: You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

Narrator: But he denied it, saying,

Peter: I do not know or understand what you are talking about.

Narrator: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

Servant Girl: This man is one of them.

Narrator: But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

Crowd: **Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.**

Narrator: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter: I do not know this man you are talking about.

Narrator: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' And he broke down and wept.

Narrator: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Narrator: Jesus answered him,

Jesus: You say so.

Narrator: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate: Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.

Narrator: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.
Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

Pilate: Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

Narrator: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate: Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

Narrator: They shouted back,

Crowd: **Crucify him!**

Narrator: Pilate asked them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: **Crucify him!**

Narrator: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.
Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.
They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.
It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Crowd: **Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!**

Narrator: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

Chief Priests: He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.

Narrator: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.
When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus: Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

Narrator: which means,

Jesus: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Narrator: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Crowd: **Listen, he is calling for Elijah.**

Narrator: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Bystander: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

Narrator: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!

Narrator: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.
When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

The people are seated.

*Silence is kept.
The people stand.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; for E. Mark Stevenson, Gayle Harris, and James "Bud" Shand, our bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for former parishioner Carl DaCosta Fisher, and all the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Celebrant Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION



THE OFFERTORY *If you prefer to give electronically, you can scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit the giving page at www.gracealex.org and click on "Make an Offering."*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let This Mind Be In You
Text: Philippians 2:5-11

Lee Hoiby (1926-2011)

The people stand and sing the hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN 458

My song is love unknown

Love unknown



Music: James McGregor (b. 1930), after *Verbum caro factum est*, Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612). Copyright © 1976 James McGregor.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 336

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP, p. 337

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Priest and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the eucharist.

Please come forward to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers.

A full communion is made with the bread alone, but if you choose to receive the wine, you may either drink from the cup, or you may offer your wafer to the person holding the chalice, who will dip the bread in the wine for you.

If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; simply ask the priest.

If you do not wish to receive communion at the altar, please let an usher know, and communion can be brought to you in your pew.

COMMUNION HYMN 158

Ah, Holy Jesus how hast thou offended

Herleibster Jesu

THE SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we share in one bread, one cup.

The people stand or kneel.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 171

Go to dark Gethsemane

Petra

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 339

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY "Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel..." from *Saint John's Suite* Dan Locklair (b.1949)

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Mother Emma Brice
<i>Deacon</i>	Father Durango Jenkins
<i>Subdeacon</i>	Noah Aukerman
<i>Preacher</i>	Father Santi Rodriguez
<i>Assisting & Children's Chapel</i>	Mother Jenny Montgomery
<i>Lector</i>	Jonathan Doelp
<i>Intercessor</i>	Rushad Thomas
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	John Thompson
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Ushers</i>	Brad Bergmann & June Huber, John Hall, Scott Knudsen, Mary Stewart
<i>Livestream Crew</i>	Alison Campbell, Mary Shaver
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leader</i>	Eleanor Reed

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MARCH 24TH 2024

Announcement deadline is Monday at 12 pm. Announcements arriving after that time will be held for the following week. Please limit announcements to 75 words. Email requests to announcements@gracealex.org.

Today is the last day for Easter Flower Dedications!
Please see the announcement regarding Easter flowers to learn more.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

REMINDER- NO 5 PM HOLY EUCHARIST TODAY, PALM SUNDAY, OR ON EASTER SUNDAY

As a reminder, we will not hold our 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist today or on Easter Sunday.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – WASHING OF FEET

On Maundy Thursday, we invite all parishioners to partake in a cherished tradition of humility and service - the Washing of the Feet. As we gather to commemorate the Last Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to emulate his example of love and servanthood by washing the feet of his disciples. All are invited to come forward to have their feet washed by the clergy.

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING ON MARCH 29TH

Our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, invites us all into that selfless way of living through our part in the Good Friday Offering. For 102 years, Episcopalians have supported this offering. This year, the Presiding Bishop invites us to remember the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. By supporting life-giving ministries in the province, including St. George's, Baghdad; the eye clinic in Ras Morbat, Yemen; the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza; and numerous other institutions, you are ensuring that our siblings in Christ are not forgotten. Your gifts to these places and many others "spreads love's message" and enables both you and those you help to discover that "our living shall not be in vain." All loose plate offerings at our Good Friday Services will go to this national church offering. To learn more about this year's offering, and the Good Friday Offering Concert online, please visit: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering/>

YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP GRACE CELEBRATE EASTER!

Volunteers are needed to help with our annual AGAPE Reception for the parish and visiting Bishop on Easter Eve in one or more ways listed: Sign the AGAPE poster in the lobby to bring food—sweet or savory finger food, help set up the Merrow Hall Auditorium for the reception on Saturday, March 30, from 11-1 pm, help with food prep for the reception in the Merrow Hall Kitchen on Saturday, March 30 from 6:30-7:45 pm before the Easter Vigil, help serve during the reception after the Easter Vigil service, post reception help with clean up and getting the space ready for Easter Sunday. Contact: Lynn Rohrs: weaverlynn47@gmail.com.

STAND UP FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING - THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH AT 7:00 PM

The proposed FY 2025 budget for the City of Alexandria leaves two affordable housing projects that have been approved for years unfunded. This leaves the projects and the Alexandrians desperately needing that housing in limbo. We want to call on the City Council to put their money where their mouth is on housing and increase the housing budget now, and for the future. Father Santiago Rodriguez and our VOICE core team invite you to participate in a Budget Accountability Action with mayoral candidates Alyia Gaskins and Amy Jackson. The event will be held at the Del Pepper Community Center on April 11th at 7:00 pm. Bring a friend or neighbor who cares! RSVP at the QR code.



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

Adult forum is offered Sundays from 9:45-10:15 am in the St. Mark room (2nd floor) or virtually via the Zoom link sent in the Sunday morning email. Tea and coffee are available just outside the St. Mark Room from 9:30 am. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

March 24: Palm Sunday – Intergenerational Event in Merrow Hall, no separate adult forum

March 31: Easter, no adult forum

April 7: Our Faithful Response to Christian Nationalism, by Father Santi Rodriguez

April 14: Seminarians at Grace: Ignacio Solano Gómez, by Ignacio Solano Gómez and Mary Hix

April 21: Praying the Labyrinth on Paper, by Mindy van Wart

LITTLE CHURCH MOVES BACK TO AMPHITHEATER EASTER SUNDAY, WEATHER PERMITTING

Little Church, our 9 am service designed especially for families with small children, moves back to the amphitheater beginning Easter Sunday. If it is rainy or below 55 degrees F, we will move inside to the auditorium and will post signage on the glass doors.

SPRING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITY: REFLECTING ON OUR LIVES AS PILGRIMAGES

Please join Julia McClung and Anne Boris as we gather for a six-week Adult Formation series this spring to grow and learn together, share our faith experience, and build community as we focus on the topic of viewing our faith as a pilgrimage. We're offering two formats for meeting each week: In-person at Grace Monday nights: 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, and 5/20; and Virtual via Zoom: Tuesday or Thursday afternoons during the same weeks as above. For the Monday evening sessions, we will open at 6:30 pm for those who want to bring their own dinner and socialize, and then engage from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. Zoom timing TBD with participant input. There will be no fees or books to buy and preparation is light. We'll be looking for five to ten participants for the in-person series and at least three for the virtual series. Please reach out to Julia McClung (Julia.mcclung@gracealex.org) or Anne Boris (Anne.boris@gracealex.org) with any questions or to register. We would like to close registration by **April 7, 2024**. Look for more info in the April Grace Notes!

GRACE CHURCH GOES ON ADULT-YOUTH MISSION – AGAIN!

Last year, Grace did something new – we participated in National Rebuilding Day with a large adult-youth mission on a one-day, one-team, one-house rebuilding mission. Let's do it again! National Rebuilding Day this year is Saturday April 27. We will be with many hundreds of teams like ours around the country. Our home is owned by a widow in the Springfield area about 20 minutes from Grace. It needs both outside yard work and inside repairs very much like we did last year. Come for a half-day or a full day as your schedule allows. Those who participated last year are welcome to return, and we are especially seeking first-timers and members of our booming EYC. If this kind of mission teamwork appeals to you, please email to either John Berry at kpbjab@yahoo.com or Cindy MacIntyre at cindymacrd@gmail.com. We will build an email listserve of potential team members for update messages. Decision to participate comes later!

2024 VESTRY LIAISONS

In addition to the Executive Committee of our Vestry (Mary Hix, Sr. Warden; Eric Waskowicz, Jr. Warden; Andrew Serke, Treasurer; Sarah Schultz, Register; Jane Rosman, Member-At-Large) other Vestry members choose a liaison role to a ministry/area of focus within Grace. Liaisons support parish leads/ministry teams and keep the vestry aware of needs and activities. 2024 liaisons are: Children's Formation – Rushad Thomas, Youth Formation – Khaki Berry, Adult Formation – Mary Stewart, Stewardship – Mary Stewart & Geoff Whitlock – Fellowship: Chad Eckles, Worship – Eleanor Reed, Pastoral Care – Morgan Miller, Evangelism – Dan Pattarini, Outreach & Justice / Assistant Treasurer – Keith Davis, GES board members – Lauren Gustafson & Keith Davis. Please feel free to reach out to any of our liaisons with ideas or to support this important work in our church.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, 3/24	Corrinne Tschetter, Jennifer Weger
Tuesday, 3/26	Lisa Doelp, Emily Geisinger, Roderick Gillette, Kathy Zucca
Wednesday, 3/27	Simon Kupczyk
Thursday, 3/28	Caleb Killian
Saturday, 3/30	Brad Bergmann



Parishioner birthdays are listed weekly based on records from Breeze, our church database. For birthdays missing or listed on an incorrect date, please contact the church office to update your record. **Thank you!**

Easter Is Coming!
Celebrate with a flower dedication.



The Altar Guild invites you to help make Grace Church beautiful with seasonal decoration. If you wish to contribute electronically, please access the form by scanning the QR code on the right with your smartphone and be sure to select “Flowers for Easter or Christmas” from the Altar Flowers drop down menu.



To donate via check- fill out the form below, cut out, and enclose donation. These forms may be dropped in the Sunday offering or sent directly to the church office. Please note ‘Easter Flowers’ on the check memo line. **If you wish to have your dedication listed in the Easter bulletins, the office must receive this form and payment (or you must submit electronically) by 4 pm Sunday, March 24th.** Questions? Contact Chad Eckles, Altar Guild Flower Chair, at chad.eckles@gracealex.org.



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EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Check one and write description below: “In loving memory of” “In thanksgiving for”

Given by (print exactly as you want name(s) to appear):

Holy Week & Easter Sunday @ Grace

*Nursery Care Provided

Palm Sunday, March 24

7:30 am - Holy Eucharist

8:45 am - La Santa Eucaristía con Procesión (*in Spanish*)*

9:00 am - Little Church with Eucharist*

9:30 am - Palm Cross Activity for all ages*

10:30 am - Festival Eucharist with Procession*
(Livestreamed)

No 5 pm Service on Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist, Monday March 25

7:00 pm - Contemplative Eucharist
from Enriching Our Worship

Holy Eucharist, Tuesday March 26

7:00 pm - Contemplative Eucharist
from Enriching Our Worship

Choral Tenebrae, Wednesday, March 27

7:00 pm - Choral Tenebrae lead by our choir
and Dr. Alain Truche, Director of Music
(Livestreamed)

Maundy Thursday, March 28

7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Festival Eucharist
with foot-washing and stripping of the altar
(Livestreamed)

Prayer Watch follows until Midnight

Good Friday, March 29

7:00 am - Liturgy of the Day (Livestreamed)

12:00 - 1:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (Livestreamed)

1:00 - 1:30 pm - Silence / Music (Livestreamed)

1:30 - 3:00 pm - Liturgy of the Day (Livestreamed)

5:00 pm - Children & Family Service

7:00 pm - Via Crucis (*in Spanish*)

Liturgy of the Day

Holy Saturday, March 30

9:00 am - Holy Saturday Liturgy of the Day

Easter Vigil with Bishop Shand Saturday, March 30

8:00 pm - Easter Vigil with Confirmations*
(Livestreamed)

Agape potluck meal will follow in the Auditorium

Easter Sunday, March 31

6:00 am - Sunrise Service

8:45 am - La Santa Eucaristía (*in Spanish*)*

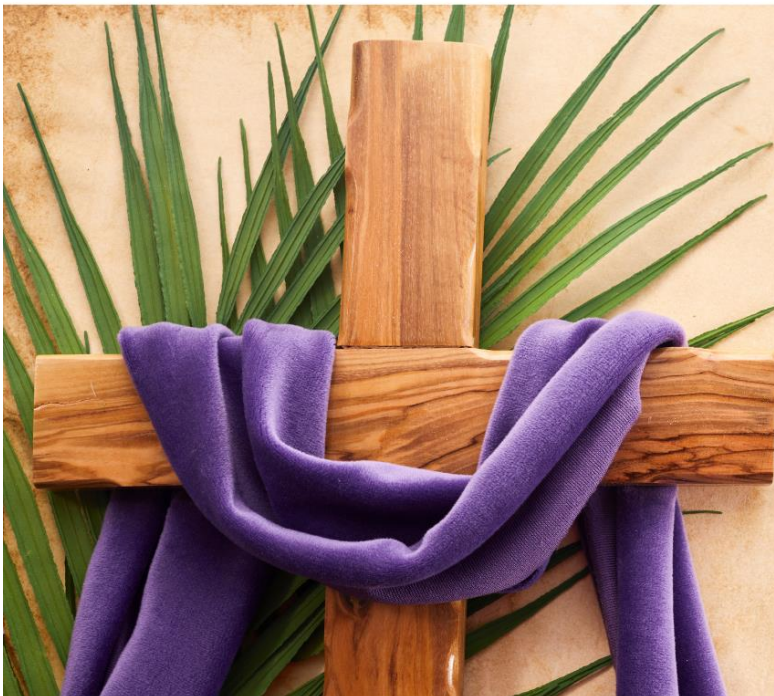
9:00 am - Little Church with Eucharist*

9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt *

10:30 am - Festival Eucharist* (Livestreamed)

Festive prelude starts at 10 AM

No 5 pm Service on Easter



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PRAYER @ GRACE THIS WEEK

We continue praying for all those in need of healing of mind, body, or spirit. We also pray for wisdom and strength for our communities, our elected officials, and our leaders as they make difficult and important decisions. As we join in common prayer this weekend, let us remember those who are in any need or trouble.

We pray for:

- **Parishioners:** Virginia, Michael, Lisa, Lina, Mario, Tina, Hector, Wendy, Conway, Amorita, Caz & family, Debbie, Amber, Kelly, Elle, John, Carl, Jeannie, Sigrid, Ed, Larry, Susie, Otto, Susan, Charles, Cleveland, Colin, Jennifer, Barbara, Joanne, Lisa, John, Holly, Nancy.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Audrey, Charlie, Elesá, Mary Ann, Marilyn, Cynthia, Reg, Don, James.
- **Family & friends:** Robert, Morgan, Barbara, Becky, Maggie, Joel, Anthony, Mark, Klaus, Charles, Roger, Nancy, Madison, Jack, Michael, Dave & Mimi, Sharon, Peter, Cindy, Anne, Steve, Scott, Jean, Ida, Eileen & Dylan, Virginia, Christine, Lisa, Elena, Al, Connie, Don, Leslie, Elizabeth, Ada, Cooper, Marge, Elizabeth, Bert, Jay, Clare, Betsy, Chuck, Mike, Jim, Patrick.
- **Members of our staff:** Mother Jenny, Father Santiago, Mother Emma, Father Ignacio, Noah, Father Durango, Alain, Mary, Kevin, Madeline, Addie, Pedro, Amorita, Betsy, Charlotte.
- **Grace School:** Students & their families; for the staff, especially Patti, head of school.
- **Outreach & Justice Partners:** ALIVE; Carpenter's Shelter; Casa Chirilagua; Christ Church Refugee and Lazarus Ministries; Community Lodgings; Cristosal, El Salvador; Haiti Micah Project; Meade Memorial Lunch Program; Tanzania Mission; Tenants and Workers; V.O.I.C.E.; Kathleen and Eddie Arthur Hearts of Love Fund.
- **Those who have died:** Former parishioner Carl DaCosta Fisher; those who have died from illnesses and natural disasters; and all those killed in acts of terror, violence, and war around the world.
- **Those serving our country in the Armed Forces and State Department overseas:** LCDR Claire S. Eudy, USN; SSgt Chip Fowler, USAF; Noah Woodiwiss; Christopher Corlett, US Foreign Service; for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war; and for physical and mental well-being of all veterans.
- **Others who are overseas serving the Church or our nation or studying:** Julie Mills Cizek; Chris & Melissa Reed, Connor Murphy.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Bishop E. Mark Stevenson; Bishop Gayle E. Harris; Bishop James "Bud" Shand; Diocesan staff; **Grace, Alexandria;** St. Luke's, Wellington, Alexandria.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church of the Province of West Africa; The Diocese of Cyangu - Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; The Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf - The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East; The Diocese of Daejeon - The Anglican Church of Korea; The Diocese of North Dakota, The Diocese of South Dakota, and The Diocese of Dallas - The Episcopal Church.

You can fill out a [Prayer Request Form](#) on our Website or email your request to prayers@gracealex.org

EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 3/24	7:30 am Holy Eucharist in English, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am Santa Eucaristía en Español	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	MH Auditorium	
	Intergenerational Palm Cross Activity - 9:30 am	MH Auditorium	
	10:30 am Festival Eucharist, Rite I	Nave / Livestream	
	There is No 5 pm Eucharist Today		
Monday, 3/25	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Contemplative Eucharist - 7 pm	Nave	
Tuesday, 3/26	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Contemplative Eucharist - 7 pm	Nave	
Wednesday, 3/27	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Wednesday Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121
	Choral Tenebrae - 7 pm	Nave / Livestream	
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	Saint Luke Room	
Thursday, 3/28	12 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer	Nave, Lady Altar	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Maundy Thursday Choral Eucharist - 7 pm	Nave / Livestream	
	Prayer Watch follows the Eucharist until Midnight	Nave / at home	
Friday, 3/29	Good Friday Liturgy of the Day - 7 am	Nave	
	Stations of the Cross & Liturgy of the Day 12-3 pm	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm		Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
	Good Friday Children's and Family Service - 5 pm	Nave	
	Viacrucis & Cenita (en español) - 7 pm	Nave	
Saturday, 3/30	Holy Saturday Liturgy of the Day - 9 am	Nave	
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1-3 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	8 pm Easter Vigil	Nave	
	Agape Reception - follows the vigil	MH Auditorium	

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