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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

Contacting Grace

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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.

PRELUDE Prière (Prayer) Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

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

Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Until it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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.



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

ANTIPHON



Choir: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and by 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.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: 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 my mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: 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."

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: "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."

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

THE SECOND LESSON Philippians 2:5-11

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

Luke 22:14 - 23:56

Narrator Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples

followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Narrator Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Jesus "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be

done."

Narrator Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he

prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them

sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

Jesus "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Narrator While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of

the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

Jesus "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

Narrator When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

Disciples "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

Narrator Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus

said,

Jesus "No more of this!"

Narrator And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the

officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you

day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the

power of darkness!"

Narrator Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But

Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the

courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him

in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Servant Girl "This man also was with him."

Narrator But he denied it, saying,

Peter "Woman, I do not know him."

Narrator A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Bystander #1 "You also are one of them."

Narrator But Peter said, Peter "Man, I am not!"

Narrator Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Bystander #2 "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

Narrator But Peter said,

Peter "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

Narrator At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and

looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat

him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

All "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?"

Narrator They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the

elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought

him to their council. They said,

All "If you are the Messiah, tell us."

Narrator He replied,

Jesus "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from

now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

Narrator All of them asked.

All "Are you, then, the Son of God?"

Narrator He said to them,
Jesus "You say that I am."
Narrator Then they said,

All "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

Narrator Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse

him, saying,

All "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the

emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

Narrator Then Pilate asked him.

Pilate "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Narrator He answered, Jesus "You say so." Narrator Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, Pilate "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

Narrator But they were insistent and said,

All "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he

began even to this place."

Narrator When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he

learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have

examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

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Narrator Then they all shouted out together,

All "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

Narrator (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place

in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but

they kept shouting,

All "Crucify, crucify him!"

Narrator A third time he said to them,

Pilate "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of

death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

Narrator But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and

their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted.

He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for

insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and

wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your

children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when

the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Narrator Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

All stand.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with

the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Narrator And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the

leaders scoffed at him, saying,

All "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

Narrator The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

All "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

Narrator There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the

criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal #1 "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

Narrator But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal #2 "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of

condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we

deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

Narrator Then he said,

Criminal #2 "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Narrator He replied,

Jesus "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Narrator It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the

afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Narrator Having said this, he breathed his last.

A period of silence is kept.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion "Certainly this man was innocent."

Narrator And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken

place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath

they rested according to the commandment.

The people are seated.

HOMILY Mother Emma Brice

Silence is kept.

The people stand.

After each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; for E. Mark Stevenson and Gayle Harris, 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 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 BCP, p. 360

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."



Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry, thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed. Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die, O Christ thy triumph now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin. Ride on, ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see the approaching sacrifice. Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh; the Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son. Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power and reign.

The people stand and sing the hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN 458

My song is love unknown

Love unknown

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I BCP, p. 340 CelebrantThe Lord be with you. And with thy CelebrantPeople Lift hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord. up your Celebrantthanks Let us give to People It and right so is meet

The Celebrant continues

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-117



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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.

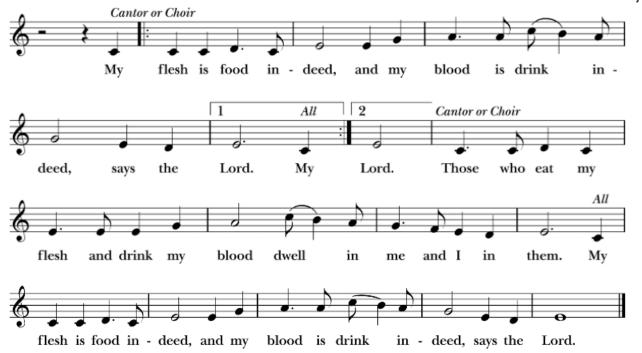
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP, p. 337

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.



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THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP, p. 337

Celebrant 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

Herzkebster 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 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.

On this day, the congregation departs in silence.

NOTES ON THE MUSIC

For those waiting for the processional to arrive in the Nave, I offer a beautiful meditative piece written by a Belgium composer. **Joseph Jongen** was born in Liège, Belgium, and studied at the Liège Conservatory. He composed a great deal of music throughout his life, in many genres including symphonies, concertos, and chamber music, but today the only works performed with any regularity are his organ works. He is best known for his *Symphonie Concertante*, *Op. 81* and *Sonata Eroïca*, *Op. 94*. Jongen's style can be classified as romantic, with inspiration from Mendelssohn, Chopin, Wagner, Franck, and Fauré. The *Prière*, Op. 37, No. 3 (*Prayer*) comes from a set of four pieces composed in 1910-1911 and is a beautiful adagio featuring the string and flute stops.

The text to today's anthem is the hymn "Ride on, ride on majesty" (#156 in our hymnal) written by Henry Milman around 1822. The text unites meekness and majesty, sacrifice and conquest, suffering and gloryall central to the gospel for Palm Sunday. Each stanza begins with "Ride on, ride on in majesty." Majesty is the text's theme as the writer helps us to experience the combination of victory and tragedy that characterizes the Triumphal Entry. Christ is hailed with "Hosanna" as he rides forth to be crucified (st. 1). That death spells victory: it is his triumph "o'er captive death and conquered sin" (st. 2). God the Father awaits Christ's victory with expectation (st. 3). Finally, Christ rides forth to take his "power ... and reign!" The setting of this text written by English composer Grayston Ives reflects well that duality of meekness and majesty, sacrifice and conquest, suffering and glory by the subtle hidden march quality of the choral accompaniment. The harmonies always emphasizing dissonance underneath the regal choral melodies bring out the duality of the text. The musical climax of the 4th verse "the Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son" gives way to meekness in the 5th verse where the choir sings the whole verse monotone with a quiet accompaniment continuing with the dissonances up until a quiet end.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant Mother Anne Turner Deacon Father Ignacio Solano Gomez Subdeacon Stephanie Reed Preacher Mother Emma Brice Assisting & Children's Chapel Father Santiago Rodriguez Lector June Huber Khacki Berry Intercessor Lay Eucharistic Minister Mindy Van Wart Music Director Dr. Alain Truche Brad Bergmann & June Huber, John Hall, Colleen McArdelle Ushers Acolytes Annie Eason, Christian Portillo, Emily Thompson, Joey Portillo, Victoria Portillo, Erin Kelly Livestream Crew Jay Legere, Stephen Lovell Altar Guild Crew Leader Kristine Hesse

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF APRIL 13TH, 2025

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.

Lent is a season of beautiful simplicity. For this reason, there are no Altar Flowers during Lent.

Today is the last day for Easter Flower dedications!

Information about Easter Flower donations can be found at the end of the announcements.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

PALM SUNDAY INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT - TODAY AT 9:40 A.M.

Join us in the auditorium on Palm Sunday, April 13th, from 9:40–10:20 a.m. for a special Intergenerational Event. We'll create palm crosses, sign Easter cards for those on our prayer list, and enjoy kid-friendly craft stations. This gathering is similar to our Advent Intergenerational Event, which was a huge success. We hope you'll join us for another wonderful time of fellowship and preparation for Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - WASHING OF FEET AND VIGIL

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.

We will also keep watch at the Altar of Repose from the end of the eucharist (approximately 8:30 p.m.) until midnight. Anyone is welcome for as much or as little time as you can stay. If possible, we encourage you to sign up in advance via the QR code for a half hour slot so that we know that the entire time is covered.

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING FOR THE HOLY LAND

Our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, invites us into a selfless way of living by participating in the Good Friday Offering. For 103 years, Episcopalians have supported this effort, which provides critical support to the ministries of The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. While the political future of the Holy Land remains uncertain, our siblings in Christ continue to serve faithfully through congregations, hospitals, schools, orphanages, and humanitarian aid programs. These ministries offer healing and hope to people of all faiths, without distinction. All loose plate offerings at our Good Friday services will go toward this important work. To learn more, and to view this year's Good Friday Offering Concert online, please visit: https://www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering/

PLEASE JOIN FELLOWSHIP TO HELP WITH OUR ANNUAL AGAPE EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

Each year we celebrate Easter and the Bishop's visit with a joyous reception after the Easter Vigil on 4/19. On Saturday morning, from 10:30-12, anyone is welcome to help set up tables, reception supplies and decorate Merrow Hall. No experience needed, just willing hands and enthusiasm. We also are calling on parish members to contribute food for the tables, focusing on easily served sweet and savory treats. They should be brought to the kitchen on Saturday during set up time, or from 6:30 on before the service at 8:00 pm. A poster will be in the lobby for the next week for easy sign up of donations. All help is appreciated. You can email/text Lynn Rohrs with questions or to volunteer. Many thanks to all! 405-269-3885/ Weaverlynn47@gmail.com

REMINDER- NO 5 PM ON EASTER SUNDAY

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

This Month's Vigil for our Country will be held on April $22^{\tiny{ND}}$

This month we will hold the Vigil for our Country on April 22nd at 6:00 p.m. This liturgy includes a eucharist as well as a time to offer prayers for vulnerable individuals and groups: immigrants, LGBTQ+ individuals, and others. This liturgy is usually offered on the third Tuesday of each month but is being moved to April 22nd this month due to Holy Week.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

NATIONAL REBUILDING DAY – APRIL 26^{TH}

On Saturday April 26, for the third year in a row, Grace will be participating in **National Rebuilding Day.** We will be supporting a veteran who is homebound and lives about 15 minutes away in Alexandria. Our work will be to ensure that he can stay safely in his home. We have about 15 volunteers so far and would like more to ensure we can accomplish all of our goals. If you have not already, please e-mail **robertsschultz@hotmail.com** to be included.

FOUR-PART SERIES ON AGING WITH FR. SANTIAGO RODRIGUEZ - WEDNESDAYS AT 11:30 A.M.

Join us for Aging with Grace, a four-part series led by Father Santiago Rodriguez that invites us to reflect on the spiritual and emotional journey of growing older. Meeting on Wednesdays, May 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., we will gather over a brown bag lunch and explore *The Gift of Years: Growing Old Gracefully* by Joan Chittister - a wise and honest book that celebrates the blessings of aging. With clarity and compassion, this series looks at the realities of the aging process while revealing the later years of life as a time of purpose, richness, and grace. All are welcome - invite a friend.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY EASTER CELEBRATION - APRIL 19, 5 P.M.

The Rev. Jen Leahey from Emmanuel Episcopal Church is hosting a new Easter service designed specifically for our neurodivergent siblings in Christ or those for whom the hustle and bustle of a major feast day worship service is overwhelming. The service will occur on Saturday, April 19 at 5 pm at Emmanuel, and there will be an Easter egg hunt offered after the service for all who wish to participate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

MONTHLY QUIET MORNINGS IN APRIL & MAY - SATURDAY, APRIL 19 & MAY 17, 10 A.M. - NOON

In a time of crisis and a culture of busyness, it may sound wasteful or even inappropriate to prioritize rest. And yet, God invites us into an expression of trust–to step aside from our work, to imitate God's own pause on the seventh day of creation, and to remember that rest is holy. On April 19th and May 17th we'll gather at 10am in the Saint John Room and then enjoy silent, unstructured time together. Tea, simple art materials, and an indoor labyrinth will be provided. Feel free to bring your own journal, books, or anything else you need. Contact Mindy Van Wart with questions. mindaruski@gmail.com

EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us on Easter Sunday morning for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Our older youth will help pack and hide over 400 eggs filled with treats for our younger children to find. The hunt begins at 9:45am on April 20th, after Little Church ends, and it takes place on the playground and surrounding areas. The Easter Egg Hunt is open to all kids 5th grade and younger, and older kids are encouraged to come and help the youngest kids find eggs. If your youth enjoyed participating in the egg hunt back when they were little ones, then this is a great chance to pay it forward for the next generation!! This year, we are asking folks to donate fun-sized candy to put in the eggs. Candy donations can be left outside of Mother Emma's office or in the church office with a note. Please bring all candy donations in by Palm Sunday (April 13th).

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE BY THE POTOMAC – APRIL 20TH

You're invited to join Grace to celebrate Christ's Resurrection with an Easter Sunrise Service by the Potomac River. We will hold this Easter liturgy at 6:00 am at the Lady Bird Johnson Park in Columbia Island. We will be right by the Navy-Merchant Marine Memorial (same place as the last two years). Please bring a flashlight as it will still be dark and a camping chair if you have one. This will be a contemplative service with readings, silence, a short homily, and Holy Eucharist. We will greet the sun at 6:24 am. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to this service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

INVITE SOMEONE TO GRACE THIS HOLY WEEK AND EASTER!

You heard us say 82% of first-time churchgoers come because of a personal invitation, right? Someone you know might be waiting for yours! We've created beautiful invitation cards for our Holy Week and Easter services to make it easy. Pick up a card in the church nave or scan the QR code on the right to access the page on our website where you can download a digital version to share by text or email. This season, let's challenge ourselves to invite at least one friend, family men



share by text or email. This season, let's challenge ourselves to invite at least one friend, family member, or coworker to experience the joy of Grace. Together, we can share the hope and joy of the Holy Week and Easter!

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

After Easter Sunday, Adult Forum will resume being offered Sundays 9:40 -10:15 am in the St. Mark room (2nd floor) or virtually via Zoom link sent in the Sunday morning email. Tea and coffee are available just outside the St. Mark Room from 9:30. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

April 13: Palm Sunday Intergenerational Event - No separate adult forum

April 20: Easter Day - No adult forum

April 27: Grace at Work: Ethical Journalism, by Chris Rugaber

May 4: Images of Resurrection, by Anne Clift Boris

May 11: Grace at Work: Keeping Health Care Providers Out of Trouble, by Laura Weidenfeld

May 18: Grace at Work: Advancing Science, Serving Society, by Ted Prosser and Elias Voces

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BARBARA MORRIS – APRIL 22ND

Barbara Morris' Memorial Service will be held at Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads (3440 S Jefferson St Falls Church, VA 22041) on April 22nd at 2:00 p.m., followed by a reception. All are welcome. WHEN THE

VESTRY CALLS, WE HOPE YOU'LL ANSWER

Across the next several months, the Grace Vestry will be calling members of the parish, with the goal of reaching every member of Grace by mid-summer. We hope you will answer! The purpose of these calls is simply to connect: you to your Vestry, and your Vestry to you. We want to check-in, offer information about upcoming church events, offer access to resources like Breeze and weekly emails, and address any questions, ideas, or concerns you may have. Mostly, we are just grateful for your commitment to Grace, and want to thank you for your presence! If you have questions, we miss your in our calls, or anything else, please reach out to any Vestry member, including Sarah Schultz, Senior Warden (sarahschultz9@gmail.com/703-399-0646).

DIOCESAN BOOK GROUPS IN APRIL & MAY

Two book clubs begin this spring through the Diocese of Virginia. The first, beginning on April 23rd during lunchtime on zoom, will be reading Laura Feller's *Being Indigenous in Jim Crow Virginia*. The second will begin on May 5th and meet on zoom in the evenings to study *The Wounds Are the Witness* by Yolanda Pierce. Learn more and sign up to participate via the QR code.



BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK		
Monday, 4/14	Alex Cline, Rebecca Prosser	
Tuesday, 4/15	Yasmin Hernandez, Mike Hughes	
Wednesday, 4/16	Lisa Bellantoni, Khacki Berry	
Thursday, 4/17	Molly Sim, Mary Wallace	SHAPPY ***
Friday, 4/18	Brian Foucart	BIRTHDAY

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!**

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, ur elected officials, and our leaders as they make difficult and important decisions. As we join in common prayer this weekend, let us emember those who are in any need or trouble.

- Parishioners: Virginia, Lisa, Tina, Hector, Wendy, Amorita, Caz & family, Debbie, Kelly, Sigrid, Ed,
 Charles, Colin, Jennifer, Lisa, Igor, David & Joanie, Jan, Elly, Sara, Jean, Lorna, Alison, Doug, Linda, John & Anne.
- Parishioners and others in assisted living: Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Elesa, Cynthia, Reg, Don, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette.
- Family & friends: Barbara, Mark, Klaus, Nancy, Michael, Cyndy, Sharon, Scott, Carl, Christine, Ada, Santos, Don, Ashby, Troy, Dick, Danny, Cathie, Cameron, Patti & Joe, Amy, Bill, Theresa, Rob, Sherry, Pearl, Heather, Josh & parents, Terrie, Jack, Marcy, Eileen, Frank, Jim, Bridget, Charlotte, Lucy, Sarah, Katherine, Deanna, Allen, Leslie, Ed.
- Members of our staff: Addie, Alain, Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, Kevin, Mary, Madeline, Pedro, Father Santiago.
- Grace School: Students & their families; for the staff, especially Amanda, head of school.
- Outreach & Justice Partners: ALIVE; 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: Those who have died from illnesses and natural disasters; 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; Erika Olander; 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: Chris & Melissa Reed, Lit & Mary Carol Tazewell, Virginia Robinson.
- Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: Bishop E. Mark Stevenson; Bishop Gayle E. Harris; Diocesan staff; Grace Church, Alexandria; St. Luke's, Alexandria.
- Anglican Prayer Cycle: The Church of England; Diocese of Matlosane, Anglican Church of Southern Africa; Diocese of Mauritius, Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; Diocese of Mbaise, Church of Nigeria; Diocese of Mbale, Church of the Province of Uganda; Diocese of North Mbale, Church of the Province of Uganda; Diocese of Mbamili, Church of Nigeria.

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

Celebrate Easter...

With a Music Fund Donation.

Gifts to the Grace Music Fund allow us to hire musicians to enhance our worship and make holy days more special. If you wish to donate to the Music Fund, please make your check out to Grace Episcopal Church, with "Music Fund" in the memo line. You may also use the QR code on the right to give via tithely for a one time or recurring donation. Any amount is greatly appreciated.



With a Flower Dedication.

Help make Grace Church beautiful with seasonal decoration this Easter. Wish to donate via physical check or cash? Simply fill out the form below, cut out, enclose a donation of \$60 and drop in the Sunday offering. You may also mail checks along with this form directly to the church office (*please do not mail cash*). For checks, please note 'Easter Flowers' on the memo line. If you wish to have your dedication in the Easter Vigil & Easter Day bulletins, the office must receive payment by 4 pm on Sunday, April 13.

If you wish to contribute electronically, please scan the QR code on the right with your smartphone to access the form and select "Flowers for Easter or Christmas" from the Altar Flowers drop down menu. Questions? Contact Chad Eckles, Altar Guild Flower Chair, at ckel986@gmail.com.



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EASTER FLOWER DEDICATION
Check one and write dedication below:"In loving memory of""In thanksgiving for"

Given by (print the name or names of the donors below exactly as you want them to appear):



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 4/13	7:30 am Holy Eucharist in English, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am Santa Eucaristía en Español	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church with Eucharist	Amphitheater	
	Intergenerational Palm Cross Activity - 9:30 am	MH Auditorium	
	10:30 am Festival Eucharist, Rite I	Nave / Livestream	
	5:00 om Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II		
Monday, 4/14	Food Pantry Bagging – 3:30 – 5:30 pm	1st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Contemplative Eucharist – 7 pm	Nave	
Tuesday, 4/15	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Contemplative Eucharist – 7 pm	Nave	
Wednesday, 4/16	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) – 2 - 4 pm	1st 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, 4/17	12 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer	Nave, Lady Altar	
	Food Pantry Bagging – 3:30 – 5:30 pm	•	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Maundy Thursday Choral Eucharist - 7 pm	Nave / Livestream	
	Prayer Watch follows the Eucharist until Midnight	Nave / at home	
Friday, 4/18	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, 4/19	Holy Saturday Liturgy of the Day - 9 am	Nave	
, , , ,	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com
	8 pm Easter Vigil	Nave	
	Agape Reception – follows the vigil	MH Auditorium	

2025 Holy Week & Easter Sunday @ Grace

* Nursery Care Provided

Palm Sunday, April 13

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)

5:00 pm - Contemplative Eucharist

Monday in Holy Week, April 14 7:00 pm- Contemplative Eucharist

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 15
7:00 pm- Contemplative Eucharist

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 16

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

Maundy Thursday, April 17

7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Festival Eucharist with foot-washing and stripping of the altar (*Livestreamed*) Prayer Watch follows until Midnight

Good Friday, April 18

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*)

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00 am - Holy Saturday Liturgy of the Day 10:00 am - Quiet Morning Gathering in the Saint John Room

Easter Vigil with Bishop Stevenson Saturday, April 19

8:00 pm - Easter Vigil with Baptism &

Confirmations* (Livestreamed)

Agape potluck meal will follow in the Auditorium

Easter Sunday, April 20

6:00 am - Sunrise Service by the Potomac River
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 & Baptisms*
(Livestreamed)
Festive prelude starts at 10 AM
No 5 pm Service on Easter Sunday

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