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Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

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

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THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

April 19, 2025

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

In the silence and darkness, the fire is kindled; after which the Bishop addresses the people in these words.

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

THE KINDLING OF THE NEW FIRE

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PREPARATION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Deacon brings the Paschal Candle to the Bishop, who marks a cross on it. The Bishop then traces the Greek letter alpha above the cross, the letter omega below, and the numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross, while saying:

Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, Alpha and Omega. All time belongs to Christ and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age for ever. **Amen.**

When the cross and other marks have been made, the Bishop inserts five small nails into the candle in the form of a cross saying:

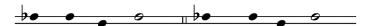
By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us. Amen.

The Bishop then lights the Candle from the new fire, saying:

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. Amen.

THE PROCESSION OF LIGHT

The Deacon, bearing the candle, leads the procession, pausing three times singing:



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

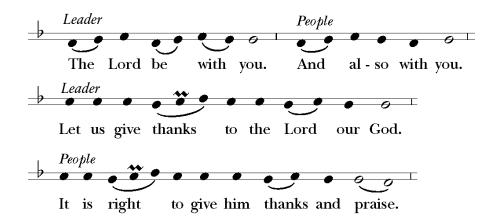
The Exsultet

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave. How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Therefore, O holy Father, accept the evening sacrifice of this lighted candle, which your holy Church makes before you, and offers to you by the hands of your servants, the work of the bees, your creatures.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Bishop

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

I. The Flood

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13

Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.' And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in.

The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.' So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Bishop Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

II. ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.'

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: 'Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;

horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

Bishop Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

III. SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL

Isaiah 55:1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Bishop Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

IV. The valley of dry bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.'

Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

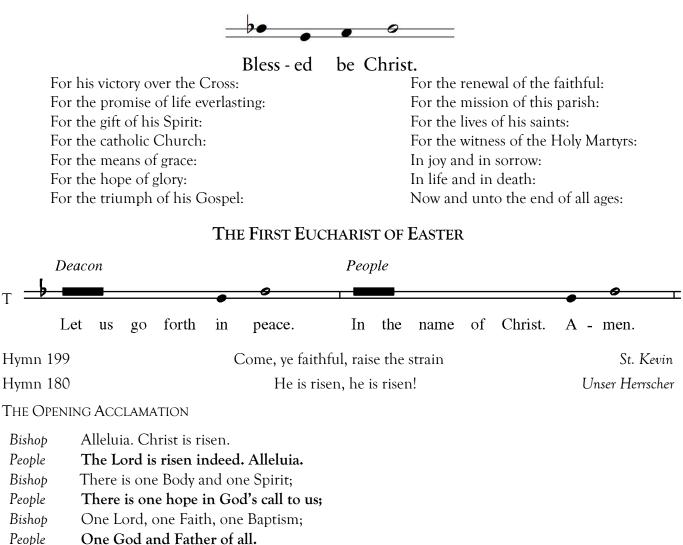
Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Bishop Let us pray. (Silence)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

The people extinguish their candles and stand. After each petition, all sing the response.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Romans 6:3-11

THE LESSON

Lector A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

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We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (choir)

Alleluia. O give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures for ever. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.'

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The people stand and sing the hymn.

The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson

Hymn 294

Baptized in water

Point Loma

The people sit.

BAPTISMS & CONFIRMATIONS

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION

Bishop The candidate for Baptism will now be presented.

Presenter I present Drew Bryant to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

BishopDo you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?CandidatesI renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Plainsong

Matthew 28:1-10

BishopDo you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?CandidatesI renounce them.

BishopDo you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?CandidatesI do.

BishopDo you put your whole trust in his grace and love?CandidatesI do.

BishopDo you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?CandidatesI do.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION

Bishop The candidates for Confirmation will now be presented.

Presenter I present these persons for Confirmation.

Keaton Brathwaite	Parker Brathwaite	Nicholas Gentry
Perrin Chiow	Tyson Bethke-Rodriguez	Rebecca Leigh Prosser
Simon Kupczyk	Victoria Portillo	Ted Cooper Prosser III
Cole Ruff	Celia Schultz	Hannah Sternberg

Presenter I present Rachel Oakes to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying:

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The people stand.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop	Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.
Bishop	Do you believe in God the Father?
People	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Bishop	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People	I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
Bishop	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People	I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People	I will, with God's help.
Bishop	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People	I will, with God's help.
Bishop	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People	I will, with God's help.
Bishop	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People	I will, with God's help.
Bishop	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People	I will, with God's help.
	YERS FOR THE CANDIDATES
Bishop	Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.
Leader	Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Bishop	Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.
THANKSO	GIVING OVER THE WATER
Bishop	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Bishop	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Bishop continues.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Bishop touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE BAPTISM

Bishop Drew, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then the Bishop places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

Bishop Drew, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

The Bishop lays hands upon the confirmation candidate and says

Defend, O Lord, your servant Drew, with your heavenly grace, that he may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until he comes to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Bishop Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to preserve, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Bishop Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Silence may be kept. Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The Bishop lays hands upon each confirmation candidate and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower him/her for your service; and sustain him/her all the days of his/her life. Amen.

The Bishop lays hands upon each person being received and says

Rachel, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people stand.

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THE PEACEBishopThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Announcements

The people are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

We invite you to give to the work of the church electronically via Tithe.ly by scanning this QR code. The loose plate offering is designated for the Bishop's Discretionary fund.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Easter Carol

Vernon Hoyle (b. 1948)

Rejoice, rejoice! In pomp today Our King returneth from the fray: Good Christian folk put grief away, And raise the high triumphing lay, Deo gratias. Benedicamus Domino, For Christ hath vanquish'd ev'ry foe.

Hark! down and dale resound with glee: See all in blossom, earth and tree: These festal robes and carols be In joy of Jesu's victory: Deo gratias, etc. The Lamb that died, the sheep to save, Is Judah's Lion, stalwart, brave: In vain the granite stone, the grave, The watch and ward, the sealed cave. Deo gratias, etc.

As Aaron's rod brake forth of yore, And almond bloom ere morning bore, So our High Priest his service o'er, Bare fruitage: life for ever more. Deo gratias, etc.

Jesu, true Victor in the fray, Restore thy people peace we pray, The pledge of this thy Rising day, That we may ever raise the lay. Deo gratias, etc.

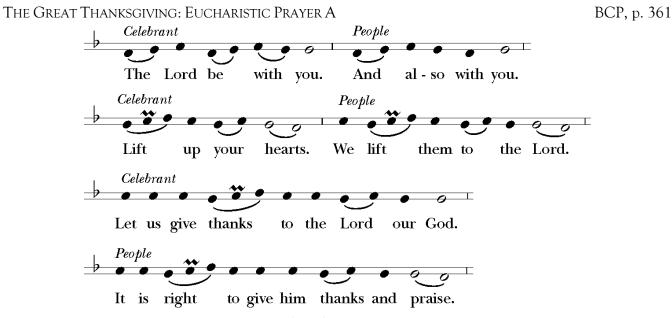
The people stand and sing the hymn.

Hymn 174

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

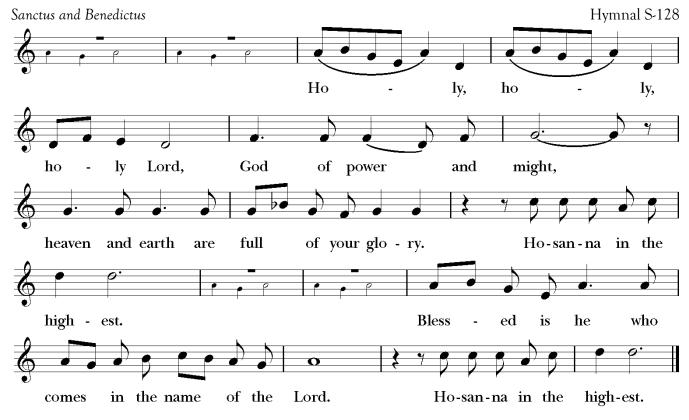
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The Bishop continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The people stand or kneel. Then the Bishop continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Bishop and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Bishop continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

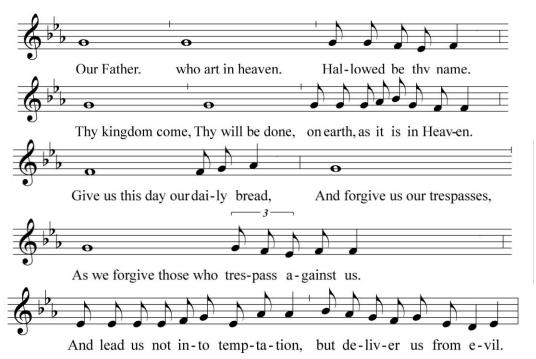
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant





INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bishop The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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 ANTHEM

Most glorious Lord of Life

William Harris (1883-1973)

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin and, having harrowed hell, didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win, this joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom thou didst die, being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live forever in felicity; and that thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love thee for the same again; and for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, with love may one another entertain. So let us love, dear love, like as we ought; love is the lesson which the Lord us taught. Christ the Lord is risen again!

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The people stand or kneel.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen**.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen**.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen**.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN	207 Jesus Christ is risen today	Easter Hymn
THE DISMISSAL		
Deacon	Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.	
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.	

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on "Victimae Paschali"

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson
Deacon	Mother Anne Turner
Subdeacon	Noah Aukerman
Assisting	Mother Emma Brice, Father Santiago Rodriguez
Lectors	Sarah Schultz, Kelly Gable, Anne Boris, Khacki Berry, Mary Stewart
Music Director	Dr. Alain Truche
Ushers	Chuck & Sherryl Dodd, Evan & Nancy Robinson
Livestream Crew	Eleanor Reed, Steven Lovell
Altar Guild Crew Leader	Cindy MacIntyre Kelly
Acolytes	Molly Sim, Lauren Gustafson, Erin Kelly, Paul Rugaber,
	Christian Portillo, Annie Eason, Keaton Brathwaite,
	Willem Schultze, Joey Portillo, Anna Serke,
	Ben Kupczyk, Ellen Rugaber, Natalie Kupczyk

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF APRIL 20, 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.

The flowers are given to the glory of God, and in memory and thanksgiving by those listed after the announcements. Thank you to all who contributed to making our church beautiful for Easter!

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED EASTER MONDAY

The office will be closed Monday, April 21st for Easter. The office will reopen Tuesday, April 22nd at 9 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 27 – AFTERNOON BABYSITTING, 12–3 PM

Need an afternoon to yourself? The J2A youth group is hosting a Parents' Afternoon Out Babysitting Fundraiser on Sunday, April 27 from 12–3 PM at Merrow Hall! Drop off your kids (ages 10 and under) for crafts, games, and fun while you go out, run errands, or recharge. Stay for the whole time or just part of it—whatever works for you! Lunch for the little ones can be provided if there's interest, so let us know. So go ahead and start planning your lunch dates and naps now! Questions? Contact <u>breen.byrnes@gmail.com</u>.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP IS MAY 4

Rising 9th graders through12th graders graduating this spring are invited to spend a week this summer doing hands-on work to support our neighbors in Appalachia. We will join together with a group of youth from the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia at Grace House on the Mountain for the second year in a row. We already have enough youth registered to guarantee this trip is happening, and the deadline to join in on the fun is May 4. If you have questions, please reach out to Mother Emma (emma.brice@gracealex.org). The registration form can be found here by scanning the QR Code.

ALEXANDRIA REGION YOUTH GAMES NIGHT - MAY 11, 6-8 PM

Come together with youth from the many Episcopal churches in Alexandria for a night of dinner, games, and compline! In this big regional youth night, we will have both run-around games and chill games being played. The Alexandria Region Youth Games Night is May 11 from 6 - 8 pm, right here at Grace Church. Depending on weather, we will either meet up in the amphitheater or the auditorium, details to follow. Please RSVP by completing this super short form available via the QR code.

SAVE THE DATE: DIOCESAN FELLOWSHIP DAY FOR 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH GRADERS - MAY 17

For the first time, the diocese will host two events for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to come together for formation, fellowship, and fun - one in Richmond and one in Alexandria! This year's theme is "Love One Another," and the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade day will focus on learning about and deepening our engagement with Communion. The Alexandria day will be on May 17 from 10 am - 2 pm at the St. Stephen's and St. Agnes Lower School Campus. Registration information will be coming soon.

REFLECTION & RENEWAL: PARENT DISCUSSION ON YOUTH MINISTRY - MAY 18, 4 PM

Parents of youth are invited to join Mother Emma for a group discussion on the status of youth ministry at Grace. We will reflect on the past year and brainstorm ideas for the future. The discussion is scheduled for Sunday, May 18 from 4 - 5 pm in the Merrow Hall Auditorium (on the 3rd floor). Please help spread the word and encourage all parents of youth to attend. You're also invited to stay for the Choral Evensong at 5 pm in the nave.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us on Easter Sunday morning for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

REMINDER- NO 5 PM SERVICE TODAY, EASTER SUNDAY

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

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.

This Month's Vigil for our Country will be held on April 22^{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, federal workers, 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.

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 <u>robertsschultz@hotmail.com</u> 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.

COFFEE HOUR SIGN UPS

You are invited to help with coffee hour! We need your help as a weekly host, or to donate snacks. Are all welcome to participate in our new simplified process. Sign up via the QR code!

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.

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 (<u>sarahschultz9@gmail.com/703-399-0646</u>).

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

Monthly Quiet Morning in May – Saturday 5/17, 10:00 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 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. <u>mindaruski@gmail.com</u>

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 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

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Monday, 4/21	Landon Broome, Peter Whelpley	
Tuesday, 4/22	Amelia Pattarini	
Thursday, 4/24	Keller Smith, Abbey Zatta	HAPPY S
Saturday, 4/26	Ellen Rugaber	BIRTHDAY M

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, 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, 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, Wendy.

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, Madeline, Mary, 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: Altar Guilds, Flower Guilds, Ushers, Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, and Choirs.

Anglican Prayer Cycle: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; Diocese of Mbeere, Anglican Church of Kenya; Diocese of Mbhashe, Anglican Church of Southern Africa; Diocese of Meath and Kildare, Church of Ireland; Diocese of Medak, Church of South India (United); Diocese of Central Melanesia, Anglican Church of Melanesia; Diocese of Melbourne, Anglican Church of Australia.

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

EASTER 2025 FLOWER DONATIONS

The beautiful Easter Flowers adorning the Nave were lovingly placed by our committed team of outstanding Altar Guild volunteers and were sponsored by the generosity of the following ...

Sunny Adams	In loving memory of my dear husband Russel E. Adams, Jr.
The Arnold Family	In memory of those who have gone before us.
John J. & Anne Clift Boris	In thanksgiving for our family.
Kevin Brathwaite	In thanksgiving for Keaton & Parker and in loving memory of Pearl Alleyne.
Lisa Cassady	In loving memory of my beloved mother Anna and my dear aunt Helen.
Ruth Corlett	In memory of Cleve and our shared years together.
Chrissie Crosby	In thanksgiving for the miracles that therapy (of all kinds) provides. Resurrection happens all the time!
Bill & Wendy Cummings	In memory of Tom, Peg, Tom, Marge, Eddie, Ferris, and Midge.
The Doelp Family	In thanksgiving for family, friends, & members of Grace.
Ramee & Mike Gentry	In thanksgiving for the confirmation of Nicholas Gentry and the 25 th anniversary of Ramee's confirmation at Grace.
Kevin Hamilton	In thanksgiving for the people of Grace church and for the volunteers and staff I am blessed to work with each day.
Bernarda & Pedro Hernandez	A la Gloria de Dios.
Peter, Charlie, & Christina Iovino	In loving memory of Peter Anthony Iovino, Sr., Marion Iovino, Charles Stanley Adlis, and Audrey Terrel Adlis.
Barry & Jane Clare Joyner	In thanksgiving for family and friends.
Douglas Land	In loving memory of my father Patterson B. Land Jr. and my mother Beulah Land.
Richard & Cindy Kelly	In memory of our parent and grandparents Col. Randall Kelly, Virginia Woods, Frederick MacIntyre and Daisy MacIntyre.
	In thanksgiving for our wonderful family: Heather, Erin, Sean, Shannon, Karlene and Dan.
Jeffrey Killian	In loving memory of Bob Pomeroy and Mary Wilson.
Pierce & Mary Klemmt	In loving memory of Martha Wilcox.
Scott Knudsen	In thanksgiving for my beautiful wife Jennifer and our dogs Willy & Dusty who helps us keep our sanity during this stressful year.
Ann Korky	In loving memory of Theodore & Agnes Korky.
Judy Miller	In memory of Claude A. Wheeler & Claude A. Wheeler II.
Betty Mills	In loving memory of my mother, Martha, and in thanksgiving for my daughter Julie.
Liz Myers	In memory of my mother, Elizabeth Heider Walker.
Suzanne & Jay O'Malley	In thanksgiving for the joyous blessings of friends and family, especially our daughters and sons-in-law, Meghan & Brett and Kerrigan & Briggs, and our grandchildren Sean, Luke, Ethan, and Catherine Elliott.
Jennifer Pease	In thanksgiving for my loving husband Scott, my mother Suzi, Mike, Les, Nathan, and Ben and all our amazing Food Pantry volunteers and supporters!
Susan Pease	In loving memory of my husband Charlie, and in thanksgiving for my wonderful family.
Cynthia & Cathy Puskar	In thanksgiving for the recent wedding of Taylor Puskar and Charlie Greene and in loving memory of our parents and grandparents, Mary & Lewis Fulwiler and Chuck Puskar, and our beloved Bill Stokes.
Wolf & Barbara Ramm	In gratitude for Grace Church, our clergy, and our community.

Jean & Lucy-Lee Reed	In loving memory of Rodney P. Reed and in thanksgiving for Chris, Melissa, Eleanor, & Michael.
Christina Ritter & Steven Zatta	In memory of William P. Ritter.
Nancy & Evan Robinson	In thanksgiving for our family, and the clergy and staff of Grace.
Amanda Ruff	In celebration of Greg Ruff's birthday back on March 9 th .
Ruth Schrott	In loving memory of Dorothy Gerber & Barbara Simmons.
The Shaver Family	In thanksgiving for our Grace family.
DiAna Hart Smith	In loving memory of Joseph Hart, Emma Marie Hart, Anna Kelleher, and Edward Kelleher.
Ann Thompson & Blair Stanchak	In memory of the Rev. Dr. Stacey Simpson Duke. "He is risen, Y'all!"
The Rev. Anne Turner	In thanksgiving for the staff and people of Grace Church.
Linda Waskowicz	In thanksgiving for my entire family.
Susan Whittier	In memory of Barbara Morris.
Don Wills	In honor of Buddy and in memory of Samuel Lambert Byrn III, Bradlee and the boys.
Alexandra Willson	In loving memory of my grandparents, Ann Abbott & Rush Brown; my aunt Phyllis Abbott Brown, and my father, Marlon Willson.
Otto & Jan Wolff	In thanksgiving for Grace Church and our grandchildren Alex & Reagen.
Lorna Worley	In thanksgiving for the community at Grace.
Charlotte Payne Wright	In loving memory of Georgiana Greely.

	EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK			
DATE	Event	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*	
Sunday, 4/20	Sunrise Service by the Potomac – 6 am	Offsite		
	8:45 am Santa Eucaristía en Español	Nave		
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	MH Auditorium		
	Easter Egg Hunt – 9:45 am			
	10:30 am Festival Eucharist, Rite II	Nave / Livestream		
	No 5pm service for Easter			
Monday, 4/21	Church offices closed (Easter Monday)			
	Food Pantry Bagging - 4:30 - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	<u>Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</u>	
Tuesday, 4/22	Food Pantry Distribution – 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org	
	Vigil for Our Country – 6:00 pm	Nave		
Wednesday,	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) – 2 - 4 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org	
4/23	Evening Prayer – 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121	
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	<u>Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org</u>	
	Alcoholics Anonymous – 8 pm	MH Auditorium		
	Alanon – 8 pm	Saint Luke Room		
Thursday, 4/24	12 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer	Nave, Lady Altar		
	Handbell Rehearsal – 6 pm	Malm Narthex	<u>alain.truche@gracealex.org</u>	
	Choir Rehearsal – 7 pm	Choir Room	<u>alain.truche@gracealex.org</u>	
Friday, 4/25	Food Pantry Bagging – 3 – 5 pm		Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org	
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6:30 pm			
Saturday, 4/26	Altar Guild Set Up – 9am	Nave & Sacristy		
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	<u>cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com</u>	
	National Rebuilding Day	Offsite	<u>robertsschultz@hotmail.com</u>	