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Easter Sunday

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Festival Eucharist with Baptism, Rite II



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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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HOME COMMUNION

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

EASTER SUNDAY
FESTIVAL EUCHARIST WITH BAPTISM, RITE II

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

PRELUDE	Sarabande (For the morning of Easter) (Organ) Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
	My Spirit Be Joyful (Brass) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
	Alleluia, Alleluia (Brass) William Byrd (1543-1623)
	Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring (Brass) J.S. Bach
	Cortège et Litanie (Organ) Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)
	Alleluia (Brass) W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)
	Rhosymedre (Brass) Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
	Canzona per sonare No. 2 (Brass) Giovanni Gabrieli (1557-1612)

INTROIT

I am risen, and am still with thee, alleluia; thou hast laid thine hand upon me, alleluia: thy knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me, alleluia, alleluia.

O Lord, thou has searched me out and known me: thou knowest my down sitting, and mine uprising.

The people stand.

HYMN 175 Hail thee, festival day *Salve festa dies*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, P. 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Children ages 3 years – 3rd grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

William Mathias, Hymnal S-278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 222

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord~ and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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 118:1-2, 14-24

Peter R. Hallock

ANTIPHON

Psalm 118: 24
Organ: *Everyone:*

Choir: The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!" I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

HYMN 208

The strife is o'er, the battle done

Victory

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated.

SERMON

Mother Anne Turner

Silence is kept.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and **I present Mina Loren Campos to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Godparents **I present Hartley Battle Gist to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

I present Rosalie Frances Gist to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and
Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and
Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
 Celebrant I renounce them.
 Priest Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
 Godparents I renounce them.
 Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
 Godparents I do.
 Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
 Godparents I do.
 Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
 Godparents I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their lives in Christ?
 People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The people stand.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
 People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
 Celebrant 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.**
 Celebrant 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.**
 Celebrant 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.**
 Celebrant 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.**
 Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
 People **I will, with God's help.**
 Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
 People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant 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.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
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.**

Celebrant 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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant
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 Celebrant 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 BAPTISM

Celebrant *Mina Loren*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest *Mina*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

Celebrant *Hartley Battle*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest *Hartley*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

Celebrant *Rosalie Frances*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest *Rosalie*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

Let us pray.

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

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and 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 PEACE

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

The church with Psalms must shout.
No door can keep them out:
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

The people stand and sing the hymn.

HYMN AT PRESENTATION 179 Welcome, happy morning! Age to age shall say

Fortunatus

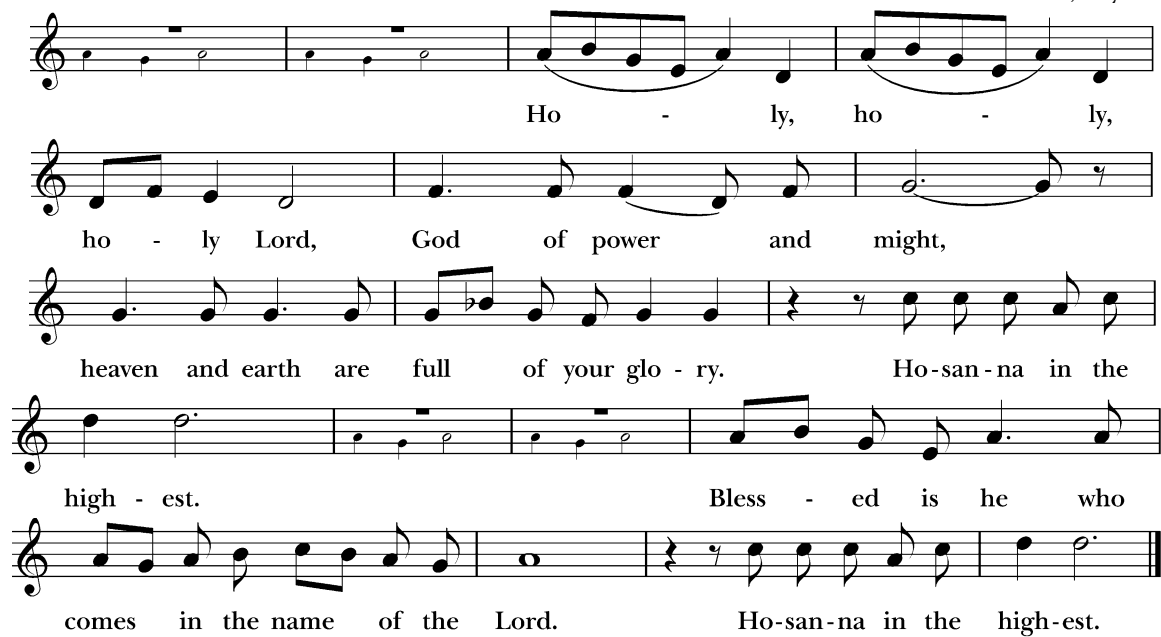
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, p. 340

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant and the fourth for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise."

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-lowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who tres-pass a-gainst us.
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glo-ry,
For ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is



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 ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, alleluia: therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ave Verum

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

*Ave verum Corpus, natum
De Maria Virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine:
Cuius latus perforatum
Unda fluxit et sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.*

O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

*Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death.*

O gentle, O merciful, O sweet Jesus, son of Mary.

HYMN 204

Now the green blade riseth

Noel Nouvelet

The people stand or kneel.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

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

The peace of God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All stand and sing the hymn.

CLOSING HYMN 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

Easter Hymn

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY

Toccata from *Symphony no. 5*
(organ & brass)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)
Arranged by Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Father Santiago Rodriguez
<i>Deacon & Preacher</i>	Mother Anne Turner
<i>Subdeacon</i>	Jay Legere
<i>Assisting & Children's Chapel</i>	Mother Emma Brice
<i>Lector</i>	June Huber
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Matt Williams
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Ushers</i>	John Boris, June Huber, Colleen McArdelle, Laura Weidenfeld
<i>Trumpets</i>	John Silva, Alex Szasz
<i>Horn</i>	Kevin Grasel
<i>Trombone</i>	Andrew Reich
<i>Tuba</i>	Luke Davey
<i>Livestream Crew</i>	Geoffrey Whitlock, Vance Allen
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leader</i>	Cindy MacIntyre,
<i>Acolytes</i>	Molly Sim, Christian Portillo, Annie Eason, Keaton Brathwaite, Brynn Miller, Alex Cline, Reagan Cline, Ben Kupczyk, Danny Kieपुरa, Annelise Whitlock, Anna Serke

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 breen.byrnes@gmail.com.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP IS MAY 4

Rising 9th graders through 12th 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 22ND

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 26TH

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.

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

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. mindaruski@gmail.com

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
Saturday, 4/26	Ellen Rugaber



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, Eles, 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 Mbashe, 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 [Prayer Request Form](#) on our Website or email your request to prayers@gracealex.org

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

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

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	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
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, 4/23	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	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	alain.truche@gracealex.org
	Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	Choir Room	alain.truche@gracealex.org
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	cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com
	National Rebuilding Day	Offsite	robertsschultz@hotmail.com