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Choral Eucharist, Rite I



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE I

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

PRELUDE

Solitude

Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

Meditation on the name of BACH

The people stand at the tolling of the bell.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People

His mercy endureth for ever.

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The people kneel.

THE DECALOGUE

BCP, p.317

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Celebrant

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

The people remain kneeling.

During the Kyrie, Children ages 3 years - 3rd grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.

KYRIE

Hymnal S-89

Unison or harmony

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

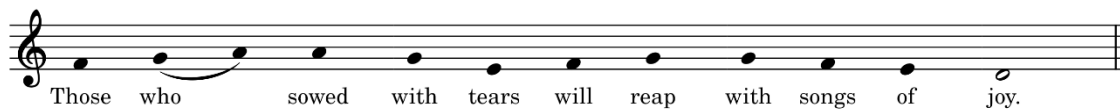
Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 126

The choir sings the antiphon first. Please sing it the second time and where indicated.



- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed. **[Antiphon]**
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. **[Antiphon]**

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

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the Gospel Procession and sing the hymn.

HYMN 546

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

Siroë

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The people are seated.

SERMON

Mother Anne Turner

Silence is kept.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form II, BCP, p. 385

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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; for E. Mark Stevenson and Gayle Harris, our bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

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

Silence

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

Silence

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

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Patricia Mosey, friend of parishioner June Huber. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

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

Silence

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

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION



THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Fight the Good Fight

John Gardner (1917-2011)

*Fight the good fight with all your might, Christ is your strength and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be your joy and crown eternally.
Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up your eyes, and seek his face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
Cast care aside, lean on your guide; his boundless mercy will provide.
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; he changes not, and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see that Christ is Lord eternally.*

The people stand and sing the hymn.

HYMN 474

When I survey the wondrous cross

Rockingham

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

BCP, p. 333

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant 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, Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. 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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S-117

Unison or harmony

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and
earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth 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.

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

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

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

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

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

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

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 336

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

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

Give us this day our daily bread.

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

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-169

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. *All* My Lord. *Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. *All* My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP, p. 337

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

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

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

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the eucharist.

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

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

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

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

HYMN WLP 754

When from bondage we are summoned

Haywood's Home

THE SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

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

The people stand or kneel.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

All stand and sing the hymn.

CLOSING HYMN 610

Lord, whose love through humble service

Blaenhafren

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 339

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Fugue on B-A-C-H

J.L. Krebs (1713-1780)

*At the end of liturgy today, one of the priests will be available at the Lady Altar for prayers for healing.
Please allow quiet and privacy for those seeking prayer.*

Music Notes

Herbert Brewer (1865–1928) was an English organist, composer, and conductor, best known for his work as a church musician. He was born in England and served as the organist at the historic Gloucester Cathedral from 1896 until his death in 1928. Brewer was deeply involved in the musical life of the cathedral, composing many pieces for the organ and choir, including anthems, hymns, and choral works. His compositions were highly regarded for their expressiveness and technical skill.

Today's prelude music includes two of his short voluntaries: a quiet song-like quiet piece, *Solitude*, and a meditation on the name BACH. On March 31st, the musical world celebrated J.S. Bach's 340th birth anniversary. Instead of playing one of his pieces, I decided to play two pieces directly inspired by his name. It has been a tradition for composers to write a piece on the letters of Johann Sebastian Bach's last name. When considering pitch names in German, B is equal to our B flat, A is A, C is C, and H is B natural. The result is a four-note chromatic theme. Brewer immediately starts with that four-note theme.

The anthem setting for this Sunday is by John Gardner (1917-2011) who is probably most famous in sacred music for his setting of "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day," which our parish choir often sing at Christmas.

Gardner's "Fight the good fight" is a rousing rhythmic treatment of Monsell's hymn text; indeed, in a wonderful way, the rhythm of the accompaniment does not have much to do with the sung rhythms. Listen for the complete departure and rhythmic change for the text, "Cast care aside, lean on thy guide...Christ is its life, and Christ its love."

Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713–1780) was a German organist, composer, and student of the renowned Johann Sebastian Bach. Born in the town of Nornheim, Krebs was one of Bach's most gifted pupils, and his music reflects the influence of his teacher's style. He held various musical positions throughout his life, including serving as organist at the St. Thomas Church in Leipzig and later in the town of Altenburg. In the *Fugue on B-A-C-H*, Krebs uses the *Stile antico*. This style is associated with composers of the high Baroque and early Classical periods of music, in which composers used controlled dissonance and modal effects and avoided overtly instrumental textures and lavish ornamentation, to imitate the compositional style of the late Renaissance. The pedal does not play until about the mid-point of the piece for a brief period. At the end the pedal provides a pedal point, a note that is held or repeated while the chords or harmonies above it change. In this instance the chords are highly chromatic due to the nature of the theme.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF APRIL 6, 2025

Announcement deadline is Monday at 12 pm. Submissions after the deadline are held for the following week. Please email announcements (75 words or less) to announcements@gracealex.org.

Lent is a season of beautiful simplicity. For this reason, there are no Altar Flowers during Lent. Information about Easter Flower donations can be found at the end of the announcements.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

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 you in our calls, or anything else, please reach out to any Vestry member, including Sarah Schultz, Senior Warden (sarahschultz9@gmail.com/[703-399-0646](tel:703-399-0646)).

PALM SUNDAY INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT – APRIL 13TH AT 9:40 A.M.

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

EASTER EGG HUNT

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

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.



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.

MONTHLY QUIET MORNINGS IN APRIL & MAY – SATURDAY 4/19 & 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 April 19th and May 17th we'll gather at 10am in the Saint John Room and then enjoy silent, unstructured time together. Tea, simple art materials, and an indoor labyrinth will be provided. Feel free to bring your own journal, books, or anything else you need. Contact Mindy Van Wart with questions. mindaruski@gmail.com

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

FIRST QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS

Donors to Grace will receive their first quarter giving statements by email on April 9th. If you changed your email address recently, please take the time to update your Breeze profile with your new address today. If you have forgotten your Breeze password or have never accessed your online Breeze account before, please email Kevin.Hamilton@gracealex.org for access. If you don't receive your statement on 4/9, check your spam account and if it's not there, reach out to us at giving@gracealex.org. Thank you for your generosity and support of Grace Episcopal Church!

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

INVITE SOMEONE TO GRACE THIS HOLY WEEK AND EASTER!

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY WATCH SIGN-UP

On Maundy Thursday, April 17, we will keep watch at the Altar of Repose from the end of the eucharist (approximately 8:30 p.m.) until midnight. Anyone is welcome for as much or as little time as you can stay. If possible, we encourage you to sign up in advance via the QR code for a half hour slot so that we know that the entire time is covered.



ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

Adult forum is 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 6: Building a Vision for the Future of Grace, by Mother Anne Turner and Eleanor Reed

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

April 20: Easter Day – No adult forum

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

May 4: Images of Resurrection, by Anne Clift Boris

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

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

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE BY THE POTOMAC – APRIL 20TH

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

CONFESSION IN LENT

Clergy are available at the chancel on Thursdays in Lent from 11 am - 12 pm for the Rite of Reconciliation (individual confession). No sign up is necessary. If you would like to make a confession at another time, please contact a member of the clergy, who will be glad to schedule an appointment.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT

On Fridays in Lent, we walk the Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon in the nave, followed by a short eucharistic service. All are welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

FELLOWSHIP/PARISH LIFE ANNOUNCES A NEW COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP GENIUS!

This ministry is introducing a new system to manage Sunday Coffee Hours after the 10:30 service. This creates a parish-led team to produce the weekly hospitality practice. Individuals, families, and ministries are invited to host a basic coffee hour by signing up for a Sunday. Easy directions are included in the Sign up Genius (scan the QR code to access) and posted in the Merrow Hall kitchen. It includes set up of beverages and any food donations before the 10:30 service, and supervision and clean up of supplies at the end of coffee hour. Thank you for becoming an active part of community fellowship. Please look at your calendars and find a Sunday that works for you! Questions? Contact Fellowship team leads, Lynn Rohrs (lynn.rohrs@gracealex.org) or Colleen McArdelle.



SHRINE MONT SUMMER CAMPS – FOR ALL AGES!

Looking for a meaningful summer experience for your child, teen, or even the whole family? Shrine Mont Camps offer multiple sleep-away camps, each one distinguished by unique themes, type of camper, activities of focus, and different age groups. Located in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, all campers enjoy fun activities, outdoor adventures, and building friendships in an inclusive Christian community. Visit www.shrinemontcamps.org for more information and to register online. Scholarship funds are available. Don't wait - sessions are filling quickly!

MINISTRY FUNDRAISING REQUEST REMINDER

All fundraising at Grace Church—whether appeals for donations or sales of goods/services by parish entities or outside organizations—must be explicitly approved by the Vestry, as outlined in our Policies & Procedures. The Vestry is responsible for setting policies and making decisions about the disposition of any funds raised by parish entities. Please contact your ministry's vestry liaison with any fundraising requests or questions. Note: Vestry meets on the third Tuesday of most months, and bulletin submissions each week must be submitted by noon of the preceding Monday. Please plan requests accordingly, giving the liaison ample time to review your request and ask any pertinent questions prior to vestry review. Questions? Contact Sarah Schultz, Senior Warden (SarahSchultz9@gmail.com/703-399-0646)

INQUIRER'S CLASS – CONTINUES APRIL 9TH

New to Grace? Curious about the Episcopal Church or the Christian faith? Join our Inquirers' Class, a five-week introduction held on Wednesday evenings as part of the Lenten Series. In a welcoming small-group setting, we explore the church's history, worship, and mission, creating space for questions and discovery. The capstone event to this class for many is baptism, confirmation, reception from another Christian tradition, or reaffirmation of your baptismal vows. A simple dinner is served from 5:45 to 6:30 pm, followed by class from 6:30 to 7:15 pm and Compline from 7:15 to 7:30 pm. Join us for any or all sessions - everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Father Santiago Rodriguez at santiago.rodriguez@gracealex.org.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 6	Kerry Broome
Monday, April 7	Tuke Klemmt, Eric Waskowicz
Wednesday, April 9	Savannah Hall
Thursday, April 10	Jenny Cline, Mary Stewart
Saturday, April 12	Angel Lopez Bonilla



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!*

EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 4/6	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am La Santa Eucaristía	La Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church with Eucharist	Auditorium	
	9:40 - 10:15 Sunday School and Adult Forum	Various Locations	
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave / Livestream	
	5:00 pm Contemplative Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday 4/7	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday 4/8	Morning Prayer - 9:00 am		
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 4/9	Morning Prayer - 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121
	Lenten Evening Programming 5:30-7:30 pm	Various Locations	
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 4/10	Morning Prayer - 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Confession & Reconciliation 11 am - 12 pm	Library	
	Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 - 12:00 pm	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6 pm	Malm Narthex	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	Alain.truche@gracealex.org	
Friday, 4/11	Stations of the Cross - 12:00 pm	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 4/12	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com



Holy Imagination

Journey With Us Through Lent

Wednesdays March 12 - April 9:
Holy Imagination: Learning to Listen for God

- 5:30-5:45 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom option)
- 5:45-6:30 pm Simple Lenten Supper
- 6:30-7:15 pm Program (Choose from three tracks)
- 7:15 - 7:30 pm Sung Compline in the Nave

Three Program Tracks: Youth Confirmation, Inquirers Class, and "Learning to Listen for God"

Topics for "Learning to Listen for God"

Join us as we discuss different forms of discernment and visioning. We will ask the important questions "What is God dreaming for me?" and "What is God dreaming for a community I am in?"

April 9: Listening through Creativity

Additional Programs During Lent

Thursdays

Confession Offered 11 am - 12:00 pm

Holy Eucharist with Healing, Rite II @ 12:00 pm

Fridays

Stations of the Cross & Eucharist, Rite I @ 12:00 pm

Via Crucis y Cenita (in Spanish) @ 7:00 pm

Sundays During Lent

7:30 am - Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:45 am - La Santa Eucaristia (in Spanish)

9:00 am - Little Church

9:30 am - Adult Forum

9:30 am - Sunday School for Children & Youth

10:30 am - Choral Eucharist Rite II (Livestreamed)

5:00 pm - Contemplative Eucharist for Lent

Celebrate Easter...

With a Music Fund Donation.

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



With a Flower Dedication.

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

If you wish to contribute electronically, please scan the QR code on the right with your smartphone to access the form and select "Flowers for Easter or Christmas" from the Altar Flowers drop down menu. Questions? Contact Chad Eckles, Altar Guild Flower Chair, at ckel1986@gmail.com.



EASTER FLOWER DEDICATION

Check one and write dedication below: ___ "In loving memory of" ___ "In thanksgiving for"

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



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.

- **Parishioners:** Virginia, Lisa, Tina, Hector, Wendy, Amorita, Caz & family, Debbie, Kelly, Sigrid, Ed, Charles, Colin, Jennifer, Lisa, Igor, David & Joanie, Jan, Elly, Sara, Jean, Lorna, Alison, Doug, Linda, John & Anne.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Elesa, Cynthia, Reg, Don, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette.
- **Family & friends:** Barbara, Mark, Klaus, Nancy, Michael, Cyndy, Sharon, Scott, Carl, Christine, Ada, Santos, Don, Ashby, Troy, Dick, Danny, Cathie, Cameron, Patti & Joe, Amy, Bill, Markita, Theresa, Rob, Sherry, Pearl, Heather, Josh & parents, Terrie, Jack, Marcy, Eileen, Frank, Jim, Bridget, Charlotte, Lucy, Sarah, Katherine, Deanna, Allen, Leslie, Ed.
- **Members of our staff:** Addie, Alain, Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, Kevin, Mary, Madeline, Pedro, Father Santiago.
- **Grace School:** Students & their families; for the staff, especially Amanda, head of school.
- **Outreach & Justice Partners:** ALIVE; Casa Chirilagua; Christ Church Refugee and Lazarus Ministries; Community Lodgings; Cristosal, El Salvador; Haiti Micah Project; Meade Memorial Lunch Program; Tanzania Mission; Tenants and Workers; V.O.I.C.E.; Kathleen and Eddie Arthur Hearts of Love Fund.
- **Those who have died:** Patricia Mosey, friend of June Huber; Those who have died from illnesses and natural disasters; and all those killed in acts of terror, violence, and war around the world.
- **Those serving our country in the Armed Forces and State Department overseas:** LCDR Claire S. Eudy, USN; SSGT Chip Fowler, USAF; Erika Olander; for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war; and for physical and mental well-being of all veterans.
- **Others who are overseas serving the Church or our nation or studying:** Chris & Melissa Reed, Lit & Mary Carol Tazewell, Virginia Robinson.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Bishop E. Mark Stevenson; Bishop Gayle E. Harris; Diocesan staff; Christ Church, Alexandria; St. Marks, Richmond; St. Paul's, King George; The Fork Church, Doswell.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Diocese of Maryland, the Episcopal Church; Diocese of Masasi, Anglican Church of Tanzania; Diocese of Maseno East, Anglican Church of Kenya; Diocese of Maseno North, Anglican Church of Kenya; Diocese of Maseno South, Anglican Church of Kenya; Diocese of Maseno West, Anglican Church of Kenya.

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

2025 Holy Week & Easter Sunday @ Grace

*Nursery Care Provided

Palm Sunday, April 13

7:30 am - Holy Eucharist

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

9:00 am - Little Church with Eucharist*

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

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

5:00 pm - Contemplative Eucharist

Monday in Holy Week, April 14

7:00 pm - Contemplative Eucharist

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 15

7:00 pm - Contemplative Eucharist

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 16

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

Maundy Thursday, April 17

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

Prayer Watch follows until Midnight

Good Friday, April 18

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

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

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

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

5:00 pm - Children & Family Service

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

Liturgy of the Day

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00 am - Holy Saturday Liturgy of the Day

Easter Vigil with Bishop Stevenson

Saturday, April 19

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

Agape potluck meal will follow in the Auditorium

Easter Sunday, April 20

6:00 am - Sunrise Service

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

9:00 am - Little Church with Eucharist*

9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt *

10:30 am - Festival Eucharist & Baptisms*
(*Livestreamed*)

Festive prelude starts at 10 AM

No 5 pm Service on Easter



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