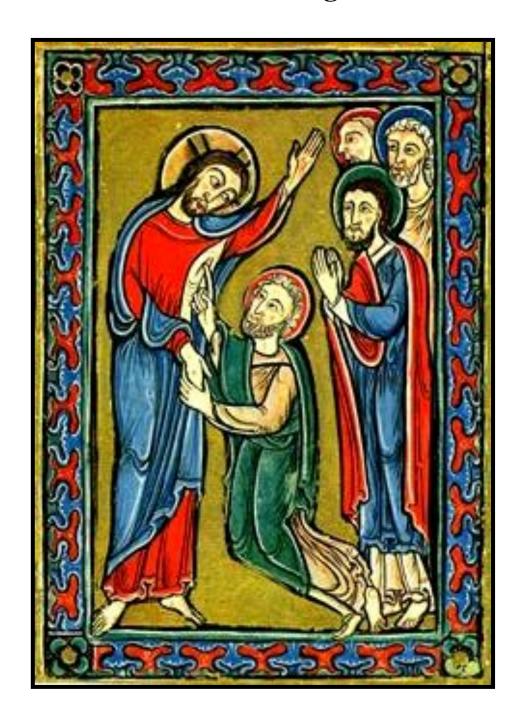
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Alexandria, Virginia



The Second Sunday of Easter Choral Eucharist, Rite II April 11, 2021 – 9:00 AM

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II

APRIL 11, 2021

VOLUNTARY Bell Peal on Ellacombe

Linda Lamb

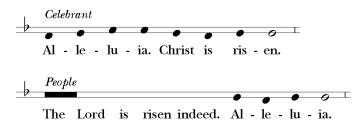
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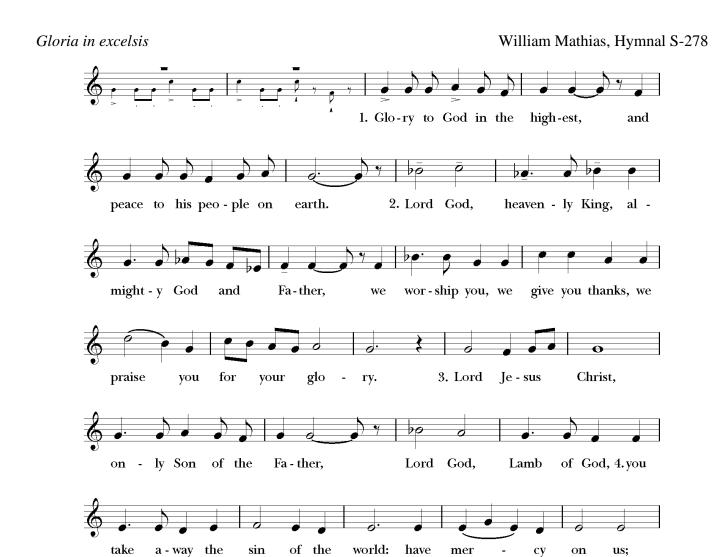
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION



THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto 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 thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 4:32-35

Lector A Reading from the Book of Acts.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the

Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

The psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

PSALM 133 Ecce, quam bonum!

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 John 1:1-2:2

Lector A Reading from the First Letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19-31

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Jason Roberson

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 III; BCP, p. 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:

Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

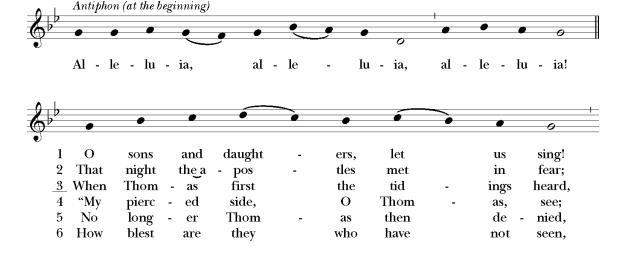
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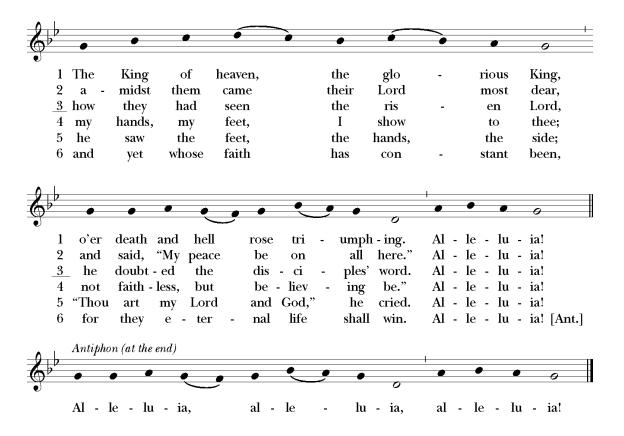
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

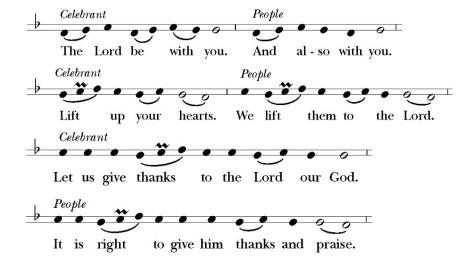
HYMN 206 O sons and daughters, let us sing

O filii et filiae





THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B



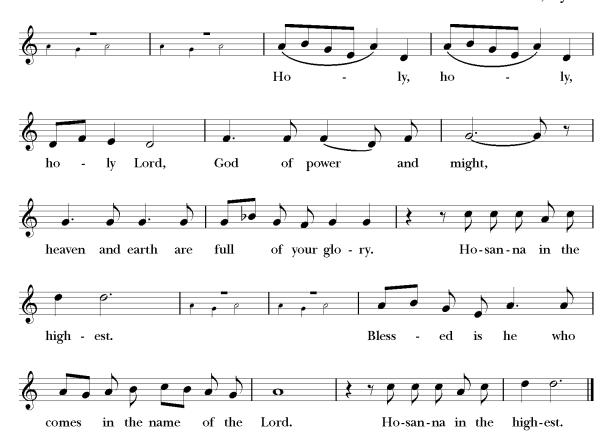
The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

Sanctus and Benedictus

William Mathias, Hymnal S-128



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,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

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 BCP, p. 364

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.

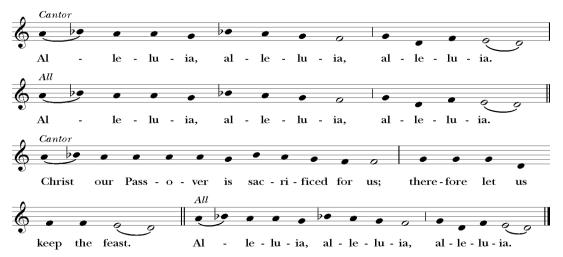
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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 Fraction Anthem Hymnal S-151



THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL RECEPTION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; permit not that I should ever be separated from you. Amen.

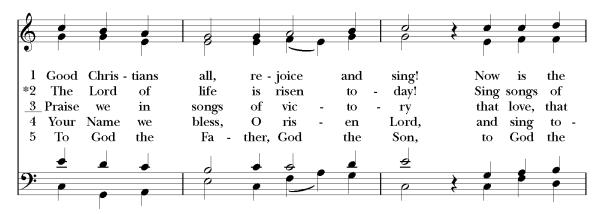
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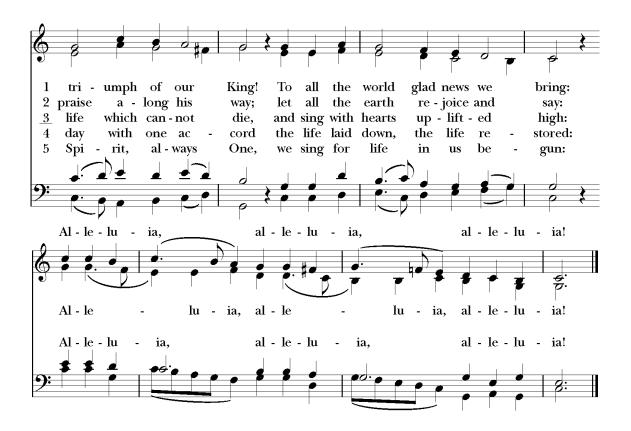
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

HYMN 205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Gelobt sei Gott





THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

VOLUNTARY Postlude on Gelobt sei Gott

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Grace Episcopal Church

Alexandria, Virginia

ANNOUNCEMENTS

J2A FUNDRAISER BINGO GAME!!! SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2:00 P.M.

- Single Ticket (1 player): \$20
- Double Ticket (2 players): \$40
- Family Ticket (3 players): \$50
- Golden Ticket (Pay Not to Play): \$75

A donation amount of your choice (Feel free to be generous!)

Sweet of the Game: \$10 (purchase a sweet treat to enjoy as you play; available for pre-event pick-up at Grace Church)



Please pray for J2A as they plan their 2022 "In the Footsteps of St. Paul" pilgrimage to Greece amidst a global pandemic. The pilgrimage was postponed from June 2021 and they face particular challenges in fundraising at this time.



RIVER WALKS WITH MTR. ANNE

"My soul has grown deep like the rivers." (Langston Hughes)

Come join Mother Anne on Fridays in Easter season for a time of fellowship, contemplation, and joy. We'll meet each Friday afternoon to enjoy a different site along the Potomac. The time has no agenda except to be fed by the beauty of God's creation and the pleasure of one another's company.

This Friday, meet from 5:00-6:00 at Gravelly Point. Bring a camp chair and a snack. This is a great site for children (of all ages) who love watching planes take off. There is no walking required.

ADULT FORUM FOR SPRING 2021

Resurrection and Regathering Beginning this Sunday, our forum hours will look to where we want to be and who we want to be when we finally get to be together on a more permanent basis. This will be a journey of Grace, in mind, body and spirit. We will begin with some introspection based on the Resurrection stories we will be hearing in church!. Join us to flesh out the unique vision that is our church body.

BROWN BAG LUNCH ALERT: APRIL 14 - 16

In April and May, St. Paul's in Old Town is responsible for Monday and Tuesday of our week. And Meade Memorial is experiencing fewer clients coming for lunch. However, still needed are 90 sandwiches (30 per day). If you are able, please make 10 or 20 turkey and cheese sandwiches to be placed in the Merrow Hall kitchen freezer by Tuesday, April 13 with the gratitude of those who are served. Please email Linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org if you can help.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

Great need for Cereal (All Varieties) & Cooking Oil (Vegetable or Canola)

The Capital Area Food Bank is OUT of cereal and cooking oil – essentials for our client families!

- Cereal: Healthy cereals preferred but all varieties welcome
- Cooking Oil: Vegetable or Canola Oil (16 oz. or 48 oz. bottles)

Recycle your bags for Food Pantry **Distributions**

All types of Bags needed • Bring to Grace Church parking lot entrance

- Clean bags only please. No rips or tears
- Brown paper grocery and lunch bags
- Plastic grocery and newspaper bags
- All sizes of gift-type bags with handles



Thank You for contributing to the Grace Church Food Pantry! GCFP continues to serve > 300 families per week. We appreciate any support you can provide. If you would like to make a donation online, please select the 'Food Fund' option. If you prefer to mail or drop off your check or cash donation, reference the Food Fund or Food Pantry on your envelope and/or check memo line. Your help and generosity is appreciated. Thank you!

Questions? Please contact: Judy Willard: $\underline{\text{Judy.Willard@gracealex.org}} \text{ or }$

Jen Pease: Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org



please follow this link to the new form online: https://gracealex.breezechms.com/form/8f858346

PRAYER LIST REQUESTS – NEW LINK TO ONLINE FORM

As we're updating our website, we've updated the form for submitting prayer list requests. If you'd like to add someone's name to the prayer list,

STEWARDSHIP 2021

We still have substantial deficit in pledges for 2021. If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider your pledge to Grace for 2021.



Click Here to Pledge



Join our Livestream Crew - St. Isidore's Guild

We are recruiting for camera and director trainees for the St. Isidore's guild. Each service has a director, camera operator and up to two observers who are learning the ropes! After an observation, you can sign up to "take the wheel" and help make our livestream happen as a camera operator. When you are ready, directing is next! Interested? Sign up at the link below for an observation! There is more info at the link and if you have questions, contact Jay Legere (jay.lerere@gracealex.org) or Eleanor Reed (eleanor.reed@gracealex.org).

CLICK HERE to Sign Up

SUBMITTING WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS – TUESDAY, 4PM DEADLINE

We are working to streamline our communications in the coming weeks. The new deadline for announcements is Tuesdays at 4:00. (Announcements will be published on Friday afternoon.) If the office receives your announcement after this deadline, the announcement will be published the following week.



WE COME TOGETHER IN OUR LIFE OF PRAYER

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:

- Our Parishioners: Tina, Frank, Lisa, Christine, Anne, Jo-Anne, Conway, Bette, Bob, Cathleen, Virginia, Kathryn, Susie, Betsy.
- Our Family and friends: Michael, Patt & Stu, Anna, Charlene, Tien, Brandon, David+, Nadia, Engie, Julie, Chris & Eileen, Peter, Janani, Ed, Sherryl, Ted, Sherry, Virginia, Michael, Charles, Anita, Gracie, Florian, Sandra, Rachel, Mary Anna.
- **Those in assisted living:** Joan, Clare, Tom, Rose, Margaret, Mary, Alice, Betty, Jane, Nancy, Polly, Dorothy.
- Those who have died: remembering Ed Blanton, father of parishioner Cathleen Blanton, Andrew Alford, son of Gene Alford; and HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh; all those who have died from coronavirus and other illnesses; and all those killed in acts of terror, violence, and war around the world.
- Those who are traveling: Sherryl.
- Those serving in the Armed Forces: in Afghanistan, Iraq, or Syria; all others at risk; and for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war and their caregivers.
- Others who are overseas serving the Church or our nation, or studying: Virginia Robinson; Melissa and Edi Jurkovic, with daughters Elena, Ana, Mia and Olivia, Christopher and Marjorie Corlett, Eric and Karen Coulson, Christopher and Melissa Reed.
- The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: The Winchester Region churches including Calvary, Front Royal; Christ Church, Winchester; Church of the Good Shepherd, Bluemont; Cunningham Chapel Parish, Millwood; Clarke Parish Grace and St. Mary's, Berryville; Meade Memorial, White Post; St. Paul's Church on the Hill, Winchester.
- The Anglican Prayer Cycle: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; The Diocese of Bhopal The Church of North India; The Diocese of Bida The Church of Nigeria; The Diocese of Biharamulo The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Birmingham The Church of England; The Diocese of Blackburn The Church of England; The Diocese of Bo The Church of the Province of West Africa.

CLICK HERE to fill out a Prayer Request Form!

(Or, you can also write to prayers@gracealex.org)

PASTORAL CARE

Clergy and staff continue daily with pastoral care during this time. We are always here if you need us.

Please call the church office: (703) 549-1980

if you are ill or if you need pastoral care, or send an email:

Mtr. Anne Turner: rector@gracealex.org
Fr. Jason Roberson: assoc.rector@gracealex.org

For emergencies after hours, please call the

NEW after-hours emergency number: (571) 308-3219

THOSE SERVING

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Lector & Intercessor
Organist
Choir
Handbells
Altar Guild Crew Leader
Livestream Crew

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The Rev. Jason Roberson
Paul Evans
Mike Jones
Richard Newman, DMA
An Ensemble from The Adult Choir
The Handbell Choir
Cindy Diehl
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