



# Grace Episcopal Church

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## The Great Vigil of Easter

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### Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

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

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# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

MARCH 30, 2024

## THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

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

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

### THE KINDLING OF THE NEW FIRE

Let us pray.

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

### THE PREPARATION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

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

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

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

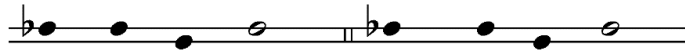
By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us. **Amen.**

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

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

### THE PROCESSION OF LIGHT

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



The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

### THE EXSULTET

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

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

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

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

The image shows three staves of musical notation. The first staff is for the Leader, with the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff is also for the Leader, with the lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The third staff is for the People, with the lyrics 'It is right to give him thanks and praise.' The notation includes a key signature of one flat (B-flat), a common time signature, and various note values and rests.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Bishop*

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

### I. THE STORY OF CREATION

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*Bishop* Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## II. ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

Exodus 14:10 - 15:1

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

The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

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

And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

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

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

"Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

*Bishop* Let us pray. (Silence)

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

### III. SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL

Isaiah 55:1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

*Bishop* Let us pray. (Silence)

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

### IV. A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

*Bishop* Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are 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. **Amen.**

### V. THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

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

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

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

*Bishop* Let us pray. *(Silence)*

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

#### THE LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

*The people stand. After each petition, all sing the response.*



**Bless - ed be Christ.**

For his victory over the Cross:

For the promise of life everlasting:

For the gift of his Spirit:

For the catholic Church:

For the means of grace:

For the hope of glory:

For the triumph of his Gospel:

For the renewal of the faithful:

For the mission of this parish:

For the lives of his saints:

For the witness of the Holy Martyrs:

In joy and in sorrow:

In life and in death:

Now and unto the end of all ages:

#### THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

<i>Deacon</i>	<i>People</i>
A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of four notes: a quarter note on the second line (F4), a quarter note on the second space (G4), a quarter note on the second space (G4), and a half note on the second space (G4). There are two thick black bars over the first two notes and the last two notes, indicating where the Deacon and People speak respectively.	
Let us go forth in peace.	In the name of Christ. A - men.

Hymn 199

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

*St. Kevin*

Hymn 180

He is risen, he is risen!

*Unser Herrscher*



## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Bishop* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**  
*Bishop* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Bishop* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Bishop* Let us pray.

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

*The people are seated.*

## THE LESSON

Romans 6:3-11

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

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*choir*)

Plainsong

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

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

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

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

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

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

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. James "Bud" Shand

## CONFIRMATIONS

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION

The candidates will now be presented.

*Presenter* I present these persons for Confirmation:

**Marsi Beschel  
Jason Holleran  
Erika Olander**

*The Bishop asks the candidates*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidates* I do.

*Bishop* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

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

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

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

*People* **We will.**

*The people stand.*

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Bishop* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

#### THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*Bishop* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Then the Bishop says*

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

*The Bishop lays hands upon each confirmation candidate and says*

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

*Then the Bishop says*

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

THE PEACE

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*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people are seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION



THE OFFERTORY

*We invite you to give to the work of the church electronically via Tithely by scanning this QR code. The loose plate offering is designated for the Grace Food Pantry.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Easter Carol

Vernon Hoyle (b. 1948)

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

*Hark! down and dale resound with glee:  
See all in blossom, earth and tree:  
These festal robes and carols be  
In joy of Jesu's victory:  
Deo gratias, etc.*

*The Lamb that died, the sheep to save,  
Is Judah's Lion, stalwart, brave:*

*In vain the granite stone, the grave,  
The watch and ward, the sealed cave.  
Deo gratias, etc.*

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

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

*The people stand and sing the hymn.*

HYMN 174

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Salzburg

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP, p. 361

*Celebrant* *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*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*

Hymnal S-128

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.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.*

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

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

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

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

*Bishop and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Bishop continues.*

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-owed 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-151

*Cantor*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*All*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Cantor*

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

*All*

keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Bishop* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the eucharist.*

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

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

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

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

When Silence filled the formless night Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

*When silence filled the formless night  
And worlds unmade in darkness waited,  
God spoke the word and gave us light,  
And loved what he created.*

*Beyond the ancient writer's art  
The word affirms our primal story:  
How love illuminates the heart  
As heav'n declares his glory.*

*His voice still speaks through clouded years,  
Past prisons of our own devising,*

*And still to shadowed lives appears  
The brightness of his rising.*

*He comes in Pentecostal flame,  
In tongues unloosed, in bondage broken;  
to all united by his name  
The word of life is spoken.*

*Let there be light and hearts be stirred  
to know in Christ their sun ascending;  
In our beginning is the word,  
and in the word our ending.*

COMMUNION HYMN 184

Christ the Lord is risen again!

*Christ ist erstanden*

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

THE BLESSING

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

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

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

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

CLOSING HYMN 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

*Easter Hymn*

THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE

Choral-Improvisation on "Victimae Paschali" *Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)*  
*Transcribed by Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)*

**SERVING @ GRACE TODAY**

<i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i>	The Rt. Rev. James "Bud" Shand
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Emma Brice
<i>Subdeacon</i>	Noah Aukerman
<i>Assisting</i>	Mother Jenny Montgomery
<i>Assisting</i>	Father Santi Rodriguez
<i>Assisting</i>	Father Ignacio Solano Gómez
<i>Lectors</i>	Mary Stewart, Stephanie Reed, Deborah Leslie, Rushad Thomas, Anne Boris, Bill Eckel
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Ushers</i>	John Boris, Kristine Hesse, Mary Hix, Scott Knudsen
<i>Livestream Crew</i>	Alison Campbell, Stephen Lovell
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leader</i>	Kristine Hesse, John Barker, Eleanor Reed
<i>Acolytes</i>	Erin Kelly, Jay Legere, Christian Portillo, Joey Portillo, Annie Eason, Willem Schultz, Victoria Portillo



## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MARCH 31ST 2024

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](mailto:announcements@gracealex.org).

Easter Flower dedications are 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 1<sup>st</sup> for Easter. The office will reopen Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 a.m.

#### REMINDER- NO 5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST TODAY, EASTER SUNDAY

As a reminder, we will not hold our 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist today.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

#### ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

Adult forum is offered Sundays from 9:45-10:15 am in the St. Mark room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) or virtually via the Zoom link sent in the Sunday morning email. Tea and coffee are available just outside the St. Mark Room from 9:30 am. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

**March 31: Easter**, no adult forum

**April 7: Our Faithful Response to Christian Nationalism**, by Father Santi Rodriguez

**April 14: Seminarians at Grace: Ignacio Solano Gómez**, by Father Ignacio Solano Gómez and Mary Hix

**April 21: Praying the Labyrinth on Paper**, by Mindy van Wart

**April 28: To be announced**

**May 5: Family Ministries: What I've Learned in My First Year**, by Mother Emma Brice

**May 12: Discernment on the Internet: Spotting a Fake**, by Scott Knudsen

#### LITTLE CHURCH MOVES BACK TO AMPHITHEATER, EASTER SUNDAY, WEATHER PERMITTING

Little Church, our 9 am service designed especially for families with small children, moves back to the amphitheater beginning today, Easter Sunday. If it is rainy or below 55 degrees F, we will move inside to the auditorium and will post signage on the glass doors.

#### SPRING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITY: REFLECTING ON OUR LIVES AS PILGRIMAGES

Please join Julia McClung and Anne Boris as we gather for a six-week Adult Formation series this spring to grow and learn together, share our faith experience, and build community as we focus on the topic of viewing our faith as a pilgrimage. We're offering two formats for meeting each week: In-person at Grace Monday nights: 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, and 5/20; and Virtual via Zoom: Tuesday or Thursday afternoons during the same weeks as above. For the Monday evening sessions, we will open at 6:30 pm for those who want to bring their own dinner and socialize, and then engage from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. Zoom timing TBD with participant input. There will be no fees or books to buy and preparation is light. We'll be looking for five to ten participants for the in-person series and at least three for the virtual series. Please reach out to Julia McClung ([Julia.mcclung@gracealex.org](mailto:Julia.mcclung@gracealex.org)) or Anne Boris ([Anne.boris@gracealex.org](mailto:Anne.boris@gracealex.org)) with any questions or to register. We would like to close registration by **April 7, 2024**. Look for more info in the April Grace Notes!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

### GRACE CHURCH GOES ON ADULT-YOUTH MISSION – AGAIN!

Last year, Grace did something new – we participated in National Rebuilding Day with a large adult-youth mission on a one-day, one-team, one-house rebuilding mission. Let's do it again! National Rebuilding Day this year is Saturday April 27. We will be with many hundreds of teams like ours around the country. Our home is owned by a widow in the Springfield area about 20 minutes from Grace. It needs both outside yard work and inside repairs very much like we did last year. Come for a half-day or a full day as your schedule allows. Those who participated last year are welcome to return, and we are especially seeking first-timers and members of our booming EYC. If this kind of mission teamwork appeals to you, please email to either John Berry at [kpbjab@yahoo.com](mailto:kpbjab@yahoo.com) or Cindy MacIntyre at [cindymacrd@gmail.com](mailto:cindymacrd@gmail.com). We will build an email listserve of potential team members for update messages. Decision to participate comes later!

## BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Monday, 4/1	<i>Ann Korky, Joey Madigan, John Metz</i>
Wednesday, 4/3	<i>Sean Kelly, Nancy Lorentz, Leanora Whitlock</i>
Thursday, 4/4	<i>Michael Kelly</i>
Friday, 4/5	<i>Anthony Obed Martinez Lopez</i>
Saturday, 4/6	<i>Kerry Broome, Mary Ann Ryan</i>



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!**

# Easter Flower Dedications

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 ...

<u>Name of Donor(s)</u>	<u>Dedication</u>
Joyce & Nat Ames	<i>In thanksgiving for our Grace Church community and in loving memory of family and friends who have died.</i>
Arthur Family, children and grandchildren of Edward & Kathleen.	<i>In loving memory of Edward G. Arthur and Kathleen Arthur given by their children and grandchildren.</i>
Lisa and Paul Bellantoni	<i>In thanksgiving for our Grace Church family and our many blessings.</i>
Walter (Brad) Bergmann & June Huber	<i>In thanksgiving for our beloved Grace Church family.</i>
John J. & Anne Clift Boris	<i>In loving memory of Jill Boris Zadar.</i>
Kimberly Broome	<i>In thanksgiving for Marvin Broome and Ceil Traina, may God bless them with better health, joy, and peace.</i> <i>In loving memory of Diane Broome, Joe Traina, Robert Spaulding, Sarah Tedaldi, I am thankful for the memories and your love.</i>
Lisa Cassady	<i>In loving memory of my beloved mother Anna Cassady and my brother Bobby.</i>
The Cline Family	<i>In thanksgiving for our family and friends especially Alex &amp; Reagan's Mimi &amp; Papa.</i>
Ruth Corlett	<i>In loving memory of Cleve and Carolyn.</i>
Chrissie Crosby	<i>In thanksgiving for the privilege, honor, and joy of working with our seminarians over the past two years: the Rev. Durango Jenkins, Noah Aukerman, and the Rev. Ignacio Solano Gomez.</i>
Wendy & Bill Cummings	<i>In loving memory of Thomas, Margaret, Thomas, Margie, Eddie, Midge, Ferris, and George.</i>
Chuck & Sherryl Dodd	<i>In loving memory of our parents; Heywood, Nancy, and Sandra.</i>
Chuck & Sherryl Dodd	<i>In thanksgiving for my 4 (almost 5!) grandchildren: Caroline, Henry, Shinji and Emmy.</i>
Jonathan & Lisa Doelp	<i>In thanksgiving for all our friends and fellowship at Grace.</i>
Cleveland Eason	<i>In loving memory of Alton Eason, Min Wang and Lovie Lee Wilson.</i>
Chad Eckles	<i>In loving memory of, and thanksgiving for, my dad Kim Eckles and grandparents Bob and Betty Nichols.</i>
Tracy Enger	<i>In thanksgiving for all of the loving support our family has received from the Grace Church Clergy and congregation.</i>
Valerie Eudy, Claire, and Martin	<i>In loving memory of Rick Eudy.</i>

John Hall	<i>In loving memory of John T. Hall, father of John N. Hall; Paul Estaver, father of Donna Hall; and for the entire Hall family</i>
Kevin Hamilton	<i>In thanksgiving for the awesome office volunteers, clergy/staff, and the kind people of Grace... and for Evan Robinson and his countless hours of service in his role as our previous treasurer.</i>
Bernarda & Pedro Hernandez	<i>A la Gloria de Dios.</i>
Kristine Hesse & Greg Whitlow	<i>In thanksgiving for all our blessings.</i>
Peter, Charlie and Christina Iovino	<i>In loving memory of Peter Anthony Iovino, Sr., Marion Iovino, Charles Stanley Adlis and Audrey Terrel Adlis.</i>
Jane Clare & Barry Joyner	<i>In thanksgiving for the many blessings of our lives.</i>
Cindy & Rich Kelly	<i>In loving memory of our parents Virginia Kelly Woods, Randall Kelly, Daisy Thomas MacIntyre, and Frederick Hadley MacIntyre.</i>
Pierce & Tuke Klemmt	<i>In loving memory of Margaret Espenschied Ullman.</i>
Scott Knudsen & Jen Pease	<i>In thanksgiving for our parents, Chris, Elizabeth, Charles and Suzi, and our siblings and their families.</i>
Scott Knudsen & Jen Pease	<i>In Thanksgiving for the love and support we give each other every day... and for Willy and Dusty, who help keep us sane.</i>
Virginia Kress	<i>In loving memory of Lucille Kress.</i>
Nancy Lorentz	<i>In loving memory of Art Lorentz-Burnett and Betty Lorentz.</i>
Bill Malone	<i>In loving memory of John Malone and Ronald Cornett</i>
Anne McFadden	<i>In thanksgiving for the life of Gary Charles Schroen &amp; in thanksgiving for friends and family.</i>
Betty Mills	<i>In loving memory of my mother Martha Mills.</i>
Doug & Judy Miller	<i>In loving memory of Claude A. Wheeler and Claude A. Wheeler, II</i>
Liz Myers	<i>In loving memory of my mother, Elizabeth Heider Walker.</i>
Suzanne & Jay O'Malley	<i>In thanksgiving for the joys of friends and family, especially our daughters, Meghan and Kerrigan, their husbands, Brett and Briggs, our three grandsons and our first and long-awaited granddaughter on the way!</i>
Douglas Prince & Vance Allen	<i>In thanksgiving for Grace Episcopal Church &amp; parishioners.</i>
Cynthia & Cathy Puskar	<i>In thanksgiving for our many blessings and in loving memory of our parents and grandparents, Mary &amp; Lewis Fulwiler and Chuck Puskar, and our beloved Bill Stokes.</i>
Barbara Ramm, her daughter.	<i>In loving memory of Hertha H. Moran.</i>
Jean & Lucy-Lee Reed	<i>In loving memory of Charles Howard Naginey and Rodney Pendelton Reed.</i>

Christina Ritter	<i>In thanksgiving for the 50th wedding anniversary of my parents, Bill &amp; Joyce Ritter and for all of life's blessings.</i>
Nancy & Evan Robinson	<i>In thanksgiving for our family, especially our grandchildren Charlie and Lizzie.</i>
Father Santi Rodriguez	<i>To the greater gloria de Dios. In gratitude for our church and school staff. En acción de gracias por La Gracia y nuestro vestry.</i>
Sarah Schultz	<i>In thanksgiving for Grace Church.</i>
The Shaver Family	<i>To the Glory of God.</i>
Addie Tapp	<i>In thanksgiving for the clergy, staff, and seminarians of Grace.</i>
Larry Thompson	<i>In loving memory of Cathy Thompson.</i>
Elly Vogtmann	<i>In loving memory of my parents, Stella &amp; Bill; and in thanksgiving for my cousins, Elaine &amp; Keith.</i>
Linda Waskowicz	<i>In thanksgiving for my family.</i>
Geoffrey Whitlock	<i>To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Maxine Young Whitlock, grandmother of parishioner Geoffrey Whitlock.</i>
Matt & Tacie Williams	<i>In thanksgiving for the baptisms of Lucy and Kit Williams.</i>
Don Wills	<i>In loving memory of Bradlee Noelee Wills and Samuel Lambert Byrn the III.</i>
Heather Wishart-Smith, Keller Smith, Glory, Nick, and Alexandra.	<i>In thanksgiving for our family, friends, and faith, and that Grace has deepened our relationship with all each.</i>
Jan & Otto Wolff	<i>In thanksgiving for our many blessings, especially our grandchildren Alex &amp; Reagan.</i>
Lorna Worley	<i>In loving memory of Lynn and Rosemond Worley, David Worley, Donald and Rebecca Stone, Harold and Frances Gadd, &amp; Gibb and Violet Coonts and in thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Rick Eudy.</i>
Charlotte Payne Wright	<i>In loving memory of Georgiana Greely and in thanksgiving for all our office volunteers.</i>
Beth Yancey	<i>In thanksgiving for all my blessings and especially for my family- Libby, Dennis, Bette, Michael, Robert, Allie, Coker, Amanda, and Amy.</i>

## 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, Michael, Lisa, Lina, Mario, Tina, Hector, Wendy, Conway, Amorita, Caz & family, Debbie, Amber, Kelly, Elle, John, Carl, Jeannie, Sigrid, Ed, Larry, Susie, Otto, Susan, Charles, Cleveland, Colin, Jennifer, Barbara, Joanne, Lisa, John, Holly, Nancy.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Audrey, Charlie, Elesa, Mary Ann, Marilyn, Cynthia, Reg, Don, James.
- **Family & friends:** Robert, Morgan, Barbara, Becky, Maggie, Joel, Anthony, Mark, Klaus, Charles, Roger, Nancy, Madison, Jack, Michael, Dave & Mimi, Sharon, Peter, Cindy, Anne, Steve, Scott, Jean, Ida, Eileen & Dylan, Virginia, Christine, Lisa, Elena, Al, Connie, Don, Leslie, Elizabeth, Ada, Cooper, Marge, Elizabeth, Bert, Jay, Clare, Betsy, Chuck, Mike, Jim, Patrick, Ashby.
- **Members of our staff:** Mother Jenny, Father Santiago, Mother Emma, Father Ignacio, Noah, Durango, Alain, Mary, Kevin, Madeline, Addie, Pedro, Amorita, Betsy, Charlotte.
- **Grace School:** Students & their families; for the staff, especially Patti, head of school.
- **Outreach & Justice partners:** ALIVE; Carpenter's Shelter; 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; 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; Noah Woodiwiss; Christopher Corlett, US Foreign Service; 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:** Julie Mills Cizek; Chris & Melissa Reed, Connor Murphy.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Bishop E. Mark Stevenson; Bishop Gayle E. Harris; Bishop James "Bud" Shand; Diocesan staff; Altar Guilds, Flower Guilds, Ushers, Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, and Choirs across the Diocese..
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church of the Province of West Africa; The Diocese of Cyanguu - Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; The Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf - The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East; The Diocese of Daejeon - The Anglican Church of Korea; The Diocese of North Dakota, The Diocese of South Dakota, and The Diocese of Dallas - The Episcopal Church.

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

## EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 3/31	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, 4/1	Church offices closed (Easter Monday)		
	Food Pantry Bagging - 4:30 - 6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby Area	<a href="mailto:Judy.Willard@gracealex.org">Judy.Willard@gracealex.org</a> <a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Tuesday, 4/2	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby Area	<a href="mailto:Judy.Willard@gracealex.org">Judy.Willard@gracealex.org</a> <a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Wednesday, 4/3	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby Area	<a href="mailto:Judy.Willard@gracealex.org">Judy.Willard@gracealex.org</a> <a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	St. Mark Room, Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	<a href="mailto:Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org">Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org</a>
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	Saint Luke Room	
Thursday, 4/4	12 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer	Nave, Lady Altar	
	Chorister Rehearsal - 4:30 pm		<a href="mailto:alain.truche@gracealex.org">alain.truche@gracealex.org</a>
	Handbell Rehearsal - 6 pm	Malm Narthex	<a href="mailto:alain.truche@gracealex.org">alain.truche@gracealex.org</a>
	Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	Choir Room	<a href="mailto:alain.truche@gracealex.org">alain.truche@gracealex.org</a>
Friday, 4/5	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm		<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 4/6	Altar Guild Set Up - 9am	Nave & Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	<a href="mailto:cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com">cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com</a>
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1-3 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby Area	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>

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