

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

November 8, 2020    **A Taizé Service of Word, Song, and Contemplative Prayer**    5 p.m.

*The service begins with a period of meditative singing and silence, of listening to God and being in God's presence.  
You are invited to come forward and light a candle any time during the service.*

*The Lord is my light*

**Theme I**



The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in  
God I trust in God I trust. The

**Theme II**



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*Bless the Lord my soul*



Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name  
Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

*Officiant*      Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People*        Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Collect (People & Officiant together)

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*A time of silence follows the reading.*

*God fill our lives to overflowing*

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*A time of silence follows.*

## Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*A time of silence follows the reading.*



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*A time of silence follows.*

### The Prayers

*Please pray for the wider Church and intercessions requested by our Congregants:*

*Pray for The Anglican Communion, The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, Standing Committee of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines, the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Justin Badi Arama, the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, and our Bishop Mark Bourlakas. Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to Trinity, Arrington. Pray for the people of Trinity, Arrington.*

*Pray for Bettie Cadden, Lynda DeMaria, Bob DeMaria, Pam Holsten, Jordan (friend of David Cox), Lynne Johnson, Melissa Hays-Smith, Susan Williams, Ned Glenn (Brother of Elizabeth Harralson), Olivia Patton, Liz Moss, Jeanne Eichelberger, Rachel Pattison, Ely Turner (friend of Rob Minor), Peter Fyfe, Jack Hershbell, The. Rev. Butch Eanes (friend of Carol and Lynn Dent), Pat Gibson, Eloise Adams, Punky Dod, Jenni Dod (niece of Punky Dod) Pray for those serving in the military, especially Michael Bryant.*

*Pray for those who have died.*

*Pray for those affected by unsafe living conditions, poverty, disease, especially Covid-19, violence and oppression.*

*In thanksgiving for the birthdays for this week and next of Evan Atkins (11/8), Grace Simcoe (11/8), Doug Ayer (11/13), Julie Grover (11/13), Jim Farrar (11/13), Tim Price (11/15), René Glidden (11/15), Amy Holston (11/15), France Marcus (11/18), Steven Lawrence (11/19), Hank Humphreys (11/19), Tim Gaylard (11/21), Ryan Holston (11/21), Liam Murphy (11/21).*

*Reader:* In thanksgiving for our church school teachers, who awaken in their students the mystery of faith: Yahweh's great acts of deliverance, Christ's victory of life over death, and the eternal light that breaks through every darkness; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep us ever watchful for your face shining through the faces of the poor and downtrodden, the wait staff and the salesperson, the toll collector and the crossing guard, let that in missing them we may not see you; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Place your wisdom in the heart and mind of our President and Governor, that the decisions they make this year may bring righteousness and justice to all peoples everywhere; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Inspire us with a sense of urgency, that we may relate to others the joy of a Christ-centered life, welcoming others into our fold, and showing increase in the household of faith; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for those who have served in the armed forces, defending our country in times of war, and ensuring peace where there is instability; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for those who have died, especially during military service, may they and all the faithful departed live with the Lord forever; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*A time of silence follows the prayers.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. Those not receiving communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply signify by crossing your arms over your chest.*

*Heal me hands of Jesus*

1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re -  
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let  
3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis -  
4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and

store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.  
me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.  
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.  
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.  
**People** *And of thine own have we given thee.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
**People** *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.  
**People** *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 with the Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus: (spoken with piano accompaniment)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosana in the highest.**

*Do this in remembrance* (spoken while accompanied)



The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***People Therefore, let us keep the feast.***

Communion: *Eat this Bread*



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Postcommunion Prayer (People & Celebrant)

***God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; You have united us with Christ and with one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.***

*May God Bless You* (Iona Blessing)

May God bless you, may God keep you, May God be gracious and look kindly on you; and may the Lord's face shine upon you and give you peace, give you peace.

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