

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertry

The Great Thanksgiving : Eucharistic Prayer II

Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

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.

Postcommunion Prayer

Blessing and Dismissal

Altar Guild

Chris Howison, Tracey Riley, Catherine Harcus, Anna Crockett, Jane Brooke, chair

Flower Guild

Elizabeth Boetsch, Claudia Ellis, Catherine Harcus,
Elizabeth Harralson, Peggy Riethmiller, Joy Harris, Kathy Kozak

Readers & Chalicists

William McCorkle, Diana Kenney, Lu Dooley, Helen Moore

Ushers

Holt Merchant, Paul Robblee, Joanne Robblee

AV Team

Keith Gibson, Patrick McGuire, Mary Price, Tim Price,
Joanne Robblee, Jim White, Sharon White

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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

8:00 a.m.

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church! Thank you for blessing us today as we worship God together. Please fill out a visitor card located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or our minister on your way out.

Announcements - Today

Evensong, 5pm, Grace Church Nave

Upcoming

May 1 - First Sunday Lunch after the 10:30 service in the parish hall.

May 1 – Our diocese is sending a photographer to Grace to take a congregational photo after the 8 and 10:30 worship services. Please come to take a picture with your church family!

Organ recital May 7, 4pm - Paul Vasile

9:15 am Forums, Parish Hall: April 24, May 8 and May 15, Doug Ayer will be treating from an historical perspective three Kings of Israel who exemplify prominent aspects of the development of Israel's Monarchy. David transforms a Tribal Confederation into a Nation State. Solomon expands David's State into a Regional Empire. Josiah, near the end of the Pre-Exilic Period, institutes a major if short-lived Political Reform which institutes elements of limited government parallel in some respects to features found in institutions in Ancient Greece during roughly the same period. **May 1**- Rector's Forum, The Worship Committee will present a forum on Episcopal Liturgy and Worship.

Wednesday, May 11, 7 pm, Parish Hall - The Rev. Roy G. Pollina will be speaking about his book, *Justified by Her Children, Deeds of Courage Confronting a Tradition of Racism*. Rev. Pollina will have books for sale.

Flower Dedication: Weekly altar flower dedications have resumed. If you would like to make a dedication please sign up on the chart located on the bridge stair landing, or contact Lisa in the parish office 540-463-4981 or by email lisa@graceepiscopallexington.org.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323

Gloria

BCP 324

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's

blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Psalm 118:14-29

BCP 761

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 20:19-31

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.

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

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 Archbishop, The Most Rev. Justin Badi Arama; the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael B Curry; the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, and our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas.

Fr. Tuck
BCP 326

The staff of The Phoebe Needles Camp and Conference Center and their director, The Rev. John Heck.

Pray for Lynda DeMaria, Peter Fyfe, Lucy Moise, Bob Crewdson, David Burford, Mary Jane Hubbard, Glen Jones, Don Ellis, Robyn Fleming (uncle of Pat McGuire), Alice Furgerson, Julie Jennings, Mary Froehlich, Hunter Headings, Betty Swope, Bill Kozak, Richard Jones, Sally Capets, Mary & Scott Hudgins, Helen Head, Kaleb (grandson of Pat & Keith Gibson), Emily Griffis Stephens (sister of Melanie Griffis), Sue Ellen Booth and Lynn Morris Butler (cousins of Melanie Griffis), Bill Stone & Joe Little (friends of David Connolly), Jeanne Passmore, and those we name aloud or in our hearts.

Pray for those who have died, especially Bob DeMaria.

We pray for an end to violence and for those fleeing Ukraine, and we also pray for Episcopal Relief & Development and other ecumenical agencies working to respond to the current crisis.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week - Genelle Girtz (4/25), Chuck Smith (4/26), Pierson Hull (4/26), Nancy Walker (4/27), Sharon Humphreys (4/28), David Hansen (4/29), David Gates (4/30), Mike McKeever (4/30).

Celebrant: Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead. The Lord has acted; let us rejoice and be glad, saying, "You are our God; and we thank you."

Reader: Almighty God, you have given your Church the ministry 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. (silence)

You are our God; and we thank you.

Ruler of the kings of the earth, Lord Jesus, your word is a word of peace: speak forth salvation in a weary world. (silence)

You are our God; and we thank you.

All you do, O Lord, is marvelous in our eyes: give us a respect for all you have made. (silence)

You are our God; and we thank you.

Mighty Savior, raise up faithful witnesses in our community, that our neighbors might come to know that you love them and have freed them from the power of sin. (silence)

You are our God; and we thank you.

O Lord, you are good; your mercy endures forever; be the strength of the weak and the song of those who mourn. You may add your petitions silently or aloud. (silence)

You are our God; and we thank you.

Alpha and Omega, you do not hand your beloved ones over to death, but promise life eternal to all those baptized into your Son: to you be glory and dominion forever. (silence)

You are our God; and we thank you.

Celebrant: Almighty God, who by the hand of Mark the evangelist hast given to thy Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank thee for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace

Welcome