

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.

### Music during Communion

**Anthems** Lord, have mercy and Holy Holy (*the Kyrie and Sanctus we will be singing through Lent*)

**WLP 793** Here, O Lord your servants gather

**WLP 794** Many are the lightbeams *Tjänsterna* verses 1&2 sung in Spanish by soloists, then 1&2 sung by all in English

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 366

Blessing & Dismissal

**Hymn 522** Glorious things of thee are spoken *Austria*

*The postlude will begin after a slight pause after the final hymn. That moment offers those who want to move forward the opportunity to come closer to the pipes.*

### Postlude

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In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

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In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -

joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid; lift up your

voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

**Acolyte**  
Patrick McGuire

**Altar Guild**

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

**AV Team**

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

**Flower Guild**

Elizabeth Boetsch, Claudia Ellis, Gail Dick,  
Rene Glidden, Catherine Harcus, Elizabeth Harralson,  
Peggy Riethmiller, Joy Harris, Kathy Kozak

**Readers & Chalicists**

Marjorie Connolly, Anne Hansen, Dennis Cross, James Keane

**Ushers**

Anna Crockett, Kathy Hill, Roger Crockett

**Coffee Hour**

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# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

10:30 a.m.

February 20, 2022

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Announcements—Today:

If you are visiting Grace Church this morning, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pew rack and place in the offertory plate or hand to an usher. Thank you!

**Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall** following the service, please join us!

**Singers and Instrumentalists:** The choir is growing, AND there is no such thing as too ample a choir! In fact, if you have been interested but are shy, the joy is that many voices make light work. Also, instrumentalists, if you are interested in playing, let Martha know. martha@graceepiscopallexington.org

**Food Pantry Volunteers needed**, contact Kathy Hill for more information. kathrynchill1@gmail.com

*This week:*

**Parish Office Closed** Monday, February 21, in observance of President's Day  
**Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast**, February 27, 9:15am, Parish Hall. All are welcome!

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Following ringing of bell - Please observe respectful silence during the Prelude.*

**Prelude**

**Hymn 372** Praise to the living God! *Leoni*

**Opening Acclamation**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

**Gloria**

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**The Collect of the Day**

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Lessons**

*Genesis 45:3-11, 15*

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me,

you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)

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### Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evi-/lndoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do / wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the / grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade a-/way.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do / good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its / riches.
- 4 Take delight in the / Lord, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's de-/sire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in / him, \*  
and he will bring it to / pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the / light \*  
and your just dealing as the / noonday.
- 7 Be still before the / Lord \*  
and wait patiently for / him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who / prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil / schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage a-/alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to / evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut / off, \*  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the / land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no / more; \*  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be / there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the / land; \*  
they will delight in abundance of / peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the / Lord; \*  
he is their stronghold in time of / trouble.
- 42 The Lord will help them and / rescue them; \*  
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,  
because they seek refuge in / him.

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

### Hymn 379 God is Love Abbot's Leigh

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

### The Sermon

Fr. Tuck

### The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

### 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.*

*Pray for the Members of the Executive Board and the Standing Committee of the*

*Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia.*

*Pray for Bob and Lynda DeMaria, Peter Fyfe, Lucy Moise, Bob Crewson, David Burford, Mary Jane Hubbard, Glen Jones, Don Ellis, Robyn & Don Fleming (uncles of Pat McGuire), Alice Furgerson, Julie Jennings, Mary Froehlich, Hunter Headings, Betty Swope, Bill Kozak, Bob Glidden, Eli Bradley, Richard Jones, Daniel Hudgins (friend of Alex Brown), and those we name aloud or in our hearts.*

*Pray for those who have died, especially Virginia Dowell.*

*We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week – Steve Riethmiller (2/21), Beverly Tucker (2/23), Graham Hess (2/23), Holt Merchant (2/24), Jeanne Passmore (2/25)*

**Celebrant:** Sisters and brothers, do to others as you would have them do to you. Let us pray for others, saying, "We have come before you, O God; and here will we wait for you."

**Reader:** Merciful God, help us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us. It is a hard thing for us. Make us merciful, just as you are merciful. (Silence)

We have come before you, O God; **And here will we wait for you.**

Holy God, make your justice shine like the noonday sun. Vindicate the meek; save the righteous; rescue those who find their refuge in you. (Silence)

We have come before you, O God; **And here will we wait for you.**

We pray, Creator God, for those who experience the pangs of hunger. We cry to you for those dying of starvation. Bless them with provision. Give us a new appreciation for the abundance in our lives. (Silence)

We have come before you, O God; **And here will we wait for you.**

Heal families. Heal our families. Heal the families in our community. Mend our divisions. Make us ministers of reconciliation. (Silence)

We have come before you, O God; **And here will we wait for you.**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, we bless your Name for the witness of Frederick Douglass, whose impassioned and reasonable speech moved the hearts of people to a deeper obedience to Christ: Strengthen us also to speak on behalf of those in captivity and tribulation, continuing in the Word of Jesus Christ our Liberator; who with you and the Holy Spirit dwells in glory everlasting. *Amen. (Frederick Douglass Orator and Advocate for Truth and Justice, 1895)*

### Confession of Sin

### The Peace

*Welcome*

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### Offertory

Anthem: Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Ned Rorem (b. 1923-)

**Offertory Hymn** In the Lord I'll be ever thankful *Taizé* (see page 5)

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

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The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

### The Breaking of the Bread

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Fraction Anthem