

Celebrant: Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Anthem *Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me* (from Psalm 139)
Healey Willan

Hymn 301 Bread of the world in mercy broken *Rendez à Dieu*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* (pew card)
The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem - Lamb of God (pew card)

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

Hymn 320 Zion, praise thy Savior, singing *Lauda Sion Salvatorem*

Hymn 322 When Jesus died to save us *Tucker*

Hymn 335 I am the bread of life *I Am the Bread of Life*

Postcommunion Prayer BCP 365/366

Blessing & Dismissal

Hymn 145 Now quit your care *Quittez, Pasteurs*

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 *Kiida, mu hing issandat* Cyrillic Greek (1889-1962)

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The Lenten arrangement in front of the altar is offered to the Glory of God by Jane Brooke, in loving memory of George M. Brooke, III.

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Altar Guild

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AV Team

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

Flower Guild

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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m.

Announcements - Upcoming: March 30 - 7 pm - ZOOM only. **Pilgrimage: Spiritual Journeys that Touch the Soul.** Please join us for this week's program, The Holy Land with Tuck Bowerfind. These programs are recorded and posted on Grace's YouTube channel. Visit graceepiscopallexington.org/lent-resources for more Lenten Resources.

The Practice of Prayer—Lenten offering from The Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. The Diocese of Southwestern Virginia will explore the practice of prayer during Lent on Wednesday evenings on Zoom. You will experience and engage in a variety of types of prayer, and guest speakers will guide us in some of these practices. Each evening will end with Compline. Go to dioswva.org to read more & register.

Easter Flowers - Lilies, Daffodils and Rieger Begonias will be used to decorate the Nave & Chancel. If you would like to purchase a Memorial plant for \$10, please make your check payable to Grace Episcopal with Flower Guild on the memo line, or donate on line at our website—graceepiscopallexington.org, pick Flower Guild in the dropdown box on the Give page. To list a memorial in the bulletin, email Lisa (lisa@graceepiscopallexington.org) by Monday, April 11.

Weekly altar flower dedications will resume after Easter. Information coming soon!

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II THE WORD OF GOD

You are invited to use the prelude time as a bridge to sacred worship.

Prelude *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*

J. Brahms

WLP 761 All who hunger gather gladly *Holy Manna*

A Penitential Order

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 351

Confession

Kyrie Eleison (pew card)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

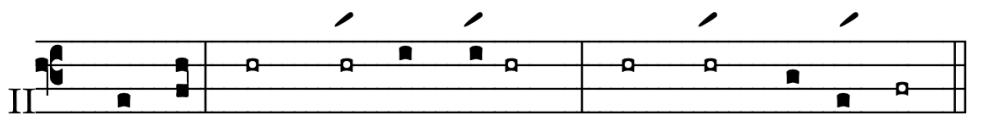
Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.



Psalm 32

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for-/given, *
and whose sin is / put away!
2 Happy are they to whom God im-/ -putes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there/ is no guile!
3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered a-/ -way, *
because of my groaning / all day long.
4 For your hand was heavy upon me /day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the / heat of summer.
5 Then I acknowledged my sin to / you, *
and did not con-/ -ceal my guilt.
6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to / God" *
Then you forgave me the guilt / of my sin.
7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of /
trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they / shall not reach them.
8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from / trouble; *
you surround me with shouts / of deliverance.
9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should / go; *
I will guide you / with my eye.
10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under-/ -standing; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not / stay near you."
11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

psalm text is from the St. Helena Psalter

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hymn 309 O Food to pilgrims given O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This

fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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 today for the Bishop's Visitation to Emmanuel, Bristol. Pray for the people of St. John's, Wytheville.

Pray for Bob and Lynda DeMaria, Peter Fyfe, Lucy Moise, Bob Credson, David Burford, Mary Jane Hubbard, Glen Jones, Don Ellis, Don & Robyn Fleming (uncles of Pat McGuire), Alice Furgerson, Julie Jennings, Mary Froehlich, Hunter Headings, Betty Swope, Bill Kozak, Eli Bradley, Richard Jones, Sue Denson, Sally Capets, Mary & Scott Hudgins, Helen Head, Caleb (grandson of Pat & Keith Gibson), and those we name aloud or in our hearts.
In thanksgiving for the birth of Aiden (grandchild of Pat & Lisa McGuire) and Remi Grace (grandchild of Pat & Keith Gibson).

Pray for those who have died.

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 - Kathy Hill (3/27), Sarah Dagen (3/29), David Connolly (4/2).

Celebrant: Be glad and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all you who are true of heart. Having been reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us pray, "Lord, let your mercy embrace us; accept our prayer."

Reader: Gracious God, you have entrusted to your Church the ministry of reconciliation. Reconcile our members to you and to each other, and then work through us to embrace the world. (silence)

*Lord, let your mercy embrace us; **accept our prayer.***

Open our hearts to welcome sinners as you welcome us. Give us eyes to see others, not from a human point of view, but as you see them. (silence)

*Lord, let your mercy embrace us; **accept our prayer.***

Jesus, you are the true bread which gives life to the world: evermore give us this bread that our souls may be satisfied. And satisfy our bodies with abundant produce from the land. (silence)

*Lord, let your mercy embrace us; **accept our prayer.***

We pray, O God, for families. Restore broken relationships. Heal those who have suffered betrayal and alienation. Comfort those for whom reconciliation in this life is not possible. Shield those with reason to celebrate. (silence)

*Lord, let your mercy embrace us; **accept our prayer.***

You, O God, are a hiding place for those in trouble: you deliver the oppressed; you forgive the guilty; you roll away the disgrace of your people. We make our prayers to you for those in trouble. You may add your intentions silently or aloud. (silence)

*Lord, let your mercy embrace us; **accept our prayer.***

Holy Jesus, it is our prayer that you may live in us, and we in you, both in this mortal life and for all eternity. Pray for those who have died. (silence)

*Lord, let your mercy embrace us; **accept our prayer.***