

Celebrant: We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that we who have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace BCP 332

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving : Eucharistic Prayer I BCP 333

Lord's Prayer BCP 336

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 337

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 BCP 339

Blessing and Dismissal

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.

Altar Guild

MJ Mayerchak, Peggy Riethmiller, Mary Webster,
Marjorie Connolly, Kitty Wainwright, Jane Brooke, chair

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Tim Price, Joanne Robblee, Jim White, Sharon White

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

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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m.

Announcements - Today: **Parish Hall, 9:15 – Being Fully Known and Loved by God**, Fr. Tuck and members of the LGBTQ Task Force

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 <https://www.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. More information coming.**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

THE WORD OF GOD

A Penitential Order

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 319

Confession

BCP 320

Kyrie Eleison

BCP 324

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

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 giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee 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.

Psalms 32

BCP 624

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.

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 326

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 Bourlacas. Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to Emmanuel, Bristol. Pray for the people of St. John's, Wytchville. Pray for Bob and Lynda DeMaria, Peter Fyfe, Lucy Moise, Bob Crensdon, David Burford, Mary Jane Hubbard, Glen Jones, Don Ellis, Don & Robyn Fleming (uncles of Pat McGuire), Alice Furgerson, Julie Jennings, Mary Froeblich, Hunter Headings, Betty Swope, Bill Kozak, Eli Bradley, Richard Jones, Sue Denson, Sally Capets, Mary & Scott Hudgins, Helen Head, Kaleb (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.**