

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 (please join in singing before & after receiving communion.)

Meditation

Anthem: As panting deer desire the waterbrooks *Woodlake*

Congregational hymns:

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

Hymn 679 Surely it is God who saves me *Thomas Merton*

Hymn 385 Many and great *Dakota Chant [Lacquiparle]*

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365/366

Blessing

Hymn 439 What wondrous love is this *Wondrous Love*

Dismissal

Postlude *Wondrous Love*

The Lenten arrangement behind the altar is offered by Paul & Joanne Robblee to the Glory of God and for the staff of Grace Episcopal Church for their sincere commitment and tireless efforts for our church community.

Celebrant

The Rev. Tucker Bowerfind

Readers

Anne Hansen, Roger Crockett, Anna Crockett

Acolyte

Patrick McGuire

Ushers

Bob Glidden, Jim Farrar, Roger Crockett, Anna Crockett

Plate Count

Margaret Haberman, Bob Glidden

Greeters

Punky Dod and Ann Tyler McCabe

Altar Guild

Laura Stearns, MJ Mayerchak, Peggy Riethmiller, Mary Webster,

Erika Brooke, Elise Brooke, Emma Brooke, Pam Adams,

Procurement Attaché: Carol Woodcock

Flower Guild

Elizabeth Boetsch, Claudia Ellis, Gail Dick, Rene Glidden,

Carol Gosse, Catherine Harcus, Elizabeth Harralson,

Peggy Riethmiller, Joy Harris, Kathy Kozak

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Christian Education, 9:15 Parish Hall, 3/22 - Led by Marlys Craun LCSW

Serious Mental Illness: What is it, how is it treated and possible Christian responses.

Children & Youth, 9:30 a.m., 3rd Floor, Parish House

Lenten Series continues Wednesday, March 11, Dinner - 6 pm

Please register by calling or emailing the parish office by noon on Tuesday

Soup, salad and bread, Adults \$8 Children \$3 Family Max \$20

Sessions for Adults from 6:45 - 8:00

wHoly Conversations

Discussions about our Life in Christ and the World Around Us

March 18 Becoming Beloved Community: Is Grace a Welcoming,

Affirming and Safe Community to our LGBTQ Friends?

Family Holy Eucharist, Tonight, 5 p.m., Brooke Family Center

Dinner to follow in the Parish Hall

Music

Who would be interested in Bell Choir beginning in the fall of 2020? Let Martha know, and we'll do it! Meeting time will be Thursdays, 5:30-6:15 in the undercroft. One of the exciting things about chancel renovation is that we will have room for bell tables to be set up for a bell choir's participation. You do not need to be able to read music--it's a great way to learn, and fun way to experience teamwork for the glory of God. Ages 2nd grade and up. Contact Martha at martha@graceepiscopalexington.org or at 540-463-4981.

Reminder that ukulele choir meets every Wednesday, 4-4:40. Chancel choir meets every Thursday, 7-8:30(ish). All are invited.

The Bishop's Dollar Fund

Donate to The Bishop's Dollar Fund This year during the season of Lent. You may send donations to the Diocesan Office made payable to The Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern VA with "Bishop's Dollar" in the memo line. Mail to: Attn: Bishop's Dollar Fund, PO Box 2279, Roanoke, VA 24009.

Or, donate online at dioswva.org/online-giving.html.

Flower Deliveries

The Flower Guild is requesting help with delivering flowers to parishioners on Mondays. The guild separates the donated flowers, from Sunday's service (excluding Lent, Easter, and Christmas), into small vases for distribution along with a note expressing love from their parish family. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, or if a couple would like to do it together, please email Claudia Ellis cmeadellis@comcast.net.

Helping our Neighbors

We have the opportunity to help our neighbors at Christ Church in Buena Vista and those they serve. Their mission, Community Closet, serves the greater Rockbridge County area with clothing and household items at no charge. The Closet is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon and needs volunteers to help clients during these hours. The goal is to have four teams of two people from Grace for each Saturday. You are invited to share in this ministry by contacting Gail Dickerson at gdickerson447@gmail.com or 540-817-3466, or Christ Church's Susie Trimble at 540-461-1299 or susietrimble@rockbridge.net.

Thursday Lenten Service and Lunch at Manly

The Community Lenten Preaching Service and Lunch is held on Thursdays at 12:10pm through Lent at Manly Memorial Baptist Church. Sponsored by Rockbridge Area Ministers Association.

Habitat for Humanity Chili Cook-Off, Sunday March 29

For this year's Habitat for Humanity's Chili Cook-Off the local churches are in competition with one another. Merce Brooke's "I stole it from the internet" Chili won first prize at Grace's Cook-Off on February 2.

We need a group of cooks to gather Saturday, March 28 to cook 8 gallons of Merce's winning chili recipe. We also need several large capacity crock pots to keep the chili warm for the contest the next day.

Contact Pat McGuire magsvmi85@gmail.com if you are able to help cook or have a crockpot that we can borrow.

Cake Walk sponsored by the ARC of Rockbridge

Saturday, March 28, 6 to 8 pm, Grace Episcopal Church.

Baked Goods Donations Needed thearcofrockbridge@yahoo.com.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

March 15, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *The Venite Psalm 95*

Jack Noble White

Hymn 525 The Church's one foundation *Aurelia*

A Penitential Order

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 351

Kyrie eleison

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Music: Russian Orthodox; arr. by John L. Bell, © 1990, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Hymn S-35 Venite

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering

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produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hymn 464 He is the Way *New Dance*

John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for

harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The Sermon Fr. Tuck

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Please pray for the wider Church and intercessions requested by our congregants: Pray for the Church of England, The Most Rev and Right Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. Pray for the students and staff of Stuart Hall, headmaster, Michael Robinson and chaplain, The Rev. Connor Gwin. Pray for the 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.

Pray for Jeanne Eichelberger, Bettie Cadden, Frances Marcus, Rev. Susan Bentley, Lynda DeMaria, Bob DeMaria, Mary Craighill, Lori Sadler, Pam Holsten, Jordan (friend of David Cox), Lynne Johnson, Melissa Hays-Smith, Pat Gibson, Polly Lawrence, Greg Lemmer, Kent Wilson, Myra Brush.

Pray for those affected by unsafe living conditions, poverty, disease, especially Covid-19, violence and oppression. Pray for those suffering with opioid addiction and their families.

Pray for Martha Burford as she discerns her call to the diaconate and her local reflection group, Uncas McThenia, Jeanne Eichelberger, Steve Shultis, Carey Harveycutter, Anne Hansen and Preston Evans.

In thanksgiving for birthdays this week of Wade Branner, Ed Craun, Catherine Marcus, Gray Huger, Elizabeth Knapp, Amber Lewis, Pat McGuire, John Milford, Shay Peters, Bill Sayre, Cecile West-Settle.

Priest: Come, let us adore Christ, who refreshes us with springs of living water and calls us to be a people of prayer and thanksgiving, as we respond, "Kyrie eleison".

Litanist: For the Church throughout the world, that all who lead the people of God during the present age may have courage to endure the disputes and sufferings of our time, and to have the vision to see the places in which God is revealing his presence in our midst; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison

That we may not fear those whose ways are destructive to society, or who condemn the faith we cherish, or who commit acts which grieve the heart of Christ, that instead we may extend the hand of charity to all people, and witness to the power of transforming love; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison**

For leaders of government, that they may drink from the waters of holy peace and bring to the world's peoples the hope of a new and more prosperous life; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison**

That we may extend the lamp of charity to all whom we have harmed and to all who have brought darkness to our souls, knowing that all have fallen short of God's glory, and that all are invited into a redeemed and grace-filled life; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison**

For Christians throughout the world who are offering their finest gifts of bread and wine on the Sabbath day, that through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Body and Blood of Christ will be received across every distinction of race, class, and nationality; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison**

For an ever-deepening sense of God's presence in all our lives, but most especially in those who will receive rites of initiation this Easter season; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and those whose faith is known to God alone; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison**

Confident that we are all within reach of the saving embrace of Jesus, let us continue our prayers (*you may add your intentions silently or aloud*); let us pray.

Kyrie eleison

The Peace

Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Anthem: If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee arr. Jody Lindh

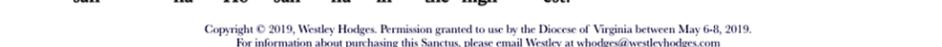
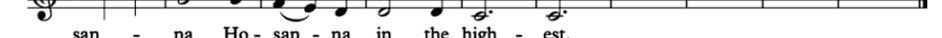
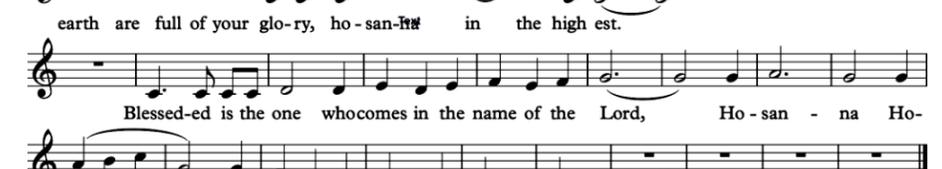
At the presentation: *Create in me a clean heart, O God*



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Westley Hodges



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The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem



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