

The Peace (responsive)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Anthem *As the Deer* Martin Nystrom, arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

✦ Doxology (sung)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦ Prayer of Dedication

HEARING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Hymn 203 (vs. 2) *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

Children's Time

Hymn 203 (vs. 3) *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

EPISTLE READING 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 NT (p. 201)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:27-34 OT (p. 691)

SERMON *Patience* William M. Klein

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION [A time to reflect upon the implications of scripture and sermon for your life.]

✦ HYMN 51 *To Abraham and Sarah*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [An expression of our common hope and purpose.]

Affirmation in Words (unison)

from *A Declaration of Faith* (PCUSA)

All things will be renewed in Christ. In Him, God gave us a glimpse of the new creation he has already begun and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come. In our time, we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way. We do not see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new. The fellowship of human beings with God and each other will be perfected. (Ch. 10, (2), lines 13-29).

Affirmation in Song (sung through twice)

Gloria, Gloria

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

✦ HYMN 546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *A Gaelic Blessing* John Rutter

✦ BLESSING IN MUSIC [During the playing of the music you are encouraged to greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ, or to remain seated and allow the music to aid you in fashioning some final prayers.]

I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ Johann Pachelbel

All are invited and encouraged to attend Coffee Fellowship in Brady Chapel.

✦ Those who are able may stand.

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Music Notes:

Handbell Music: The **prelude** is a gentle piece (2009) by the American church musician, A. Steven Taranto. The **anthem** is an arrangement (1998) by Patricia Sanders Cota of a well known hymn (1984) by the contemporary Christian musician, Martin Nystrom (b. 1956). Nystrom's song text draws upon Psalms 42 and 28.

Choir Music: The **choral call to worship** is a well-known praise song of unknown authorship, sung in a choral arrangement by the contemporary Christian musician/songwriter, Steven V. Taylor (b. 1954). The text:

*From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same,
The name of the Lord shall be praised. So praise ye the Lord!*

The closing **choral response** is a lovely setting (1978) by John Rutter (b. 1945) of words from an old Gaelic rune. The text:

*Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.*

Congregational Hymns: "**I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**" is one of the many hymn texts by the Scottish pastor and poet, Horatius Bonar (1809-1889). We sing his words to the tune "Kingsfold," a traditional English melody first adapted for hymn use (*The English Hymnal*, 1906) by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). The choir's descant is by Lois Fyfe. At the children's time we sing from "**Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**," a Ghanaian hymn translated by Tom Colvin (1925-2000), Scottish pastor and legendary missionary to Africa. The tune ("Chereponi") is a Ghanaian melody adapted by Colvin and arranged further by the American church musician, Jane Manton Marshall (b. 1924). "**To Abraham and Sarah**," celebrating the great story of Genesis 17, was written in 1984 by Judith Fetter (b. 1934), a member of the United Church of Canada. We sing her words to the tune "Llanfyllin," first published in a Canadian hymnal in 1938, is a rendering in major mode of a well-known Welsh tune in minor ("Llangloffan"). "**Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing**," long attributed to the English (Baptist) pastor, John Fawcett (1740-1817), was first published in a hymnal supplement in 1773. The text of the third stanza was altered from the original by Anglican clergyman and hymn writer, Godfre Thring (1823-1903). The tune ("Sicilian Mariners"), said to be of Sicilian origin, appeared in European and English collections at the very end of the eighteenth century. This text and tune first appeared together in 1803.

Organ Music: The **postlude**, based on a great Reformation hymn melody, is by the celebrated German musician, Johann Pachelbel (1654-1706).

Following Time with the Children, those in **K - 3rd grade** will be excused to Enrichment in Room 200. **For children ages 3-12**, there are folders in the foyer near the elevator with color sheets, puzzles and related worship materials, as well as children's Bibles / books.

9:45 - 10:45: Nursery (infant - 3 yrs)

Sunday School Class (3-4 yrs)

10:45-12:00: Nursery (infant -5 yrs)

Announcements & Opportunities

Assisting with 11:00am worship leadership this morning is Clayton Murtha, a Senior at Washington and Lee University.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Deb Klein by her three children. Happy Birthday, mom!

Our deepest **sympathies** to Susan Mahoney Alexander in the death Sunday, March 11, of her mother, Lovey Mahoney. A graveside service was held for her this past Friday at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery.

Tonight, 6:00pm, at Life Chapel, the movie *I'm Not Ashamed*, a documentary about Rachel Joy Scott, the first student killed during the 1999 shooting spree at Columbine High School. Sponsored by Manly Baptist and Life Chapel – all are welcome.

This Wednesday - Mar. 21, 7-8pm, Brady Chapel- **Book Discussion** – we'll be discussing Charles Dew's *The Making of a Racist: A Southerner Reflects on Family, History, and the Slave Trade*. Books are still available at The Bookery-10% off when mentioning this book study!

The **MUSIC AT NOON** series of organ recitals for Lent continues on the next two Wednesdays: William Stewart on March 21, and William McCorkle on March 28.

The Final Thursday Community Lenten Service will be held at Manly Memorial Baptist Church at 12:10pm. The **speaker** will be Rev. Sarah Hill. A light lunch (\$5 cost) will follow the service in the church's fellowship hall. 30 minutes in length. All are invited.

Thursday Bible Study: 5:00pm, Brady Chapel; half-hour time of study, prayer, and worship. During the season of Lent you are encouraged to make our Thursday Prayer and Bible Study a Lenten discipline. All are welcome.

Palm Sunday Parade - Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. With the members of the other downtown churches we will gather at **9:30 at Hopkins Green** for a brief worship service. Then we will **parade** together from church to church in celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Hot Cross Buns - One of the Christian traditions that comes from Great Britain is eating "hot cross buns" during Easter. These fruited and spiced yeast buns are marked with a cross as a symbol of the crucifixion. We will be serving hot cross buns after the community Palm Sunday parade on Sunday, March 25th. Please join us in Brady Chapel **during the Sunday School hour** to share the blessings of Easter and friendship.

On Maundy Thursday, March 29, our **Seder Service and Meal** will begin at **5:30 pm** in Dunlap Auditorium. Please note the earlier start time. Kindly sign-up using the Thantastic Thursday notebook, or call the church office. All are invited to this special family service and supper.

The Koinonia Sunday School Class will embark on a five week study entitled, **Pursuing the Beloved Community**. The curriculum was created by the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia in an effort to understand the nature of systemic racism, and to work toward racial justice and healing in the name of Christ. Deb Klein will convene the discussion on March 11 & 18, April 8, 15, and 29. All are welcome to join. More information about the study can be found at www.dioswva.org.

Educational grant applications for 2018-2019 are now available for students interested in financial assistance for college or graduate study. Information about the grants and the application are available on the church's website or at www.lexpres/educational-grants/.

Brunch will follow the 11:00am worship service today and will be sponsored by our youth. It is intended as a **fundraiser** to help pay for two mission trips planned this summer. Bring your checkbooks and get ready for fun! Every donation helps lower the cost the trips for our young people and buys a strip of duct tape to tape our Youth Director, John Turnbull, to the wall. Ask friends/family to come too!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN (3/18)	8:45 Informal Worship 9:15 Youth Choir 9:30 LTT Rehearsal 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Youth-Sponsored Brunch – see note4 7:00 Lam Handbells
MON (3/19)	4:00 Worship Committee 6:00 Young Adult House Church
TUES (3/20)	10:00 Lectio Divina 5:30 Property Committee
WEDS (3/21)	12:00 Christian Education Committee 12:00 Music at Noon 4:30 Finance Committee 5:00 Outreach Committee 7:00 Book Discussion Series, Book #2 – See Note
THURS (3/22)	12:10 Lenten Service at Manly Baptist – See Note 5:00 Bible Study 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal
SUN (3/25)	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:45 Informal Worship 9:30 Palm Sunday Parade – See Note Hot Cross Buns after Parade – See Note 11:00 Worship 4:00 Installation of Kevin Channel at Collierstown Church 7:00 Lam Handbells

RARA Pantry Item (March): Pasta/Spaghetti Sauce



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
18 March 2018
11:00 AM

If you are carrying a cell phone or some other electronic device, please turn it off before worship begins.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *Bell Prayer* A. Steven Taranto

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger and abounding in love.

The Lord makes a new covenant with us.

We are God's people; the Lord is our God.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *From the Rising of the Sun*
arr. Steven Taylor

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life of the Church – Cynthia Hintze - Women Build

PRAYER OF ADORATION

✠ HYMN 182 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Redeeming God, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You write your law in our hearts, yet we pretend we do not know you. You lifted up Christ for all to see, yet we turn away from your glory. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to delight in your way, to seek you with all our hearts, and to trust in your saving love.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response (responsive)

We are washed in the waters of God's grace.

Thanks be to God.

*Please ask an Usher for assistance with hearing devices
& large print bulletins*