

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response (responsive)

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

**Thanks be to God.**

The Peace (responsive)

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life of the Church – Liz Shupe – Festival of Faith

#### PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Anthem *See What Love Hath the Father Bestowed on Us* (St. Paul)  
Felix Mendelssohn

✦ 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 240 (vs. 1) *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Children's Message

Hymn 240 (vs. 2) *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

FIRST READING 1 John 3:1-3 NT (p. 225)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 NT (p. 163)

SERMON *The Body* William M. Klein

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

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

##### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION (responsive)

Come, come, O Christ, and stand in our midst as you did stand in the midst of your disciples, and speak to us words of peace.

**Peace to each woman, peace to each man.**

Peace to each family, peace to each child.

**Peace to the creatures, peace to the nations.**

Peace in our hearts, peace in our world.

**Come, come, O Christ, and stand in the midst of your disciples, and speak to us words of peace.**

Come to us from the heart of God.

**Come to us from the garden of our beginnings.**

Come to us from the center of this moment.

#### **Come to us from the true depths of our soul.**

Come, come, O Christ, and stand in our midst as you did stand in the midst of your disciples, and speak to us words of peace.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HYMN 513 (vss. 3, 4, &5) (remain seated)

*This Is the Feast of Victory*

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

ANTHEM *O Taste and See* Iona Community

#### COMMUNION PRAYER

✦ HYMN 630

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *O Taste and See* Ralph Vaughan Williams

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*All are invited and encouraged to attend Coffee Fellowship in Brady Chapel after the Congregational Meeting.*

✦ Those who are able may stand.

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\*Nursery, Sunday School and Enrichment will be available at the normal times on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> during Festival of Faith\*

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)

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#### Music Notes:

*Choir Music:* The **choral call to worship** is an Easter song from the rich store of liturgical music of the Taizé Community in France. In this song the children, functioning as a leader group, sing verses derived from scripture, which are answered by a choral refrain. The music is by the French musician, Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), who composed most of the music for Taizé's early decades. The choir's text:

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. Surrexit Christus, alleluia!*

*For God's love has no end. Cantate Domino, alleluia!*

*The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my song. The Lord is risen, alleluia!*

*God has been my Savior. Sing out and praise the Lord, alleluia!*

*I shall not die; I shall live. Surrexit Christus, alleluia!*

*I shall live and recount God's deeds. Cantate Domino, alleluia!*

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The **anthem**, a setting of 1 John 3:1, is from the oratorio *St. Paul*, op. 36 (1834-1836), by Felix Mendelssohn. The text:

*See what love hath the father bestowed on us in his goodness,*

*that we might be called God's children.*

The **anthem** during the **communion** comes from the rich store of song created for the Iona Community in Scotland. The text, full of scriptural precedents and illusion, was

written by a group from the Community. The music is by John Bell (b. 1949), the Community's muse. The choir's text:

*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is! Happy are those who put their trust in him.*

*So give him thanks, and praise his name forever. All that we need comes from his hand.*

*The bread of heaven is in mercy broken; the cup is blessed and passed at Christ's command.*

*The feast of heaven is shared by earthly people: all are made one and called God's own.*

*Stretch out your hands, touch, and taste, the goodness;*

*let bread and wine Christ's peace and power relate;*

*And let the Spirit stir both hope and healing: such are the gifts we celebrate.*

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The closing **choral response** is a well-known setting of Psalm 34:8 by the British master musician, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). The text:

*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the one that trusteth in him.*

*Congregational Hymns:* “**To God Be the Glory**” is one of the many gospel hymn texts by the American poet/author, Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915). This hymn was all but lost until used for a Billy Graham crusade in 1954. The tune (“To God Be the Glory”) was composed for Crosby's words by the American businessman and composer, Willam Howard Doane (1832-1915). At the **children's time** we sing from the Easter hymn, “**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks,**” written (words and music) in 1971 by Donald Fishel (b. 1950) for the Word of God Community in Michigan. The text combines the Easter theme of resurrection with passages from Paul's letters. “**This Is the Feast of Victory,**” a paraphrase of radiant passages from Revelation, was written by the Lutheran pastor and professor, John W. Arthur (1922-1980), and is used in place of the *Gloria* during the Easter season in Lutheran (and other) liturgies. The tune (“Festival Canticle”) was composed in 1975 by Richard W. Hillert (1923-2010), Lutheran musician and professor. The text of “**Fairest Lord Jesus**” has been traced to the Jesuits in Münster (Germany) in 1662. We sing the English translation which first appeared in Richard Storrs Willis' *Church Chorals and Choir Studies* (1850). The tune (“Crusaders' Hymn”) was first published in a German collection in 1842. The choir's descant is by William McCorkle.

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#### Announcements & Opportunities

**Assisting** with worship leadership this morning is Mallory Keeley.

The **soloist** in the choir's closing response is Melissa Holland.

**Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor and celebration of Tunny Padgett, long term member of the church, who recently turned 97 years old. With much love from your son and daughter.

✿A **Congregational Meeting** will be held at the close of worship this morning for two purposes: 1) to elect Mac Baker and Max Judge for two-year terms and Cynthia Hintze and Myra Young for three-year terms on the Nominating Committee; and 2) Mimi Elrod to serve as President of Lexington Presbyterian Church, Inc.

Our deepest **sympathy** goes out to Jim and Barbara Joyner on the death of their grandson Thomas, as well as Jim and Connie Gianniny, Thomas's maternal grandparents. Additionally we extend **sympathy** to parents Laura and Jamie Joyner and daughter, Caroline, as they grieve the loss of their son and brother.

**Congratulations** to Jamie and Lori Inman on the birth of their granddaughter, Sawyer Rose Inman, born to Erik and Jordan Inman on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, in beautiful Ft. Drum, NY.

**McAllister Family News:** Channel 10 News recently did a story on the recent kidney surgery of Preston and Meredith McAllister. Here is the link: <https://www.wsls.com/news/virginia/lexington/23-year-old-lexington-woman-donates-kidney-to-save-twin-brothers-life>  
If you need help accessing it, call the church office.

\*An **ordination ceremony** for Thomas Carrico will take place at Finley Memorial Church this afternoon-3:00pm. Congratulations to Tommy!

**Festival of Faith – April 21 - 22 – “A Cross Examination of Racism”** full schedule:

Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm:

Rev. Dr. Roger Gench will provide a discussion in the sanctuary, with a dessert reception in Brady Chapel after.

Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> :

**NO EARLY WORSHIP**

9:45am – Rev. Gench will teach with combined adult Sunday School classes in Brady Chapel

11:00am – Rev. Gench will preach during the worship in the sanctuary

Lunch in Dunlap after 11am service, \$6/person, \$16/family

1:00pm presentation by Rev. Gench in Dunlap

\*Children’s nursery, Sunday School and Enrichment will all be available as usual on this Sunday, beginning at 9:45am.

Mon., Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30pm:

LA Theatre Works, The Mountaintop-Lenfest W&L

\***MUSIC AT NOON:** this Thursday, April 19, will feature **guitarist** Richard Lord. Rick Lord is a retired Episcopal priest and classical guitarist currently serving at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Ivy, Virginia. He earned an undergraduate degree in Guitar Performance from Catholic University in 1976 and has continued to play and study alongside his active ministry for the last 35 years. The program this Thursday will include pieces by Sor, Ponce, Satie, Bach, and Dowland.

**Educational grant applications** for 2018-2019 are now available for students interested in financial assistance for college or graduate study. Info and applications are available on the church's website or at [www.lexpres/educational-grants/](http://www.lexpres/educational-grants/). Due May 1<sup>st</sup>!

*Rhythms of Grace* is an alternative worship service for children and families with special needs. A *Rhythms of Grace* service combines storytelling, arts & crafts, therapeutic play and a celebration of Holy Communion. This service can provide a space for families to come to church and participate without being disruptive in a traditional worship service. Sharon Massie, Program Director at Grace Episcopal will lead this service on Sunday, April 29, 2:00 PM, at the **Grace Episcopal Parish Hall**. If you would like to be a part of this service or know more, contact Sharon: [sharon@graceepiscopalexington.org](mailto:sharon@graceepiscopalexington.org).

**Community Table Desserts: Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Éclair cakes (recipe in Murray Hall and on The City): You may leave dessert Sunday afternoon or Monday morning in the Brady Kitchenette – they’ll be delivered to The Community Table by 2pm that day. Or you can deliver them directly to serving location on the ground floor of the RARA Piavano Building at 350 Spotswood Drive. Sign up on the sheet outside the church office, email or call Mary Beth Baker (mbbaker35@yahoo.com or 463-9563).

This is the 19th year for **Lexington’s Great Strides for Cystic Fibrosis** event in Lexington. It the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation’s largest fundraiser which has been instrumental in funding the science that is nearing a cure. Please make plans to join Lex Pres friends & families on Saturday, April 28th, 9:30am, starting at Jordan’s Point Park.

**Community VBS: June 4-8, 9am to noon.** Ages 4 to rising 6th graders. Good Shepherd, Grace Episcopal, Manley Memorial and Trinity Methodist are partnering with us. Our program will engage children with Bible stories, crafts, music and activities focused on water, seeds, soil, and harvest. Special activities include mini-action trips to a local community garden, the Farmer’s Market and Woods Creek. Teachers and teen volunteers are needed! Go to The City or the church website to register your children.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
SUN (4/15)	12:30 Confirmation Class 3:00 Ordination Ceremony 5:00 LTT 6:00 Youth Group 7:00 Lam Handbells
MON (4/16)	4:00 Worship Committee
TUES (4/17)	10:00 Lectio Divina 5:30 Property Committee
WEDS (4/18)	12:00 Christian Ed. Committee 1:00 Congregational Life Committee 4:30 Finance Committee 5:00 Outreach Committee 7:00 Community Book Discussion
THURS (4/19)	12:00 Music at Noon 5:00 Bible Study 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal
<b>April 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Festival of Faith</b> (see announcements)	
SAT (4/21)	7:00 Festival of Faith (FoF) - Presentation Dessert Reception after Presentation
SUN (4/22)	8:45 <b>NO Early Worship</b> 9:15 Youth Choir 9:30 Lam Handbells Rehearsal 9:45 Combined Adult Sunday School-Brady Chapel 11:00 Worship – FoF – Rev. Gench Preaching 12:00 Festival of Faith Lunch 1:00 Festival of Faith Presentation 5:00 LTT



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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY**  
15 April 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 *Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*  
Heinrich Scheidemann

CALL TO WORSHIP  
The bread of life opens our eyes.

***The word of life opens our ears.***

The risen one shows us God’s own brokenness,

***And by those wounds we are healed.***

Peace be with you.

***And also with you.***

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Surrexit Christus, Alleluia!*  
Jacques Berthier

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ HYMN 634 *To God Be the Glory*

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

***Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, more ignorant of your presence in our lives than we should. We misunderstand your Son’s life, death, and resurrection. Hear us as we acknowledge our failure to give as you have given to us. We ask your mercy and seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always.***

Silent Confession

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