

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Congregational Response (Responsively)
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

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Solo
I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked Geoffrey O'Hara

✦ 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 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This*
Children's Time 4¢-a-Meal Offering

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 43:16-21 OT (p. 632)

GOSPEL READING John 12:1-8 NT (p. 100)

SERMON *What Not to Postpone* William M. Klein

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation
The Great Thanksgiving
Hymn 76 *Do Not Be Afraid*
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Anthem: *O Lord Most Holy* César Franck
Communion Prayer

✦ HYMN 201 *A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD (A departing blessing)

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *To Thee, O Lord* Sergei Rachmaninoff

✦ BLESSING IN MUSIC
Prelude in E Minor (BWV 533) Johann Sebastian Bach
(During 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 final prayers.)

✦ Those who are able may stand.

The flowers are given by The Jefferson Florist to the glory of God and in celebration of the Rockbridge Choral Society's Handel performance this evening.

Assisting in worship is Tom Goodale.

We are grateful for the contribution to our worship by our guest soloists, Kyle Tomlin, tenor, and K. C. Armstrong, bass, who will be part of the Rockbridge Choral Society's performance of festive anthems by Handel, to be given tonight at 7:00 here at the church.

Wholeness and Healing Service--This evening you are invited to attend our first-Sunday Wholeness & Healing service at 5 p.m. in Brady Chapel. This 45-minute service is led by your pastor. Everyone is welcome to attend... spread the word.

Ecumenical Lenten Service—Bill Klein will be the speaker at the concluding ecumenical Lenten service this coming Thursday at 12:10 in the sanctuary of Manly Memorial Baptist Church.

Hallelujah Handel! Concert Here Tonight at 7—The Rockbridge Choral Society Concert with chamber orchestra and soloists, will present three festive anthems by G. F. Handel in the sanctuary. Tickets for this exuberant concert will be available at the door.

Prayer Vigil—Project Horizon will host a prayer vigil tonight at 6 for victims of sexual abuse. The vigil will take place at Randolph Street UMC. Various faith leaders from the local community, including our Associate Pastor, Sarah Hill, will be offering prayers during the vigil. All are welcome to be a part of this event.

Thantastic Thursday—This week we'll enjoy a meal of meat loaf, red potatoes, salad bar and dessert, followed by musical entertainment by Burr Datz. Dinner at 5:45 and program at 6:30 in Dunlap Auditorium. Cost is \$6/person or \$16 max/family. Sign up on the sheet outside the office or email kkennedy@lexpres.org.

Directory Deadline—The deadline for submitting photographs for our new directory is April 30. You may submit a photo by email to kkennedy@lexpres.org or drop a photo by the office to be copied. You may also call the office to arrange to have a photo taken. A draft copy of the directory is in Room 111 (Library). Please check your photo and listing and if you have changes, contact Kimberly.

PALM SUNDAY

April 14

8:45 & 11, Worship in the Sanctuary
9:30, Parade begins from Hopkins Green
9:45, Sunday School with Hot Cross Buns

MAUNDY THURSDAY

OBSERVANCE

April 18, 5:30-7:30

A traditional Passover meal,
followed by communion.

EASTER

April 21

7 a.m., Sunrise Service at Manly Memorial
8:45 and 11, Easter Worship here in the Sanctuary

Educational Assistance Grants Available—Instructions for submitting an application and the grant application form can be found under the "Learn" tab on our LPC website: www.lexpres.org. These grants are not limited to college; they can also be used for vocational/technical schools, graduate or professional programs, or other specialized training. All applications for the Educational Grants are due in the church office by May 1.

Host Families Needed—The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) has students coming to Virginia this year who need homes. The students will be arriving in August 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information about hosting or to refer someone, please contact Cindy Miller at chmiller@rockbridge.net, (540) 817-8851.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

The nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. (for Early Worship attendees) until 12:15, after the final worship service.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS, April 7-13

TODAY	5:00	Wholeness & Healing (Brady Chapel)
	7:00	RCS Hallelujah Handel!
MON	9:30	Shawl Ministry
	4:30	Worship Committee
TUES	10:00	Lectio Divina
	5:00	Campus Subcommittee
WEDS	9:00	Indoor Farmer's Market
	10:00	Mary Circle
	7:00	Leah Circle
THURS	12:10	Lenten Service at Manly Memorial Baptist (Bill Klein, speaker)
	Noon	Ruth Circle
	1:00	Christian Education Committee
	5:45	Thantastic Thursday with Burr Datz
	7:30	Adult Choir Practice
FRI	4:45	Handbells

Music Rehearsal Reminders for Sunday, April 14

9:00	Youth Choir
9:30	Handbells
Noon	Handbells

RARA Pantry Item of the Month (April): Peanut Butter and Jelly

MUSIC NOTES

Choir Music: The **choral call to worship** is an Israeli traditional song, arranged (1987) by the Canadian musician, Darryl Nixon (b. 1953), a key figure in the Vancouver sacred music world. The choir's text:

Joy shall come even to the wilderness, and the parched land shall then know great gladness; as the rose shall deserts like a garden blossom.

For living springs shall give cool water; in the deserts streams shall flow.

The offertory **solo** is well-known hymn composition of the multi-faceted Canadian musician, Geoffrey O'Hara (1882-1967). The text:

I walked today where Jesus walked, in days of long ago. I wandered down each path He knew, with reverent step and slow. Those little lanes, they have not changed, a sweet peace fills the air. I walked today where Jesus walked, and felt Him close to me. (continued on next panel)

My pathway led through Bethlehem, a memory's ever sweet. The little hills of Galilee, that knew His childish feet. The Mount of Olives, hallowed scenes, that Jesus knew before. I saw the mighty Jordan row, as in the days of yore.

I knelt today where Jesus knelt, where all alone he prayed. The Garden of Gethsemane, My heart felt unafraid. I picked my heavy burden up, and with Him at my side, I climbed the Hill of Calvary, where on the Cross He Died!

The **anthem** during the communion is a well-known sacred song by the great French composer, César Franck (1822-1890), in a version for solo voice and choir, using an English text of unknown origin. The text:

O Lord most holy, O loving Father, thee would we be praising alway. Help us to know thee and love thee; Father, grant us thy truth and grace; guide and defend us. Rule thou our willful hearts; Keep thou our wandering thoughts; In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in thee; And in temptation's hour, Save through thy mighty power, Thine aid O send us; Hear us in mercy; Show us thy favor. So shall we live and sing praise to thee.

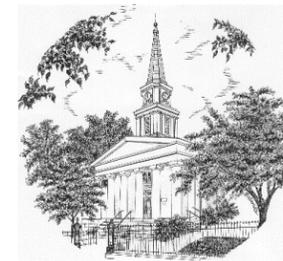
The closing **choral response**, from the rich store of liturgical music by the Russian master composer, Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943); is a setting of Psalm 25:1. The English version, by the Scottish musician, A. M. Henderson (1879-1957):

To thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. My God, I trust in thee.

Congregational Hymns: "**Let Us with a Gladsome Mind**" is taken from a paraphrase of Psalm 136, written by [the monumental English poet] John Milton (1608-1674) at the age of fifteen. Milton's original version consisted of twenty-four two-line stanzas with the refrain. Our hymnal version reflects: Psalm 136:1, 7-9, 25, 26. At the children's time we sing the well-known "**What Wondrous Love Is This**." The words of this beautiful American folk hymn were first published in 1811 in a camp meeting songbook. The tune ("Wondrous Love") first appeared (with this text) is William Walker's *Southern Harmony* (1843). The text of "**Do Not Be Afraid**," by the Presbyterian poet and hymn writer, Joy F. Patterson (b. 1931), paraphrases verses from Isaiah 43. These powerful words are joined with a lovely melody ("Isaiah 43") by the North Carolinian musician, Sally Ann Morris (b. 1952), who has been composing hymn tunes since 1990. "**A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar**" is one of the many wonderful texts by Brian Wren (b. 1936), one of the most respected hymn-writers of our time. We sing his words to a well-known tune ("How Can I Keep from Singing") by the American preacher, writer, and composer, Robert Lowry (1826-1899).

Organ Music: The **prelude** and **postlude** together comprise of the many great 'preludes and fugues' for organ by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). Shorter than many of its companion great works, the E Minor set is well-known and enjoyed by organists.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
7 April 2019
11:00 AM

Please turn off cell phones and other electronic devices before worship begins.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Fugue in E Minor (BWV 533) Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Isaiah 43 (*Jewish Study Bible*)

Do not recall what happened of old, or ponder what happened of yore!

I am about to do something new; even now it shall come to pass, suddenly you shall perceive it:

I will make a road through the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

For I provide water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Joy Shall Come Israeli traditional song, arr. Nixon

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ HYMN 31

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We fix our minds on former things, missing the new thing. We focus on worldly treasure and gain, forgetting the value of knowing your Son. Forgive us, gracious God. Through the great mystery of faith, deliver us from our captivity to sin and lead us from death to life.