

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

HOLY COMMUNION

Our service of Holy Communion is live-streamed each Sunday at 10 AM on our YouTube channel.

If you would like to receive communion on Sundays, you may come to the church from 11 AM -12 PM, after the service, and Rev. Robin will bring it out to your car.

Please email Robin at rteasley@christandgrace.org to let her know you plan to come by for communion and she will consecrate it for you that morning. Please email before 8 PM Saturday evening.

If you would like an outside home visit, contact Robin and she will bring communion to you on Sunday after 1 PM.

PRAYER LIST

We beg you to feed the hungry, protect the refugee, embrace the distressed, house the homeless, nurse the sick, and comfort the dying. Especially we pray for Dale Bateman, Daniel, Katie, and Thomas Clark, John Haman, Sharon Plymire, Tasha Rempfer, Lilly Rudd, Mark Sheffield, Ted Simpson and Elaine Yeatts.

To add someone to our prayer list, please contact the church office at 733-7202. We will keep names on the list about a month so please contact us if they need to remain longer.

To send a note of encouragement to parishioners on the Prayer List, please use the on line church directory that you can find at www.christandgrace.org. Contact the church office 733-7202 for the log in password or for additional assistance.

PALM SUNDAY PASSION NARRATIVE

We are not certain yet what our worship will look like on Palm Sunday, but if you are comfortable being in the worship space, wearing a mask and safely distanced, please consider signing up for one of the parts in the Passion Narrative.

The narrative is Mark 14-15. There are 12 parts available: Narrator, Jesus, Pilate, Peter, Judas, Chief Priest, Disciple, High Priest, Servant Girl, Bystander, Soldier, Centurion

Parts will be assigned first come first served! Please email your preference to Robin+ at rteasley@christandgrace.org

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Each year we decorate the church with beautiful spring flowers for Easter. While we are not yet sure what Easter will look like this year, our service is always live-streamed and the flowers add beauty to our worship that many beyond our parish view when worshipping with us virtually.

If you would like to dedicate an Easter memorial in memory or honor of a loved one, please click on the button below to print a form to send us your information and payment. The memorials will be printed in our online bulletin. The deadline to submit a memorial is March 26. Please mail your form and payment to the church office, or drop through the back door mail slot. Call the church office for questions or assistance.

Make checks payable to Christ and Grace with "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Your \$10 payment will help our flower guild create a beautiful arrangement to celebrate the Resurrection and honor your loved ones.

ALTAR FLOWERS

To paraphrase an old saying, "March showers have not brought April flowers". We've been doing well with flower signups, but the month of April is wide open. We need your help to beautify our altar! We have dates open from April through September just waiting for you to honor a loved one. To schedule your dedication, contact Lee at 243-3302 or at shakubuku42@gmail.com with your dedications, or if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support for beautifying our altar, even in these difficult times. The cost is \$55, payable to Christ and Grace. Here's hoping we can soon enjoy the flowers in person; until then, tune in to our live stream on Sundays to see this week's arrangement.

CHRIST AND GRACE OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

We have a critical need of coordinators and volunteers for the Hope Center Lunch program and the Christmas Angel Tree ministry. Our ability to continue supporting these ministries is at risk without your help. If you are interested in leading or assisting with one or both of these programs please contact Robin at 733-7202 or Debbie Newman 691-8153 for more information.

LENT AT CHRIST AND GRACE

Lent in a Bag Devotional Kits

Contain activities for all ages, individuals and families to keep Lent at home. Available for pickup Feb. 17, Ash Wednesday, and Friday, Feb. 19. Contact the church office to request delivery as needed

Compline for Lent

Wednesdays in Lent after 6 pm on our YouTube Channel, beginning Feb. 24

Palm Sunday

Live streamed at 10 am on March 28

Maundy Thursday Service

Prerecorded for availability any time on April 1

Good Friday Service

Prerecorded for availability any time on April 2

Easter Day

Live streamed at 10 am on April 3

Holy Communion is available following all Sunday services, and on Ash Wednesday and the Wednesday of Holy Week. Contact Robin+ or the church office if you would like to come by the church to receive communion.

COMPLINE IN LENT

Join us each Wednesday evening for a service of Compline. It's available on our YouTube channel <https://bit.ly/3kVvNR5> each Wednesday from 6pm onward.

The Order of Compline can be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 127. This is an ancient prayer, believed to have originated in about the 6th Century in monasteries. The monks would say this at the end of each day, bringing the day to a close in beauty, peace, thanksgiving, and hope.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Everyone at Christ and Grace is invited to join in the celebration of Esther Bristow's 100th birthday on March 14th. We hope you will send her a card - it can be a birthday card or any note card.

Christ and Grace is also sending her a special gift from all of us.

Esther Bristow

The Petersburg Home for Ladies

311 S. Jefferson St, Petersburg, VA 23803-4337

PRAYER FROM THE SALT PROJECT RESOURCES

Good shepherd, thank you for walking with us through this valley of the shadow of death: through the suffering, the anxiety, the loneliness, the boredom, the longing for closeness and the longing for personal space, the confusion and fear, the impatience and hope, the good days and the bad.

Forgive us for our suspicions of each other, the ways this ordeal has made us more divided, as a country and a world. Help us bridge our differences and come together - even as we are physically distant.

Thank you for all the ways, large and small, that this ordeal has strengthened us as a community: the acts of kindness, the new ways of doing things, the support we've offered and received.

Forgive us for the inequities this pandemic has exposed. Kindle in our hearts a new commitment to justice as we build our community together. Keep us ever mindful of those most in need.

We pray especially for those of us who have lost loved ones, lost jobs, lost hope.

Let us be good company, even from afar; good neighbors; and good friends.

We pray especially for those on the front lines of the pandemic, for all who are in harm's way.

Gentle God, we ask that you continue to keep watch with those who work, or watch, or weep this day. Walk with those whose bodies are holding memories of sickness, of trauma, of pain, of confusion, of chaos, of isolation.

Give your angels charge over those who still cannot sleep because of anxiety or grief.

Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; all for your love's sake.

God of love and hope, lift our spirits as we dare to look ahead, dare to hope and dream about the new world to come. Strengthen our efforts, deepen our wisdom, so we might hasten that day. And until that day, keep our eyes and hearts open to the signs of hope and life all around us.

For new ways to connect, we give you thanks and praise!

For teachers and nurses and doctors and agricultural workers and grocery clerks and small business owners and frontline workers of all kinds, we give you thanks and praise!

For the beautiful hope of being together again in person one day, lifting our voices in song, passing the peace, sharing a cup of coffee, being able to hug one another again — for that day that is surely coming, we give you thanks and praise!

For the ways in which our eyes have been opened by this ordeal, for the ways in which our hearts have been broken and put back together differently, softer and more attuned to the needs of the most vulnerable, we give you thanks and praise!

For all of these things and more, gentle God, we give you thanks and praise in the name of Jesus, our crucified and risen Jesus, Amen.