

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 12, 2023



## PRELUDE

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH HYMNAL 690

## OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Grace and peace to you from God.  
*People* **God fill you with truth and joy**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration  
of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

*Celebrant* Lord have mercy.  
*People* **Christ, have mercy.**  
*Celebrant* Lord have mercy.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.

*People* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Welcome to Grace,  
we're glad you are here!**

*If you have any questions, our  
ushers, greeters and members are  
here to help, don't hesitate to ask!*

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narthex (front entrance) if you  
need assistance getting to the  
lower level.

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## SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE	Cary Brown
ALTAR GUILD	Carmen Lescure Virginia Danner
CHALICIST	Deacon Kathleen
FELLOWSHIP	Kathy Brown
GREET/USHER	Kathy Brown
LECTOR	---
LIVESTREAM	Kathy Brown
TELLERS	Stacey Cendrowski S. Slocum-Schaffer



## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 17:1-7

*Lector*      A reading from the book of Exodus.

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?"

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

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## THE RESPONSE

PSALM 95

*Read responsively by the whole verse*

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 **In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.**
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 **Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 **Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.**
- 9 They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.
- 10 **Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."**
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

## THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 5:1-11

*Lector* A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

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 produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope

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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.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so for the hymn and the reading of the Gospel*

#### SEQUENCE HYMN

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN (*Verses 1,2,4,5*)

**HYMNAL 458**

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

**JOHN 4:5-42**

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

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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."

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE HOMILY**

THE REV. KATHLEEN SMITH-JONES

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## THE NICENE CREED

*When prompted, please stand if you are able.*

*People*     **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
Who has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV

*Deacon* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,  
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

*Deacon* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;  
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

*Deacon* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources  
rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

*Deacon* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ  
in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

*Deacon* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and  
hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

*Deacon* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

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*Deacon* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*Deacon* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*People* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.**  
**Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Then all are seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS





## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY HYMN

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

HYMNAL 686

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*People* **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

*Celebrant* All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People* **AMEN.**

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People* **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 trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

*People* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

May all who share these gifts be found in Christ and may Christ be found in you.



*What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Rev. Edie or Deacon Kathleen following the service.*

*When receiving the Holy Communion, you may take just the bread if you prefer, or the clergy person can give a gluten-free wafer if you request it. If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Grace!*



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**COMMUNION HYMN**  
**ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME**

**HYMNAL 685**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Celebrant* Let us Pray.

*People* **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

*Celebrant* Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God,  
that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore;  
through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**O LOVE OF GOD, HOW STRONG AND TRUE**

**HYMNAL 455**

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Join us downstairs after the service for fellowship, snacks, and beverages.  
All are welcome!**

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### THE CHURCH

For the clergy: ++Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; ++Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; +Eugene Taylor Sutton and +Robert Ilhoff, Bishops of the Diocese of Maryland; Edie+ Holton, our Priest; Kathleen+ Smith-Jones, our Deacon.

**In the Diocesan prayer cycle**, we pray for St. Christopher's, Linthicum Heights; St. John's, Ellicott City; St. Mark's, Highland; and for the Rev.'s F. Allan Weatherholt, Jo M. Leslie, Eric I. G. Whitehair, and Corby Zeren.

**In our Parish prayer cycle**, we pray for Marvin Metzgar.

### OUR COMMUNITY

**The Homebound:** Teeny Phillips, Marvin Metzgar.

**We pray for the healing, wholeness, comfort, guidance, and safe travel of the following people in our faith community and beyond:** Michael Weldon; Shirley Shores; Bo Harris; The Szuberla Family; Reta Mercer; Paul David Moss; Peg Jung; Glenn, Robert, and Gay Eackles; The Killmayer Family; Kathy Brown; Abby & Tom Kahn; The Cendrowski Family; Sandy Cain; Tammy Trimmer; Marilyn Rich; Zoe Huck; Claudia; The Dean Family; William; Barry Slocum; Virginia Danner; Eddie Danner; Jason Harris; Fred Zupka & Family; Barry Stocks; Lisa Cox & Harriet Carr; Betty Ramsay; Steve Foust; Susan Kimble; Meghan Davidson & Family; Charlotte Barnhouse; Susan Mann; David & Mary Alice Thoma; Catherine Thompson; Felicia Watkins-Kimble.

### THE WORLD

For elected leaders in this country and around the world, especially President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris; Governors Wes Moore (*MD*) and Glenn Youngkin (*VA*); and Mayors Nathan Brown (*Brunswick*) and Christopher Hornbaker (*Lovettsville*). For victims of hunger, human trafficking, substance abuse and natural disasters in the United States and throughout the world.

We pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for the victims, family, and communities that have suffered from senseless violence.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MARCH 31, APRIL 1 | “CATCH ME IF YOU CAN” AT MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Our organist, Eric Seebach, will be the accompanist for Middletown High School’s production of “Catch Me If You Can” on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm and April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm. Tickets can be purchased by going to <https://tinyurl.com/MtownCatchMe>

### MARCH 26 | FOURTH SUNDAY POTLUCKS

Our next 4th Sunday Potluck Fellowship Hour will be on March 26, 2023. On each 4th Sunday, we’ll have a potluck lunch that will give us the chance to break bread together and have some extra time to socialize. Sign up to bring something to the next potluck by going to <https://tinyurl.com/Grace4thSunPotluck>

### APRIL 6 | MAUNDY THURSDAY SOCK DRIVE

On Maundy Thursday – The day we commemorate the Last Supper and the time that Jesus taught us humility by washing his disciples’ feet, we will once again this year collect socks for the feet of those in need. Our sock collection this year will be going to the Judy Center Early Learning Hub for Frederick County. Their mission is to prepare children for success in school and life by connecting families with high-quality, comprehensive, full-day, full-year early education services for children ages birth through five. Utilizing a multigenerational approach for families and children, and providing professional development for early childhood educators, Judy Centers help to support all of the adults in a child’s early years. Judy Centers provide the physical health, mental health, academic, and other types of support needed to thrive for many Maryland children and families.

Bring your donations of new unworn socks, sizes from Newborn to children’s small or medium, to the Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

### BRUNSWICK FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Demand at our community Food Bank is surging. Grace will once again, be collecting non-perishable food items to help stock the shelves. A basket is in the Narthex for donations. You can also give a monetary donation, via the BEACON website.

<https://www.brunswickbeacon.org/donate/>

### HELP WITH FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Our Sunday Fellowship Hour continues to grow and flourish! Can you lend a hand with supplying food? We are especially looking for fresh fruit, cheese, and other light fare each week. There is now a 2nd Fellowship sign up slot on the Ministry Schedule ( <https://tinyurl.com/GraceMinistrySchedule> ) for food donations. Help when you can! Chat with Kara DeBord or Kathy Brown with questions.

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**MAY 20 | BRUNSWICK SPRING FESTIVAL**

Brunswick will be hosting a Spring Festival on Saturday May 20th and Grace will have a booth! If you are interested in learning more and helping plan, we'll meet on Sunday 3/19/23 during Fellowship Hour to get things rolling. Kathy Brown

**COMING UP AT GRACE**

3/14	Tue	5:00pm	Healing Service	Nave
3/19	Sun	12:15pm	Spring Festival Planning	Undercroft
4/6	Thu	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Nave
4/7	Fri	7:00pm	Good Friday Service	Nave
4/9	Sun	11:00am	Easter Sunday Service	Nave
5/20	Sat		Brunswick Spring Festival	TBD

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