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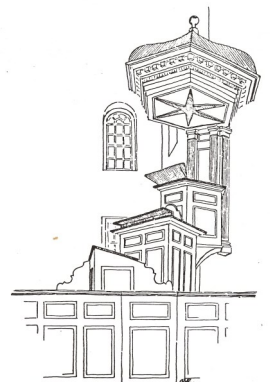
All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27

... he has given us a new birth
into a
LIVING HOPE
through the
RESURRECTION
of **JESUS CHRIST**
from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV

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FROM THE RECTOR

The Difference Easter Makes

What happened on the first Easter Sunday is undoubtedly *the* defining event for Christianity. While various religions will advocate for some things that overlap with our Christian faith and life—including incarnations of the divine, sacrifice and martyrdom, prayer and other devotions, and the transformation of the world—no other way draws together these themes and others with something like Easter as the high point of all time. If what we celebrate on subsequent Easters and on every Sunday did not happen, then we are wasting our time as Christians and ought to be doing something else (*I Corinthians 15:19*). But in fact it really did happen.

What we celebrate from that first Easter Sunday is fairly straightforward and yet also mind-boggling. The God who became human in Jesus and who was crucified one Friday at midday and remained buried that evening and the next day and through early Sunday morning became alive again, never to die again. Jesus' self-sacrifice on the cross brought a poignant end to that life on earth; and yet his thoroughly dead body was raised back to life as he spent time with his followers for forty days and then returned to the heavenly home from which he had come.

How exactly God caused these events to happen is bound to perplex us. But the fact that these events happened as reported in the New Testament is certainly the loud and clear testimony of the early Church; and ever since then, nothing down here on earth has been the same. We do not have to understand all the details of their occurrence in order to believe the reality and truth of them. The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, the Acts of the Apostles, the letters of Paul, and other documents in the New Testament all affirm that Jesus' corpse could not be found in any tomb because God had raised that body from absolute death to immortal life. Afterward the saints of the Church have lived in the light of Jesus' new life.

Because of Jesus' life, we have been given a shining example of holy and right



living in action, so that we can imitate his life in our own lives and thus enjoy a share of something greater than what this world offers. Because of Jesus' death, we as Christians might die, but we shall not remain dead forever; the grave could not hold him and cannot hold us. Because of Jesus' resurrection, we as Christians may have a better life here and now than we deserve or desire and will enjoy a yet better life forever in a world even better than this present one.

Ever since that first Easter Sunday, the first day of the week is no longer an ordinary day. Instead, Sundays are now the days for us to gather and pray in thanksgiving for Jesus' resurrection. Sundays are now the days for us to hear that good news all over again and to be inspired for sharing that good news with the world that does not believe in anything greater than itself and its shallow self-centeredness. Sundays are now the days for the renewal of our lives with Christian hope and for exploring how the risen Lord is working to change this world for good. Every Sunday is now an Easter in miniature, a weekly reminder of God's love for us that is undeserved but graciously given.

No other religion has this story. No other tradition has this revolutionary power. No other faith has this depth and breadth. Easter makes all the difference in the world.

Jay Morris



FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

Easter and Fatherhood

Dear Family in Christ,
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! I thank our God for you, especially for how you recognize that the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian faith. Without them both, we would believe in vain and we would be worthy of pity. However, because Christ has died and has risen, we are instead filled with hope and peace at what has become ours in him. Because of Easter, when we are baptized we become sons and daughters of God. We become his children. What a joy that is for us. And our Father rejoices with us.

The birth of our daughter Abigail approaches. Easter is on April 17 this year, and Abigail is due on April 20. As of the writing of this article, she has not yet been born. In this waiting period, we have been preparing for her arrival. We have been cleaning up and cleaning out the house as we make room for what will be coming in once she is here. We have been hanging pictures, organizing supplies, preparing the crib and the changing table. All of that is good. But my mind has drifted recently, as the pilgrimage of Lent draws to its end, to the connections between the cross, Easter, and fatherhood. I want to share some of those musings with you.

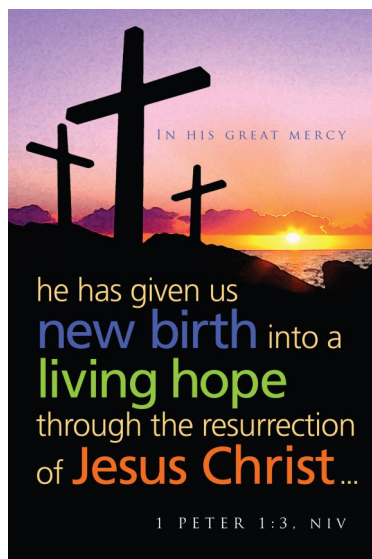
There will always be some suffering in fatherhood (and motherhood!). As Abigail grows and prepares to be born, Rachel has had the normal aches and pains, Braxton-Hicks contractions, and so forth. With every wince, I have been on high alert. Our stress has been high. As I have already learned with Eleanor, there is suffering that comes with being a father and watching your children fall prey to sin. Even though I have heard many of you say how sweet and adorable Eleanor is (and rightfully so!), she is a sinner just like you and me. And watching her curve in on herself is a sadness that I wish I could fix. Mercifully and gracefully, because of the cross of Jesus Christ and his resurrection, though Eleanor is a sinner, she is at the same time

a baptized saint. When Abigail is born and baptized, she will be a sinner-saint as well. My fatherly suffering will continue as they both get older and as bad things naturally happen. But I am assured of God's work in them, which causes me to rejoice.

Even though suffering is a natural part of being a parent, so is rejoicing. As a father to Eleanor and to Abigail, I rejoice in the opportunity to share the Gospel of Christ with them. I rejoice at the beautiful reality that faith comes through hearing. I will rejoice with them in the good things, just as I will mourn with them in the bad. But my rejoicing is chiefly found in the reality that my children are children of the King. They are children of God in baptism. Nothing can separate them from the love of God that is found in Christ Jesus. That is the Good News of fatherhood that comes about because of Easter.

May Lent, Holy Week, and Easter be a blessed time at Aquia Church as we celebrate that we have one Father, who has made us his children in baptism by the merit of his son Jesus Christ, through the indwelling of his Holy Spirit. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*In Christ+,
Fr. James*



AQUIA CHURCH VESTRY

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Assistant Treasurer*

Dickie Boes
*Finance Committee Chairperson
Building & Grounds Committee*

Chris Bowie
Administration Committee

Bob Brandon
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Building & Grounds Committee
Chairperson*

Carrol Frederick
*Administration Committee
Chairperson*

Michael Golasz
Building & Grounds Committee

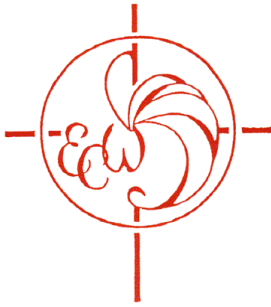
Carolyn Hendrickson
Administration Committee

Sarah Kirby
Administration Committee

Anna Rall
*Register
Finance Committee*

Lisa Schwartz
Administration Committee

Penny Stevens
Building & Grounds Committee



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

As we observe the season of Lent and prepare our hearts for Easter, women of Aquia have several opportunities to prepare with daily prayer, meditation, and spiritual reading, such as the *Forward Day by Day* booklets from Forward Movement (copies can be picked up in the church). We can attend Sts. Mary and Martha guild meetings and participate in Christian study with our sisters in Christ. Other opportunities are provided by clergy.

As we use this time for repentance and reflection, it gives all women of Aquia an opportunity to reflect through prayer. Opportunities also exist for almsgiving with benevolence, through donations and help to those in need. And as we draw closer to God during Lent and ready our hearts for Easter, we celebrate eternal life through Jesus's sacrifice for us.

The ECW of the Diocese of Virginia spring meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30. We will also begin preparation for many events on our calendar for May. Our Heritage Sunday lunch



reception will be held on May 22. We will have a sign-up sheet available, so stay tuned! It's not about joining the ECW, it is about sharing in our ministries at the parish level, local level, and worldwide level. If you have questions, please e-mail me (bkwings_n_wings@yahoo.com) or check with the church office for my phone number.

Briget Kane
President



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Christian parenting group will now meet on the first Sunday morning of the month. We look forward to seeing parents, grandparents, and caregivers on April 3 & May 1. Grab some coffee from the great hall or bring your own, then join us in the downstairs conference room in the CFFB during Sunday School time (9:30 – 10:15 a.m.). Let Kristen Morgan or Rachel Rickenbaker know if you are interested or would like to learn more.

Aquia Church's annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 10:15 a.m. (following the 9 a.m. worship service) on Easter Sunday, April 17. The Christian education ministry is collecting

eggs for this fun, annual event.

Plastic eggs filled with individually wrapped treats or small toys can be dropped off at the church office or at the Christian education office (on the lower level of the CFFB) by Good Friday, April 15. Also, empty eggs for you to fill are available from the CFFB foyer.



Kristen Morgan



STS. MARY AND MARTHA

Worship, Service, and Fellowship

The Sts. Mary and Martha guild is hoping to be quite productive during April as we continue to make items for the Fall Fest craft room. The 65th Annual Fall Fest at Aquia Church will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1 of this year, and although this may sound far away, it will be here before we know it! Filling the craft room with handmade fall and Christmas crafts is Sts. Mary and Martha's largest service project of the year, and we are on it!

We could use a bit of your help:

1.) The guild is always looking for new ideas for the craft room to freshen and expand our inventory. If you have an idea for us to work on, please send us a picture in an e-mail (addressed to maryjane@cfsw.biz).

2.) Another responsibility we have at Fall Fest is the very popular jewelry table. Any donations of costume jewelry would be greatly appreciated.



Fall Fest Craft Room

3.) If you make your own unique craft, we would be so grateful for a few of these to round out the inventory in the craft room.

Guild meetings this month will be on April 7 and 21 in the parish hall, beginning with Morning Prayer at 9:30. Please come to pray with us, to enjoy the fellowship, and to join the discussion as we continue to read together our current study book, *Unshakeable Hope*, by Max Lucado.

Mary Jane Cole
(maryjane@cfsw.biz)
Carolyn Hendrickson
(cvhendrickson35@gmail.com)

P.S. For those who might remember her, our former co-chair Denise Thornton has made the Episcopal News Service! Check out her story about how her church new church in Kansas connects Zoom worshippers and in-person worshippers and even elected a new vestry member from among its online worshippers! The news article is at the following website (<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2022/02/24/kansas-church-connects-zoom-and-in-person-worshippers-elects-new-vestry-member-from-among-its-online-worshippers/>).

Dear Father Jay, Father James, Sue, and my wonderful Aquia Episcopal Church family:

I am planning on my return to Virginia this week! Many thanks for all the updates of goings-on and the prayer letter.

I also am so thankful for all the prayers and kind thoughts throughout my shoulder surgery and recovery. Just thinking of everyone and appreciative of our Aquia Church prayer letter tradition!

Missing everyone and sending best wishes!

Sincerely,
Becky Patton Dixon



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Feb. 22, 2022, via Zoom

Business Session

In Attendance: Fr. Jay Morris, Rector; Fr. James Rickenbaker, Assistant Rector; Seminarian Stephen Pecot; Treasurer, Chris Arey; Senior Warden, Charlie Bingay; Junior Warden, Bob Brandon; Penny Stevens; Chris Bowie; Carolyn Hendrickson; Dickie Boes; Michael Golasz; Anna Rall; Lisa Schwartz; Sarah Kirby.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer: The Rev. Jay Morris

Treasurer's Report

January's Report

- Not all bank statements have been reconciled.
- Reviewed key financial results.
- Online giving is down compared to February of last year, but we expect that the return to in-person worship services has impacted giving online vs. giving in person in 2022.
- Paid \$5,000 diocesan pledge in January 2022 vs. spreading payments throughout the year.
- Clifton Chapel tenants are expecting to pay \$20,000 up front at time of sale.

Financial Data for Parochial Report on 2021

- Line 3 – “pledge, plate, and regular support” is majority of our income and is the figure from which new diocesan assessments are calculated.
- Will receive diocesan 2023 assessment by April 30, 2022.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

(Jan. 18, 2022)

- Vestry Officers: election of Charlie Bingay as senior warden, Bob Brandon as junior warden, and Anna Rall as register, with Chris Arey continuing as treasurer.
- Vestry Committees: Administration (chairperson Carrol Frederick with vestry members Chris Bowie,

Carolyn Hendrickson, Sarah Kirby, and Lisa Schwartz), Finance (chairperson Dickie Boes with vestry member Anna Rall), and Buildings & Grounds (chairperson Bob Brandon *ex officio* with vestry members Michael Golasz and Penny Stevens).

- Vestry Retreat (held electronically 1/30—no minutes required).

Minutes from previous meeting were approved unanimously.

New Business

Vestry Committees: Endorsement of non-vestry members on vestry committees—Mary Jane Cole and Dina Stanford (administration); Chris Arey, Linda Burghart, Bill Hoffman, and Doug McGinty (finance); Bill Hoffman, Ron Korth, Gary Perkins, Tim Spaulding, Bob Stevens, and Chris Wanner (buildings and grounds).

Fr. Jay Morris submitted names for vestry endorsement. Vestry approved the list unanimously.

Vestry Goals

Committee goals, as of 02/22/22, were approved unanimously.

Vestry Meeting Schedule

Proposed changing standing meeting schedule from third Tuesday of the month to the fourth Tuesday of the month in order to allow for reconciliation of financials. Senior Warden Charlie Bingay, moved to change to the fourth Tuesday of the month (excluding December 2022, so as to avoid holding a meeting two days after Christmas). Motion passed unanimously.

R-2022-02: Additional Expenses for Cemetery Tree Removal

- Additional costs were not specified in the original bid, though there was a provision that the original bid was an estimate. There were additional charges for the amount of



Vestry Highlights

debris that had to be hauled away and extended time for crane rental.

- Additional charges are for \$1,220. Fr. Jay Morris submitted the resolution; Junior Warden, Bob Brandon, second the motion.
- Funds will come from the cemetery fund.
- Estimates are getting started for full cost of repairs and repositioning of headstones that were damaged from the tree falling.
- This will come as an additional resolution and will be funded through cemetery fund.

Motion passed unanimously.

R-2022-03: Delegates to Diocesan Special Convention

- Special convention for electing new diocesan bishop will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022; this will be a one-day event.
- Fr. Jay Morris nominated Sarah Kirby, Michael Golasz, and Bill Hoffman to serve as delegates.

Motion passed unanimously.

Aquia Church as Polling Place for New Voting Precinct?

The county would need use of the great hall the day before, day of, and day after election.

- Will have a follow-up question of if there is payment for using our facilities.
- Expect it to be limited to the upper floor of the CFFB.

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Cyril & Methodius

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has been cast as many things, by Putin as a heroic effort to root out Neo-Nazis and drug addicts from power, as an aggressive land grab to re-establish the Russian Empire, and tragically, as fratricide between Orthodox Christians. This latter description underscores the complex bonds of fraternity between the Orthodox church in Russia and Ukraine.

This history goes back centuries, and indeed Christianity came to Ukraine before it came to Russia. There is a legend that St. Andrew visited the hills of Kyiv. Even now, a major branch of the Orthodox church in Ukraine falls under the authority of the Moscow Patriarchate.

Key to the advent of Christianity in Ukraine is the ministry and legacy of two brothers, monastics, Saints Cyril and Methodius. The brothers, born in Thessalonica (the same city which the Apostle Paul addressed as the Thessalonians), in 826 and 815 respectively, were monks and teachers. They are

known as the Apostles to the Slavs. About 860, the brothers were sent by the Byzantine emperor and Patriarch of Constantinople to preach to the Khazars, a large multi-ethnic area encompassing parts of the northern Caucasus, modern Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, and Azerbaijan. Along the way, they allegedly retrieved the relics of Pope Martin I, who had been exiled to Crimea. In 862 or 863, the brothers were sent to Great Moravia (modern day Czech Republic and Slovakia) to spread Christianity among the West Slavs in the area.

The brothers decided to translate liturgical books into the contemporary Slavic language understandable to the general population (now known as Old Church Slavonic). As the words of that language could not be easily written by using either the Greek or Latin alphabets, Cyril decided to invent a new script, Glagolitic, which he based on the local dialect of the Slavic tribes from the Byzantine theme (province) of Thessalonica. This new Glagolitic al-

phabet was a precursor to the "Cyrillic script" (32 letters – named for Cyril), which enabled the local population to worship God in Old Church Slavonic, a language closer to the vernacular Old East Slavic language than the Greek used to worship in Constantinople. The brothers continued to serve the church and were widely renown in Rome and Constantinople. They are recognized by the Eastern Orthodox church as saints and as 'equal to apostles'

Cyril and Methodius are commemorated in the Episcopal Church, and across the Anglican Communion on Feb. 14, the day of Cyril's death in 869. Perhaps you thought that Feb. 14 was only for Valentine's Day, in honor of the 3rd century martyr Valentine, a Christian priest or bishop who was put to death for refusing to renounce his faith in 269 AD. Though the Episcopal Church no longer sets aside a day for Valentine, the Church of England commemorates him and Cyril and Methodius on Feb. 14th.

Chris Arey

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- There are restrictions on when and where there can be political campaign posters, signs, etc. These would be limited to election day and required to be removed same day, meaning no concern that there would be political campaign items around during worship times.
- Third Tuesday in June (06/21/22) is the earliest date the building could be used for the primary election; general election would be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
- Expect small voting population of 200-300 voters.

Potential concerns:

- Could this be perceived as not having separation of church and state,

no matter political affiliation?

- Do we have a policy against weapons on property? Are we concerned with voters coming on property with weapons?
- Fr. Jay Morris said the county elections representatives who reviewed the use of CFFB stated deputies patrol all voting locations.
- What is the county's policy about weapons at polling places, and can we agree or disagree with it? Fr. Jay Morris will follow-up.

Reports from Committees

Buildings and Grounds

Digital temperature control was installed in a refrigerator in CFFB.

Tentative date for spring cleanup of cemetery and grounds is Saturday, April 9.

Report from Rector

Submitted in writing on 02/21/22 to vestry.

Fr. Jay Morris will be a leadership member for new diocesan covenantal giving plan and process for exemptions.

Upcoming Dates

3/22: Vestry meeting (7 p.m., Zoom)

Good of the Order, Closing Prayer, and Adjournment

Fr. Jay Morris opened up for any discussion for the Good of the Order. Vestry had no comments.

Fr. James Rickenbaker led us in closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Rall
Register



AQUIA'S TABLE

The Aquia's Table ministry group has a core team that works hand-in-hand with other teams and members of our ministry, including the baking team, the procurement teams, the cooks, the prep teams, and the meal service and cleanup teams. Many of our members volunteer or overlap in different responsibilities. As we begin to move away from the many restrictions mandated by COVID, we find certain limitations will remain in the preparing, cooking, and serving of meals. We are, however, looking to increase our volunteer base with prep cooks, service team, and cleanup crew. If you have a couple of hours to volunteer on Wednesday afternoon or evenings, we have a shift for

you in the kitchen. Simply e-mail one of the core team leaders, Dina Stanford (jjanddina@comcast.net) or Briget Kane (bkwings_n_wings@yahoo.com), or check with the church office for our phone numbers.

Mark your calendars! The 2022 Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 6. This annual fundraiser supports our ministry's mission and welcomes your support! If you don't play golf, we have many things you can do to ensure the success of our event. Our silent auction is available for donations, and early-bird bidding will occur through lunch on the day of the tournament. Before May 6, we will be accepting hole sponsorships, team registra-



tions, and silver, gold, and platinum sponsors. Even if you don't play golf, you can still have lunch with the winners and all the runner-up teams. More information will follow about lunch cost and the 50/50 raffle.

Come tee off with us as a sponsor on Friday, May 6, 2022.

Briget Kane

AQUIA'S TABLE GOLF TOURNAMENT: MAY 6

Sponsorship Opportunities

Hole Sponsor	\$100
Silver Level Sponsor	\$500
Gold Level Sponsor	\$1000
Platinum Level Sponsor (includes foursome)	\$1500
Hall of Fame Level Sponsor (includes foursome during this tournament and recognition at all future tournaments)	\$5000



Through the help of volunteers and patrons alike, Aquia's Table has successfully provided free meals and support to all who come to our campus every Wednesday night.

We look to continue our positive impact in the community with your help.

Aquia's Table is an outreach ministry of Aquia Episcopal Church.

Playing with a Purpose: So No One Goes Hungry



Agnus Dei

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.** [BCP, p. 337]

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Hymnal (S-164) Agnus Dei, Schubert composition

The phrase “Agnus Dei” is very familiar to most of us; it is Latin for “Lamb of God.” It is the name for a fraction anthem (‘fraction’ for breaking), which may be used in the celebration of the Eucharist at the breaking of the bread (BCP, pp. 337, 407). Agnus Dei is based on John 1:29—“The next day he [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” (RSV). Customarily, the invocation is repeated three times, with the first two invocations followed by the phrase “Have mercy upon us.” The third invocation is concluded by the phrase “Grant us thy peace.” The text of the Agnus Dei is also used in the Great Litany (BCP, p. 152).

It is an ancient element of the liturgy. It entered worship when Pope Sergius I (687-701) introduced it as part of the Roman Rite Mass. Initially, the response “have mercy upon us” was repeated at each invocation. In the tenth and eleventh centuries, “grant us peace” was introduced for the third response. The medieval period gave rise to other variations on the anthem. Sometimes phrases were added to bring out the meaning more clearly. In the Reformation liturgies of England and Germany, “pacem” (Latin for ‘peace’) in line 6 was rendered with “thy peace,” both for musical reasons and under the influence of such texts as John 14:27, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

It has appeared at different places during the liturgy. In the Church of England, in both the 1552 and the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, it was not used in the Eucharist but as a prayer within the litany. Note that the version sometimes sung at our Rite Two services is a setting composed by Franz Peter Schubert (S-164 in the Hymnal), and it uses alternative language. The name “Jesus” has been prefixed to the title “Lamb of God” at the start of line 1. The name rather than the title is then used at the subsequent lines. Instead of the three-times-repeated clause “*qui tollis peccata mundi*” (“who takes away the sins of the world”), language is used to bring out the dual meaning of these words. The verb *tollis*, like the corresponding Greek verb *aireis* in John 1:29, means both “take away” and “bear” or “lift up.”

At the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist on the first Sunday in Lent last month, our choir sang a communion motet (from the French *mot*, for word), “Agnus Dei,” composed by the English composer William Byrd during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. It has been set to music by many composers, including Bach and Mozart. In modern times, it became renown by the work of an American composer, Samuel Barber. In 1936, when still in his mid-twenties, Barber wrote a piece as the slow movement for a string quartet. This moving work, now known as the *Adagio for Strings*, was broadcast over radio at the announcement of the death of President Franklin Roosevelt in 1945. This was

one of President Kennedy’s favorite pieces of music; and on the Monday after his death, his widow arranged for it to be played to an empty hall by the National Symphony Orchestra and to be broadcast over radio. In 1967 Barber adapted his own arrangement of the *Adagio for Strings* as a choral piece, using the Latin words of the Agnus Dei, for mixed chorus with optional organ or piano accompaniment. The music, in B-flat minor, has a duration of about eight minutes.

In art, there are varying depictions of the Agnus Dei. According to tradition, an objection to the Council of Trullo in 692 (when canons were passed forbidding the visual depiction of Christ as a lamb) spurred Pope Sergius to include the Agnus Dei in the words of the liturgy. On the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (in the circular picture below), the lamb is shown with a cocked foreleg, holding a vexillum (banner or flag) with a cross on the staff. The Latin inscription *Joannes est nomen ejus*

(meaning “John is his name”) refers to the fact that initially, Spain called the island San Juan Bautista, St. John the Baptist. Eventually the name of the largest city took the abbreviated name of the island, San Juan. The other image (in the square photo below) shows substantially the same lamb, albeit from the stained-glass window of a church in Ireland.



Chris Arey



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Burials: *"Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them."*

Janette Coon, 1927-2022.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AT AQUIA CHURCH

New Babies: Thanksgiving for the birth of a child will be offered as part of a worship service and will be scheduled as needed. Please call the church office the week prior if your family would like to be included. Also, please call the church office after a birth so that a red rose can be placed on the altar in thanksgiving.

Those being deployed: Please call the church office so that we can offer special prayers at a service prior to your departure. Also, we would like to put you on our prayer list for all those who are deployed in the service of our country.

FUTURE BAPTISMS

The next scheduled date for a baptism is April 24, 2022. If you would like to have a baptism on this date, or if this date doesn't work for you and you would like to request another date, please contact the church office so that counseling with the clergy can be scheduled.

Aquia Church Prayer List

April 2022

Rhett Blythe and Family, Debbie Byers, Paula Davis, Brian Driscoll, Kristin Driscoll, Robert & JoAnn Feldman, Chris Hundley, Lori, Ken Luehrs, Pat Moncure, Linda Raisovich-Parsons, Arnie Schwartz, Scott Smith, O.D. Taylor, John & Pam Tompkins, Gayle Tompkins, Kenneth Tompkins, Tom Tremper, Patrick Weber, Walt & Elizabeth Yager.



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We, as Aquia Church, joyfully respond to the grace, love and fellowship
of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit at work in our midst
by celebrating His presence, sharing His abundance,
and proclaiming His word throughout the world.





EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Enclosed is my donation of \$20 for Easter Lilies to adorn the church on Easter Day.

I would like my donation to the flower guild to be:

In Thanksgiving for _____

In Memory of _____

I would like to take my Easter lily home after Easter, April 17.

(Circle one) YES NO

Please enclose a check for \$20 made out to: "Aquia Episcopal Church"

And note on the memo line: "Easter Lilies"

Name _____

Phone number _____

Deadline is April 10.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER DAY:



Sunday, April 10 (Palm Sunday)—Regular Schedule: Holy Eucharist at 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 4 p.m., with Morning Call and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Monday, April 11 through Wednesday, April 13: Broadcasts for Evening Prayer each night at 7 p.m. over Facebook Live <https://www.facebook.com/AquiaEpiscopalChurch>.

Thursday, April 14 (Maundy Thursday): Holy Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar at 7 p.m., followed by Gethsemane Watch prayer vigil in the great hall from the end of the worship service until noon on Good Friday (sign up for the prayer vigil at the back of the church)

Friday, April 15 (Good Friday): The Way of the Cross (Stations of the Cross) at noon and 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 17 (Easter Sunday): sunrise Holy Eucharist at **special time of 6:30 a.m. in the cemetery** (weather permitting; indoors if raining), Holy Eucharist at **special times of 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.**, plus Holy Eucharist at 4 p.m., and with children's Easter egg hunt in the cemetery immediately after the end of the 9 a.m. service (starting around 10:15 a.m.)