



# Grace Episcopal Church

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January 18, 2026 – 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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# WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are pleased to welcome you to Grace Church. If you are joining us for the first time, please send us a message at [welcome@gracealex.org](mailto:welcome@gracealex.org), so we can get to know you. We can also add you to our mailing list by request. We're glad to have you join with us in worshipping God in the beauty of holiness, something which is central to our identity at Grace. We hope you will join with us in sharing the love of God with this world that needs healing. Assisted listening devices are available for use during worship. Please see an usher if you'd like to use one.



Please silence your cell phones during worship.

## Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

through life-giving liturgical worship + joyful community + empowering others

## Contacting Grace

Please feel free to contact our staff.

Our office hours are Monday to Thursday 9 am - 3 pm, and 9 am - 12 pm on Fridays.

(Mother Anne is out of the office on Mondays & Mother Emma & Father Jon are out of the office on Fridays)

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## IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE?

Clergy and staff are available for pastoral care. Please call the church office at (703) 549-1980 if you're ill or need pastoral care. For emergencies after hours, please call the **After-hours Emergency Number: (703) 261-9079**, and the priest on call will assist you.

## HOME COMMUNION

Home Communion is available upon request for parishioners who desire this service by Eucharistic Visitors every Sunday. Home Communion will be in one form, Bread only. To request Home Communion, parishioners are asked to contact the Parish Office by telephone at 703-549-1980 no later than 12 pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday on which they would like to receive Home Communion.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II

Children 3 months until 3 years are welcome in the nursery. Please ask an usher to direct you.

PRELUDE

Sicilienne

Maria Theresia von Paradis

*The people stand.*

HYMN 7

Christ, whose glory fills the sky

Ratisbon

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 323

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

*Children ages 3 years – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.*

GLORIA S-278

Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7

*Lector* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

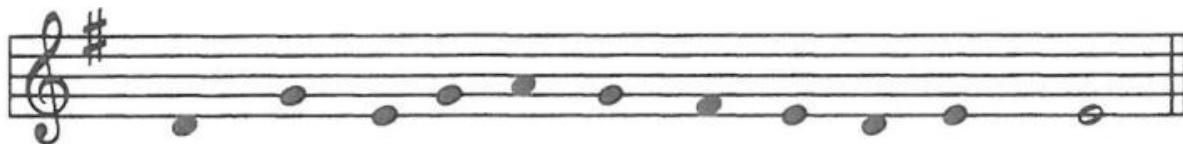
And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Sung by all.*

## My food is to do the will of my Fa - ther.

*Sung by choir.*

- 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD;  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD!  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods. [ANT.]
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us!  
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!  
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In a sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure  
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,  
and so I said, "Behold, I come. [ANT.]
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:  
"I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart."
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O LORD, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from  
the great congregation.
- 12 You are the LORD;  
do not withhold your compassion from me;  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever. [ANT.]

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

*Lector* A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand.*

HYMN 543

O Zion, tune thy voice

*Eastview*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated.*

## SERMON

Seth Wise Buck, Seminarian

*Silence is kept.*

*The people stand.*

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Form VI; BCP, p. 389

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

Celebrant

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Celebrant and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 332

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People      **And also with you.**

*The people are seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come with Me

*Martin/Paige*

*Come with me and leave your hillsides.*

*Leave your labors, leave your sheep.*

*Come and worship, see the Lamb of God.*

*Come with me, oh, come with me.*

*Come with me and leave your kingdoms.*

*Leave your fortunes; leave your thrones.*

*Come and worship, see the Prince of Peace.*

*Are you searching for the Savior,*

*Are you walking, through your night?*

*You must leave all the world behind if you would see the Light.*

*Come with me and leave your darkness.*

*Leave your burdens; leave your woes.*

*Come and worship. Come see Jesus. Come with me.*

HYMN 307

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

*Bryn Calfaria*

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

*Celebrant*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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*The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

*Sanctus and Benedictus*

Hymnal S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en.  
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who tres-pass a-against us.  
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glo-ry,  
For ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the eucharist. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

*A full communion is made with the bread alone, but if you choose to receive the wine,  
you may either drink from the cup, or you may offer your wafer to the person holding the chalice,  
who will dip the bread in the wine for you.*

*If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; simply ask the priest.*

*If you do not wish to receive communion at the altar, let an usher know, and communion can be brought to you in your pews.*

HYMN 706

In your mercy, Lord, you called me

Halton Holgate

## THE SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we share in one bread, one cup.

*The people stand or kneel.*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*All stand and sing the hymn.*

CLOSING HYMN 542

Christ is the world's true Light

St. Joan

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Salvation Now has Come to Earth

Johann Sebastian Bach

**SERVING @ GRACE TODAY**

Celebrant

The Rev. Jon Scarffe

Preaching

Seth Wise Buck

Deacon

The Rev. Deacon Gabriel Oakes

Assisting

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Eleanor Reed, Stephen Lovell

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF JANUARY 18, 2026

**The weekly announcement deadline is Monday at 12 pm.**

Announcements arriving after that time will be held for the following week. Please limit submissions to 75 words. Announcements will be edited for content/length. Email requests to [announcements@gracealex.org](mailto:announcements@gracealex.org).

**The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.**

*If you would like to dedicate Altar Flowers for an upcoming Sunday, scan the QR code to the right.*



\*\*\*\*\* Headings for New Announcements Added This Week are Shaded. \*\*\*\*\*

### ADULT FORUM HAS RESUMED

Adult forum is offered Sundays 9:40-10:15 in the St. Mark room (2nd floor) or virtually via Zoom link sent in the Sunday morning email. Tea and coffee are available just outside the St. Mark Room from 9:30. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

**Schedule:** **January 18:** Budget Presentation, by Ramee Gentry

**January 25:** Annual Meeting – No Adult Forum

**February 1:** Exploring Vocational Discernment, by Fr. Jon Scarffe, Diocesan Discernment Facilitator

**February 8:** Grace at Work: Media for Lifelong Learning, by Mary Stewart

**February 15:** Grace at Work at Arlington National Cemetery, by Colleen McArdle

### 2026 BUDGET PRESENTATION TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

As listed in the Adult Forum announcement, this year's Annual Budget Presentation by Ramee Gentry, Treasurer, will be held during today's January 18th Adult Forum in the Saint Mark's room at 9:40 am.

### CHURCH OFFICE WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19 FOR DR. KING DAY

The church office will close on Monday, January 19 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and will reopen Tuesday, January 20 at 9 am.

### VIGIL FOR OUR COUNTRY - JANUARY 20

The monthly Vigil for Our Country, with eucharist and special prayers, will be held on Tuesday, January 20, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lady Altar.

### ANNUAL MEETING & BRUNCH ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

On Sunday, January 25, we will hold our annual meeting with a combined Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am. Other than our La Gracia service in Spanish at 8:45, this will be our only service held on the 25<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will plan to attend in person if able as we celebrate the previous year together. There will be no livestream on this day. There will be a potluck brunch to follow. Please plan to bring your favorite breakfast casserole, baked goods, fruit or other savory delight to share.

### CHILI BOWL 30 UPDATE! (SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1)

We hope you are excited for some mouth-watering tasty chili on February 1! The event is free to get in and, per our custom, we charge \$5 for a spoon. As a fundraiser, we are trying to make it easier by allowing payment by credit card. Cash is still welcome but not required. Those using a credit card will get tickets to allow you to vote for your favorite chili. Thanks to those who have signed up to bring chili or help. There is still time to let us know that you will participate or help so please let us know by scanning the QR code (or type <https://bit.ly/GCB2026> into your browser), or you can contact Anne or Eleanor ([anne.berry@gracealex.org](mailto:anne.berry@gracealex.org) and [eleanor.reed@gracealex.org](mailto:eleanor.reed@gracealex.org)).



### EXPLORE YOUR FAITH: INQUIRERS CLASS

Curious about faith or looking to go deeper? Want to learn about our Episcopal tradition? Considering baptism or confirmation? Join us for a five-week discussion series - whether you're curious, critical, or committed, all are welcome! Session Dates are as follows: Sundays at 12-1:30 (following the 10:30 service) in the St. Mark's Room: Feb. 15, Feb. 22, Mar. 1, Mar. 15, Mar. 22. For more information or to sign up, please contact seminarian Miranda Peters at [mpeters@vts.edu](mailto:mpeters@vts.edu).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (*continued*)

### NEW DEACON

Our seminarian, now the Reverend Gabriel Oakes, was ordained deacon in Seattle Washington, on December 21. They served with us as a deacon for the first time last week at the 10:30 service. In the liturgy, deacons read the gospel, invite the congregation to confession, set the table, and give the dismissal. Deacons have a special ministry of care for the poor. Gabe will periodically serve as a deacon in the liturgy throughout their remaining time at Grace.

### LOVE, PROCLAIM, AND SERVE THE LORD WITH OUR CHOIR!

Ever used a 1982 hymnal? Or ever wanted to sit in the choir loft? Then (please) join Grace's choir! We are especially looking for **tenors** but everyone is welcome! Rehearsals (which are relatively short) are Thursdays, 7-9pm (but often end **at least** 30 minutes early), and Sundays at 9:45am for the 10:30am service! It's easygoing, but so meaningful to our liturgies! Contact Interim Music Director Josh Harrington ([josh.harrington@gracealex.org](mailto:josh.harrington@gracealex.org)) if you're interested!

### BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 18	Anne C. David
Tuesday, Jan. 20	Constantine Epifanovskij
Thursday, Jan. 22	Bill Eckel, Anastasia Kiepura, Chris Kupczyk, Sandra Wishart
Friday, Jan. 23	Nathaniel Ames, Fernando Espinoza, Suzanne O'Malley
Saturday, Jan. 24	Emily Lopez, John Ruff, Charles Winstead



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### EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday 1/18	7:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am La Gracia Santa Eucarist	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Auditorium	
	Formation for all ages - 9:40 am	Various rooms	
	Adult Forum - 9:40 am	St. Mark Room	
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday, 1/19	5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
	Church Office Closed for Dr. King Day	Church Office	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Tuesday, 1/20	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Vigil for Our Country - 6pm	Lady Altar	
	Vestry meeting - 7 pm	St. Mark Room	
Wednesday, 1/21	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	<a href="mailto:Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org">Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org</a>
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 1/22	12:00 pm Midweek Eucharist	Lady Altar	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm	Malm Narthex	
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm	St. Cecilia/Nave	
Friday, 1/23	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 pm		<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Saturday, 1/24	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	

## PRAYER @ GRACE THIS WEEK

We continue praying for all those in need of healing of mind, body, or spirit. We also pray for wisdom and strength for our communities, our elected officials, and our leaders as they make difficult and important decisions. As we join in common prayer this weekend, let us remember those who are in any need or trouble.

- **Parishioners:** Hector, Amorita, Debbie, Kelly, Ed, Colin, Jennifer, Joanie, Jean, Linda, John & Anne, Ismael, Wendy, Stephen, Lisa, Priscilla & Paul; Liz; Anne; Claire; Don; Doug, Lesley, Charles; June.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Marilyn, Don, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette, Cynthia.
- **Family & friends:** Klaus, Nancy, Michael, Sharon, Ashby, Troy, Cathie, Cameron, Patti & Joe, Amy, Bill, Theresa, Rob, Sherry, Heather, Jack, Eileen, Charlotte, Deanna, Allen, Leslie, Fielding, Lit & Mary Carol; Jeannine; Sam; Lisa; Margianne; Courtney; Gina; Joanne; Victoria; Erin; Marc; Annelie; Charlotte, Jim, Theresa; Ron, Gwendolyn.
- **Members of our staff:** Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Gabriel, Ginny, Jane, Father Jon, Josh, Kevin, Kris, Mary, Miranda, Pedro, Seth.
- **Grace School:** Students & their families; for the staff, especially Amanda, head of school.
- **Outreach & Justice Partners:** ALIVE; Casa Chirilagua; Christ Church Refugee and Lazarus Ministries; Community Lodgings; Haiti Micah Project; Health Tanzania; Meade Memorial Lunch Program; Tenants and Workers; V.O.I.C.E.; Kathleen and Eddie Arthur Hearts of Love Fund.
- **Those who have died:** those who have died from illnesses and natural disasters; all those killed in acts of terror, violence, and war around the world.
- **Those serving our country in the Armed Forces and State Department overseas:** Karen & Eric Coulson; Erika Olander; for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war; and for physical and mental well-being of all veterans.
- **Others who are overseas serving the Church or our nation or teaching or studying abroad:** Chris & Melissa Reed, Virginia Robinson, Julie Mills Cizek & Theo Halliwell; Ace Crane; the Epifanovskaya family.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Trinity, Charlottesville; St. Andrews, Richmond; St. George's, Arlington.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; Reformed Episcopal Church of the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra Provincial); Diocese of Spokane, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Springfield, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Port Sudan, Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; Diocese of Sul Occidental, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; Diocese of Sunyani, The Church of the Province of West Africa.

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