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Holy Eucharist, Rite I



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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, 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

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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.

Celebrant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 320

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

During the Kyrie, Children ages 3 years - 3rd grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.

KYRIE

Hymnal S-89

Unison or harmony

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -

le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Lector A reading from the first Book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

setting by Bobby McFerrin

Sung by the choir

The Lord is my shepherd, I have all I need.
She makes me to lie down in green meadows,
Beside the still waters she will lead.

She restores my soul, she rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things,
and fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land,
There is nothing that can shake me,
She has said she won't forsake me, I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me in the presence of my foes,
She anoints my head with oil, and my cup overflows.
Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will live in the house forever, forever and ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

Lector A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the Gospel Procession and sing the hymn.

Hymn 7

Christ, whose glory fills the sky

Ratisbon

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God!

We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The people are seated.

SERMON

Mother Anne Turner

Silence is kept.

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

Form IV; BCP, p. 388

The Leader and People pray responsively

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

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Edward Bailey, cousin of parishioner Evan Robinson, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd
The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie in pastures green;
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
My soul He doth restore again, and in His love abide.

Roger Price

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale;
Yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
and Thy rod and staff my comfort still.
My table Thou has furnished, my cup Thou overfills.
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

The people stand and sing the hymn.

HYMN 664

My Shepherd will supply my need

Resignation

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

BCP, p. 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto 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:

Unison or harmony

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, — Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and
 earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
 Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 336

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 FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-169

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. *All* My Lord. *2 Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. *All* My



flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP, p. 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

Celebrant 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 to the altar rail 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, please let an usher know, and communion can be brought to you in your pew.

COMMUNION HYMN 645

The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba

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

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

People **Amen.**

All stand and sing the hymn.

CLOSING HYMN 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 339

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

God be with you 'til we meet again

VOLUNTARY

A priest will be available at the Lady Altar for prayers for healing.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant

The Rev. Jon Scarffe

Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Anne Turner

Deacon

The Rev. Gabe Oakes

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Seth Wise Buck, Matt Williams

Lector

Jennifer Eckel

Intercessor

Mary Stewart

Guest Organist

Shelton Love

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Live Stream Crew

Alison Campbell

Altar Guild Crew Leaders

John Barker, Eleanor Reed

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MARCH 15, 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.

Lent is a season of beautiful simplicity. For this reason, there are no Altar Flower Dedications during Lent. See info in this week's announcements about making an Easter Flower Dedication.

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

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

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.

March 15: How I Know God Loves Me, by Anne Clift Boris, Julia McClung, and Kemp Williams

March 22: National Rebuilding Day, by Cindy MacIntyre and fellow team members

March 29: Palm Sunday – Intergenerational Event In Merrow Hall Auditorium

April 5: Easter Sunday – No Adult Forum

April 12: Faith Leaders in Defense of Human Rights, by Jennifer Ibanez Whitlock and Anne Clift Boris

LIMITED OFFICE COVERAGE

Due to staff schedules, the office will have limited coverage through March 20th. It is suggested that if you plan to stop by the office, you should call in advance to ensure someone is available to assist you.

HAIKUS AND HOLY SILENCE – MONDAY MARCH 16 & APRIL 6; 6 – 8 P.M.

Come and engage in contemplative prayer and fellowship to begin the week. Haikus and Holy Silence is a chance to deepen our connection with the upcoming Sunday's Gospel through the contemplative practice of Lectio Divina as well as a space afterward to write a haiku (or haikus!) and have discussion and fellowship. No prior experience is required for either Lectio Divina or haiku. Feel free to bring a beverage or snacks! For any questions, please email Seth Wise Buck at swisebuck@vts.edu. Scan the QR code on the right to sign up for either (or both!) sessions. We will meet in the Saint Mark Room.



MAUNDY THURSDAY VIGIL

On Maundy Thursday, April 2, we keep a prayerful watch at the altar of repose from the end of the liturgy until midnight. We need to have at least two people present during this time. Please commit to a time slot by scanning the QR code to help us make sure we have enough people attending. You are, of course, welcome to come without signing up, and we hope you will pray as long as the spirit moves you.



AGAPE SUPPER – APRIL 4

The Agape Supper will be Saturday, April 4th following the Easter Vigil service. Volunteers are needed mid-day for about one hour to set-up in Merrow Hall. After supper, we also need a few volunteers to assist with clean-up of food service items and removing decorations. If you are willing to assist for either shift or would like to get more information, please reach out to Angie Crane angiebcrane@gmail.com or Colleen McArdelle cooolleen@gmail.com.

NATIONAL REBUILDING DAY – APRIL 25

National Rebuilding Day is coming! Please mark your calendars for participation in NRD this year! This year's date is Saturday, April 25th. More to come!

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 15	Lance Moody
Wednesday, March 18	Elizabeth Bamford, Lucy Tschetter
Thursday, March 19	Robert Schrum
Friday, March 20	Barry Barr
Saturday, March 21	Mehdi Farzad, Christopher Stuard
Sunday, March 22	Liz Rugaber



Parishioner birthdays are listed weekly based on records from Breeze, our church database. For birthdays missing or listed on an incorrect date, please contact the church office to update your record. **Thank you!**

Celebrate Easter...

With a Music Fund Donation.

Gifts to the Grace Music Fund allow us to hire musicians to enhance our worship and make holy days more special. If you wish to donate to the Music Fund, please make your check out to Grace Episcopal Church, with "Music Fund" in the memo line. You may also use the QR code on the right to give via tithe for a one time or recurring donation. Any amount is greatly appreciated.



With a Flower Dedication.

Help make Grace Church beautiful with seasonal decoration this Easter. Wish to donate via physical check or cash? Simply fill out the form below, cut out, enclose a donation of \$60 and drop in the Sunday offering. You may also mail checks along with this form directly to the church office (*please do not mail cash*). For checks, please note 'Easter Flowers' on the memo line. **If you wish to have your dedication in the Easter Vigil & Easter Day bulletins, the office must receive payment by 4 pm on Sunday, March 29.**

If you wish to contribute electronically, please scan the QR code on the right with your smartphone to access the form and select "Flowers for Easter or Christmas" from the Altar Flowers drop down menu. Questions? Contact Chad Eckles, Altar Guild Flower Chair, at cke1986@gmail.com.



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EASTER FLOWER DEDICATION

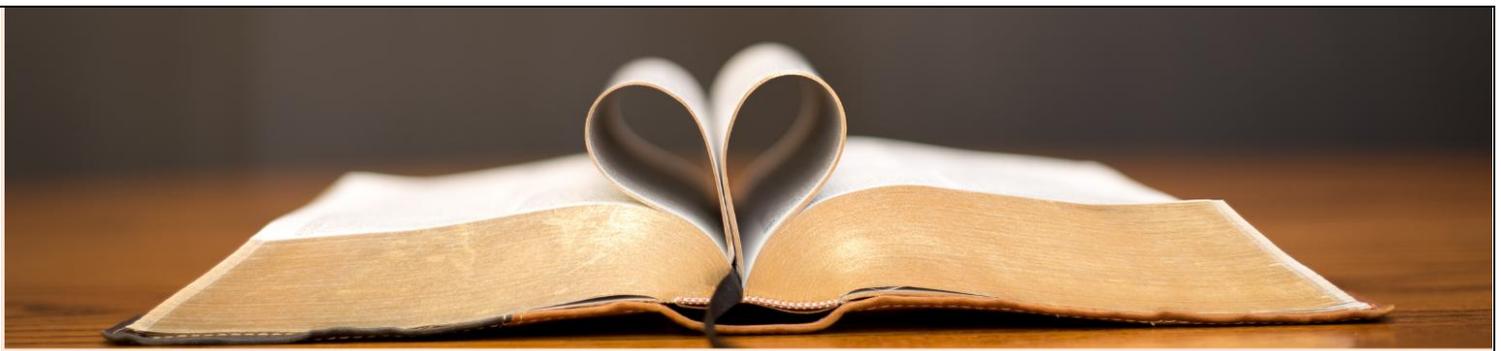
Check one and write dedication below: ___ "In loving memory of" ___ "In thanksgiving for"

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EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday March 3/15	7:30 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 I	Nave	
	5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday, 3/16	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Haikus and Holy Silence - 6 pm	St. Mark Room	
	Executive Committee - 7 pm	Zoom	
Tuesday, 3/17	Lenten Series - 5:45 pm	Auditorium	
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 3/18	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed- 703.842.3121
	Vestry Meeting - 7pm	St. Mark Room	
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 3/19	Confession - 11:30 am	Nave	
	12:00 pm Midweek Eucharist	Lady Altar	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6 pm	Malm Narthex	
Friday, 3/20	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm	St. Cecilia/Nave	
	12:00 pm Stations of the Cross w/ Eucharist	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 pm		Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Saturday, 3/21	Via Crucis y Cenita - 7pm	Nave	
	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	



2026 Learning to Love Lenten Series

Tuesdays, February 24 - March 24, 5:45 - 7:45 pm

“We loved because he first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

Join us Tuesday evenings during Lent, 5:45 - 7:45 pm, as we offer programming to enrich the season of lent for the entire family. Beginning at 5:45 pm, various Grace Church Ministries provide a simple supper, followed by a talk on spiritual practices to cultivate a loving heart. Children move to a parallel program designed just for them. We then end each session at 7:30 pm praying compline together.

This year's theme is “Learning to Love.” Attend as many sessions as you’d like or attend them all. Each session stands independently yet stays connected to the theme.

February 24 - Learning to Love Through Ignatian Spirituality

Presented by the Rev. Jon W. Scarffe,
Interim Assistant Rector, Grace Church, Alexandria

March 3 - Learning to Love Through Creation Care

Presented by Carlo Uchello,
The Chair of the Diocese of Virginia’s Creation Care Committee.

March 10 - Learning to Love Through Racial Reconciliation

Presented by Tracey Washington Enger,
Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria.

March 17 - Learning to Love by Serving the Marginalized

Presented by Adriana Gomez Schellhaas,
Strategic Director, Hearts of Love, Alexandria.

March 24 - Learning to Love Your Enemies Through Prayer, in 6 Not-So-Easy Steps

Presented by Dr. Anne Clift Boris,
Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria.

Additional Programs During Lent

Thursdays

Confession Offered 11:30 am - 12 pm

Holy Eucharist with Healing, Rite II @ 12 pm

Fridays

Stations of the Cross & Eucharist, Rite I @ 12 pm

Via Crucis y Cenita (in Spanish) @ 7 pm

Sundays During Lent

7:30 am - Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:45 am - La Santa Eucaristia (in Spanish)

9 am - Little Church

9:40 am - Adult Forum

9:40 am - Sunday School for Children & Youth

10:30 am - Choral Eucharist Rite I (*Livestreamed*)

5 pm - Contemplative Eucharist for Lent

2026 Holy Week & Easter Sunday @ Grace

* Nursery Care Provided

Palm Sunday, March 29

7:30 am - Holy Eucharist

8:45 am - La Santa Eucaristía con Procesión (*in Spanish*)*

9:00 am - Little Church with Eucharist*

9:30 am - Palm Cross Activity for all ages*

10:30 am - Festival Eucharist with Procession*
(*Livestreamed*)

5:00 pm - Contemplative Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, April 2

12 Noon - Holy Eucharist

7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Festival Eucharist
with foot-washing and stripping of the altar
(*Livestreamed*)

Prayer Watch follows until Midnight

Good Friday, April 3

7:30 am - Liturgy of the Day (*Livestreamed*)

12:00 - 1:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (*Livestreamed*)

1:00 - 1:30 pm - Silence / Music (*Livestreamed*)

1:30 - 3:00 pm - Liturgy of the Day (*Livestreamed*)

5:30 pm - Children & Family Service

7:00 pm - Via Crucis (*in Spanish*)

Monday in Holy Week, March 30

7:00 pm - Holy Eucharist

Tuesday in Holy Week, March 31

7:00 pm - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 1

7:00 pm - Choral Tenebrae led by our choir and
Josh Harrington, Interim Director of Music
(*Livestreamed*)

Holy Saturday, April 4

9:00 am - Holy Saturday Liturgy of the Day

Easter Vigil with Bishop Boursakos Saturday, April 4

8:00 pm - Easter Vigil with Baptism &
Confirmation/Reception* (*Livestreamed*)

Agape potluck meal will follow in the Auditorium

Easter Sunday, April 5

7:30 am - Holy Eucharist Rite I

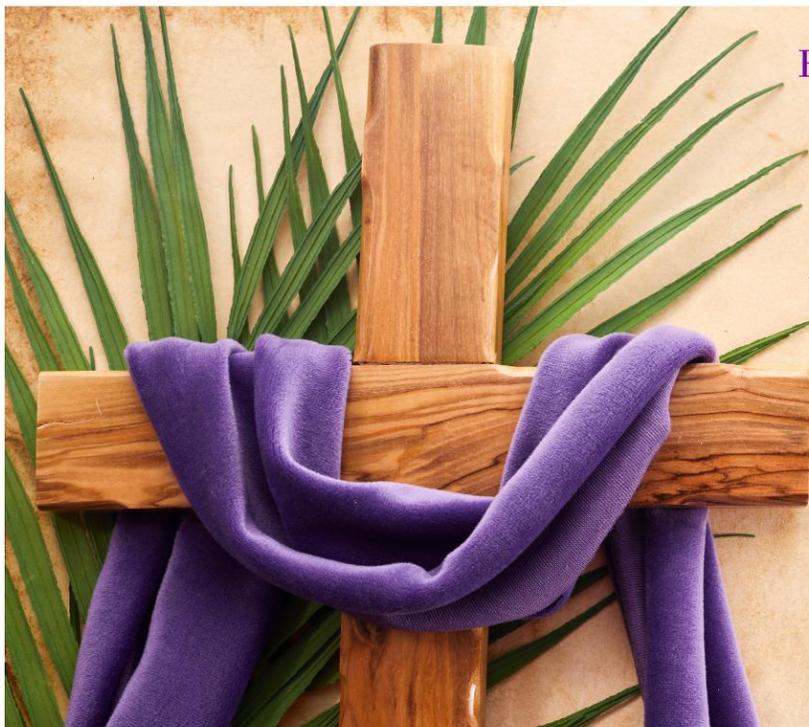
8:45 am - La Santa Eucaristía (*in Spanish*)*

9:00 am - Little Church with Eucharist*

9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt *

10:30 am - Festival Eucharist (*Livestreamed*)
Festive prelude starts at 10 AM

No 5 pm Service on Easter Sunday



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, Debbie, Ed, Colin, Jennifer, Joanie, Jean, Linda, John & Anne, Ismael, Wendy, Lisa, Liz, Anne, Claire, Doug, Lesley & Kelly, June, Alex, Cristina, Bob, Lisa, Luke.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Marilyn, Don, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette, Cynthia, Elly, Valerie; José, Madison, Henry, Gustavo, Félix.
- **Family & friends:** Klaus, Michael, Sharon, Troy, Cathie, Cameron, Amy, Bill, Theresa, Rob & Sherry, Jack, Eileen, Deanna, Leslie, Sam, Lisa, Margianne, Courtney, Gina, Joanne, Jim, Theresa, Ron, Charlotte, Todd, Ellyn.
- **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:** Edward Bailey, cousin of parishioner Evan Robinson; 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; the Epifanovskiye family.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Immanuel on the Hill, Alexandria; Kingston Parish, Mathews; Holy Comforter, Richmond.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Anglican Church of Kenya; Diocese of Udi, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Northern Uganda, The Church of the Province of Uganda; Diocese of Ughelli, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Ukwu, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Umuahia, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Te Pihopatanga o Te Upoko o Te Ika, Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

You can fill out a [Prayer Request Form](#) on our Website or email your request to prayers@gracealex.org