



# Grace Episcopal Church

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## The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ: Candlemas

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Choral Eucharist, Rite I



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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.

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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.

# THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: CANDLEMAS

## CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE I

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

### PRELUDE

*The people stand.*

### INTRIOT

Susepimus

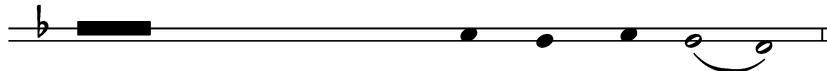
Plainsong, Tone VII

*We have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple; according to thy Name,*

*O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness.*

*Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill. (Ps. 48:10, 11 & 12)*

*Celebrant*



Light and peace in Je - sus Christ our Lord.

*People*



Thanks be to God.

*Celebrant*

Dear people of God, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the Incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same spirit, we now enter the house of God, where we shall recognize Christ in the breaking of bread.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O eternal God, who has created all things; on this day you fulfilled the petitions of the just Simeon: We humbly as you to bless and sanctify these candles for our use. Graciously hear our prayers and be merciful to us, whom you have redeemed by your Son, who is the light of the world, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people light their candles during the singing of the hymn.*

HYMN 499

Lord God, you now have set your servant free

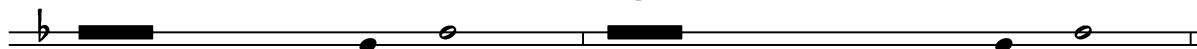
Song 1

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, through Jesus Christ the Light of the World. **Amen.**

*Deacon*

*People*



Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. A - men.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 93

Angels, from the realms of glory

Regent Square

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people extinguish all candles and are seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

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

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

### PSALM 84

*Simplified Chant*

*Sung by all.*



Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of | hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living | God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her | young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my | God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your | house! \*  
they will always be praising | you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in | you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' | way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of | springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of | water.
- 6 They will climb from height to | height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in | Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my | prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of | Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O | God; \*  
and look upon the face of your a- | noointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own | room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the | wicked.

- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and | shield; \*  
he will give grace and | glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord | withhold \*  
from those who walk with in-|tegrity.
- 12 O Lord of | hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their | trust in you!

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 2:14-18

*Lector* A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand for the Gospel Procession.*

HYMN 497

How bright appears the Morning Star

*Wie schon leuchtet*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

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

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*The people are seated.*

SERMON

Deacon Gabriel Oakes

*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 VI; BCP, p. 389

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

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, especially Gail Goodwin, aunt of Jeff & Suzy McQuilkin; Dan Henderson, friend of Don Wills; Joe Culbreth, friend of Chris Byrnes and husband of former Head of Grace School, Patti Culbreth; and Virginia Paul, aunt of Vance Allen, 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.**

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

*All*

**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, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 332

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

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*The people are seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSIONING OF ALTAR GUILD PRESIDENT

*Priest* Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

*Presenter* I present to you *Kristine Hesse*, who has been called to the ministry of Altar Guild President.

*People* **Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that they may minister in their chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*Priest* In the Name of God, we recognize you, Kristine, as Altar Guild President.



# THE HOLY COMMUNION



THE OFFERTORY

We invite you to give to the work of the church  
electronically via [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) by scanning this QR code.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Diffusa est gratia

Plainsong, Tone II

*Full of grace are thy lips: because God hath blessed thee for ever. (Ps. 45:2)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lead me, Lord

S.S. Wesley

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety  
Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face*

HYMN 7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Ratisbon

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP, p. 340

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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 very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying,

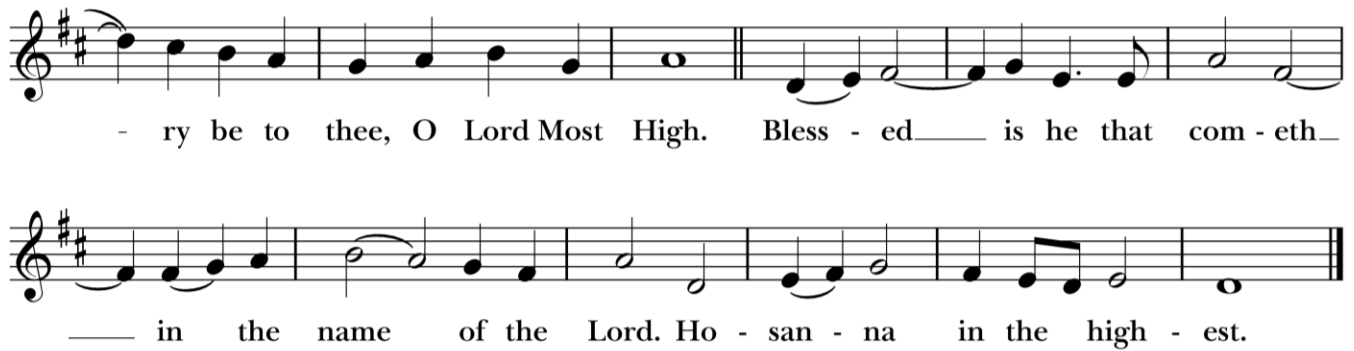
*Sanctus and Benedictus*

Hymnal S-114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -





Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.

He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

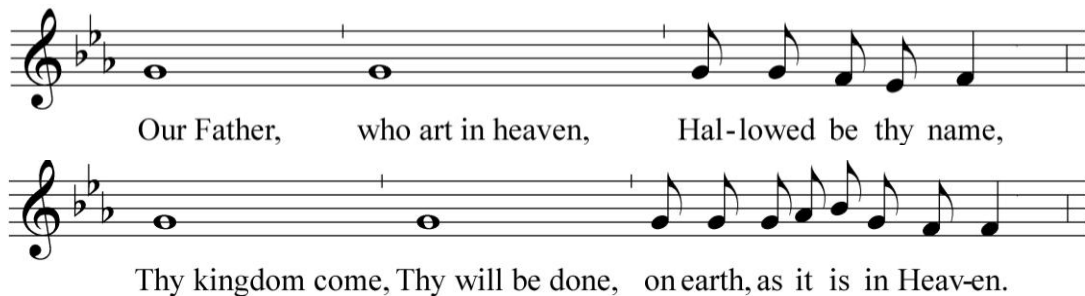
And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in 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

William H. Plant



Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,  
 As we forgive those who tres-pass a- gainst 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

#### THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Cantor, then All:

Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Cantor: The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.  
 He was with God in the beginning and dwelt among us.  
 All: Alleluia. Alleluia.

#### 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.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Anointed.*

*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 656

Blest are the pure in heart

Franconia

## 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.

## 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 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

*Hyfrydol*

## THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Be With You Til We Meet Again

*God be with you till we meet again;*

*By His counsels guide, uphold you,*

*with his sheep securely fold you;*

*God be with you till we meet again.*

## VOLUNTARY

### SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

*Celebrant*

The Rev. Dr. Anne Turner

*Deacon/Preacher*

The Rev. Deacon Gabriel Oakes

*Sub-Deacon*

The Rev. Jon Scarffe

*Lay Eucharistic Minister*

Miranda Peters

*Intercessor*

Teresa Preston

*Lector*

Rushad Thomas

*Interim Music Director*

Josh Harrington

*Altar Guild Crew Leaders*

John Barker, Lucy-Lee Reed

*Livestream Crew*

Eleanor Reed, Alison Campbell

*Ushers*

Sherryl Dodd, Chuck Dodd, Mary Stewart

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF FEBRUARY 8, 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 in thanksgiving for  
the wedding of Sarah Goode and James Burgoyne.**

*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. \*\*\*\*

### VESTRY ELECTION AND OFFICERS

At last Sunday's Annual Meeting, the congregation elected four new members to the vestry: Mark Braza, Christina Ritter, Larry Thompson, and Elias Voces. The new vestry met immediately after the Annual Meeting to elect officers: Sarah Schultz, Senior Warden; Bill Eckel, Junior Warden; Christna Ritter, Register; Ramee Gentry, Treasurer; and Laura Weidenfeld, Member at Large.

### COLLECTION OF PALMS

In preparation for Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, Feb. 18, the Altar Guild is collecting last year's palms. You are invited to return your blessed palms between now and Sunday, Feb. 15 and place them in the baskets in the Narthex. They will be burned to use for imposition of ashes.

### 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.

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

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

**February 22: Exploring Vocational Discernment, by Fr. Jon Scarffe, Diocesan Discernment Facilitator**

### YOUTH HOAGIE FUNDRAISER TODAY, FEBRUARY 8

Why cook on Super Bowl Sunday? Let Grace Church youth prepare a hoagie feast for you! Don't forget to pick up your hoagies today, Sunday, Feb. 8. Hoagies will be under the photo wall off the parking lot entrance glass doors. All proceeds benefit the youth program at Grace!

### FAMILY SUPER BOWL PARTY TODAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

Join us today, Sunday, February 8th at 6:00 pm to watch the first half of the Super Bowl! Bring a gameday snack/dessert to share, and enjoy fellowship and the game! We will have the game on the big screen in the auditorium. Please bring a camp chair for comfort. For more information, please contact [Ginny.Leebrick@gracealex.org](mailto:Ginny.Leebrick@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).

### 2025 END-OF-YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS EMAILED LAST WEEK

Last week 2025 end-of-year giving statements were emailed to those whom we have an email address for. Also, those who have requested to receive statements via mail, those statements went out as well. If you were expecting a statement but did not receive one, or if you have a question about your statement, please reach out to Mary Cyrus, Finance Administrator, at [financial.administrator@gracealex.org](mailto:financial.administrator@gracealex.org).

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

### YOUTH BABYSITTING FUNDRAISER – FEBRUARY 14

Saturday, February 14, 5 pm – 8 pm in Merrow Hall. Hello parents! Your very responsible youth friends (and parent chaperones) are child care experts and look forward to helping you enjoy a Valentine's date night while they watch your child(ren)! RSVP today via this Sign-Up Genius: Family rates for the evening: \$30/one child, \$50/two children, \$70/three children. Pizza dinner included! Credit card, check, and cash payments on site accepted. For more information, please contact Ginny.Leebrick@gracealex.org.



### CHILI BOWL 30 UPDATE! (MOVED TO SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15)

Please join us for the 30th Chili Bowl from 5:30-7:30, a family-friendly gastronomic adventure, next Sunday, February 15. We used to say "bring your appetite and your folding money" but we now take credit cards too so "bring your appetite and your credit limit" for a great fun and fundraising event!



### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – FEBRUARY 17, 6-7:30 PM

All ages are invited for this fun fellowship event! At Grace, the youth run the show on the pancake supper, but we will need a few parent volunteers to support them. Volunteers should plan to arrive at 5 pm and stay until 8 pm. If you can only come for a bit, please try to include either set-up or clean-up. Parents of youth, email Ginny (gabby.leebrick@gracealex.org) if you are able to lend a hand with set-up, during, or clean-up. Many hands make light work!

### PREPARE FOR LENT – SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER & ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES



#### Shrove Tuesday, February 17

6:00 - 7:30 pm Pancake Supper in the Merrow Hall Auditorium.

All are invited!

\$6 per person for a short stack &  
\$8 for a tall stack.

All proceeds benefit  
the Youth program.



Prepare for  
**LENT**

#### Ash Wednesday, February 18

*Imposition of ashes at all services*

7:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

12:00 pm - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

5:30 pm - Children's Service

7:00 pm - Bilingual Eucharist, Rite I

### FAITH IN ACTION: WITNESS FOR HAITI – FEBRUARY 28

On February 28, a prayer service for Haiti will be hosted at VTS at 11 am. Lunch will be provided at noon, followed by a forum from 1-3pm. All are welcome! If you wish to come, email karenwires874@gmail.com to ensure you get a lunch!

## BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 8	Peter Madigan, Sofia Reyes
Tuesday, Feb. 10	Bert David, Dina Martinez
Thursday, Feb. 12	Peregrine Enger, Elizabeth Legere
Friday, Feb. 13	Elizabeth Padilla, Lucy-Lee Reed
Sunday, Feb. 15	Catherine Giacomo



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!*

## EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday 2/8	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	
	Youth Council Workshop - 12 pm		Ginny.leebrick@gracealex.org
	5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
	Family Super Bowl Party - 6pm	Auditorium	Ginny.leebrick@gracealex.org
Monday, 2/9	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday, 2/10	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Adult Advisory Council Zoom Meeting - 7pm	Zoom	Ginny.leebrick@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 2/11	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 2/12	12:00 pm Midweek Eucharist	Lady Altar	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm	Malm Narthex	
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm	St. Cecilia/Nave	
Friday, 2/13	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 pm		Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Saturday, 2/14	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Youth Babysitting Event - 5 pm	MH Auditorium	Ginny.leebrick@gracealex.org



# Learning to Love



## 2026 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." Learning to love is central to our identity as Christians, grounded in scripture, and informed by the example of Jesus and Christians throughout history. For Episcopalians, love rooted in Christ is the foundation of our faith and life.

During our weekly talk (*lasting about 45 minutes*), we'll explore topics like Learning to Love through Spirituality, Racial Reconciliation, Praying for Our Enemies, and Nonviolent Communication. The first talk is Tuesday, February 24. The following talks are on March 3, 10, 17, and 24. Attend as many sessions as you'd like or attend them all. Each session stands independently yet stays connected to the theme.

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### 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 II (*Livestreamed*)

5 pm - Contemplative Eucharist for Lent

### Behold the Cross- A Quiet Day on the Passion: February 28, 9 a.m. - 11:30 am

On Saturday February 28, there will be a stations of the cross retreat from 9 - 11:30 am. We will pray the stations together and then write a reflection or two about different stations, followed with a celebration of the Eucharist. These reflections will be used prayerfully at the Good Friday service. This is a great opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ as we meditate on His passion.



## 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.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Marilyn, Don, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette, Cynthia, Elly, Valerie.
- **Family & friends:** Klaus, Nancy, Michael, Sharon, Troy, Cathie, Cameron, Amy, Bill, Theresa, Rob, Sherry, Heather, Jack, Eileen, Charlotte, Deanna, Allen, Leslie, Fielding, Lit & Mary Carol; Jeannine; Sam; Lisa; Margianne; Courtney; Gina; Joanne; Annelie; Charlotte, Jim, Theresa; Ron.
- **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:** Gail Goodwin, aunt of Jeff & Suzy McQuilkin; Dan Henderson, friend of Don Wills; Joe Culbreth, friend of Chris Byrnes and husband of former head of Grace School; Virginia Paul, aunt of Vance Allen, and 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.
- **Travel:** Eric Waskowicz, Evan and Nancy Robinson.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** St. John the Baptist, Ivy; St. Mary's, Arlington.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; Diocese of South West Tanganyika, Anglican Church of Tanzania; Diocese of Western Tanganyika, Anglican Church of Tanzania; Diocese of Tarime, Anglican Church Tanzania; Diocese of Taungoo, Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma); Diocese of Temotu, Anglican Church Melanesia.

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