



# Grace Episcopal Church

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## Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Holy Eucharist, Rite I



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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.

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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.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE I**

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

*During Lent, we begin the liturgy with the Penitential Order (which includes the confession) to foreground our desire for forgiveness and repentance. The Order includes the Decalogue (literally, ten words, or the Ten Commandments), words from scripture about the forgiving nature of God, and a corporate confession of our shared and individual sins.*

PRELUDE

*The people stand for the tolling of the bell and the silent procession.*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People*

His mercy endureth for ever.

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EXHORTATION

BCP, p.316

*Priest*

Beloved in the Lord: Our Savior Christ, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood as a sign and pledge of his love, for the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of his death, and for a spiritual sharing in his risen life. For in these holy Mysteries we are made one with Christ, and Christ with us; we are made one body in him, and members one of another.

Having in mind, therefore, his great love for us, and in obedience to his command, his Church renders to Almighty God our heavenly Father never-ending thanks for the creation of the world, for his continual providence over us, for his love for all mankind, and for the redemption of the world by our Savior Christ, who took upon himself our flesh, and humbled himself even to death on the cross, that he might make us the children of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, and exalt us to everlasting life.

But if we are to share rightly in the celebration of those holy Mysteries, and be nourished by that spiritual Food, we must remember the dignity of that holy Sacrament. I therefore call upon you to consider how Saint Paul exhorts all persons to prepare themselves carefully before eating of that Bread and drinking of that Cup.

For, as the benefit is great, if with penitent hearts and living faith we receive the holy Sacrament, so is the danger great, if we receive it improperly, not recognizing the Lord's Body. Judge yourselves, therefore, lest you be judged by the Lord.

Examine your lives and conduct by the rule of God's commandments, that you may perceive wherein you have offended in what you have done or left undone, whether in thought, word, or deed. And acknowledge your sins before Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life, being ready to make restitution for all injuries and wrongs done by you to others; and also being ready to forgive those who have offended you, in order that you yourselves may be forgiven. And then, being reconciled with one another, come to the banquet of that most heavenly Food.

And if, in your preparation, you need help and counsel, then go and open your grief to a discreet and understanding priest, and confess your sins, that you may receive the benefit of absolution, and spiritual counsel and advice; to the removal of scruple and doubt, the assurance of pardon, and the strengthening of your faith.

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory in the Church evermore.

Through him let us offer continually the sacrifice of praise, which is our bounden duty and service, and, with faith in him, come boldly before the throne of grace.

*The people kneel*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 320

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy 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. —

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

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Lector* A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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



Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my | voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my suppli | cation.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done a | miss, \*  
O Lord, who could | stand?

For there is for | giveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be | feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul | waits for him; \*  
in his word is my | hope.

My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the | morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the | morning.

O Israel, wait for the | Lord, \*  
for with the Lord there is | mercy;

(2<sup>nd</sup> half) With him there is plenteous re | demption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their | sins.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:6-11

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

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law~ indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

Hymn 512

Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove

Mendon

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill.

So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

*The people are seated.*

SERMON

The Rev. Jon Scarffe

*Silence is kept.*

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 William C. Chinworth, brother of parishioner Ford Chinworth, and Beverly McDaniel, grandmother of staff member Ginny Leebrick, 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.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son 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.**

COMMISSIONING OF PARISH LEAD FOR EVANGELISM

*Celebrant*

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.

*A representative of the congregation*

Keith Davis has been called to the ministry of Parish Lead for Evangelism.

*People*

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

*Celebrant*

Let us pray. (Silence)

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.*



*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. My Lord. Those who eat my  
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. 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 508

Breathe on me, Breath of God

*Nova Vita*

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 with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*People* **Amen.**

*All stand and sing the hymn.*

CLOSING HYMN 521

Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might

Chelsea Square

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 339

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

VOLUNTARY

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

## SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Dr. Anne Turner
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Jon Scarffe
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Seth Wise Buck, Miranda Peters, Alex Willson
<i>Lector</i>	Jonathan Doelp
<i>Intercessor</i>	Khacki Berry
<i>Interim Music Director</i>	Josh Harrington
<i>Ushers</i>	Chuck Dodd, Sherryl Dodd, John Hall, Mary Hix
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Alison Campbell, Stephen Lovell
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Eleanor Reed, Nancy Robinson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MARCH 22, 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).

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

**March 29: Palm Sunday** - Intergenerational Event in the 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*

### FEAST DAY EUCHARIST – THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD – WEDNESDAY, 3/25, 7 AM

We invite you to celebrate the Annunciation of our Lord Feast Day Eucharist in the Nave at the Lady Altar on Wednesday, March 25 at 7 am. This service lasts about 30 minutes and provides an opportunity for prayer and reflection.

### 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 (UPDATED INFORMATION)

- Set-up in Merrow Hall at 11am. Volunteers are welcome to show up and help or let us know to expect you by emailing: [cooolleen@gmail.com](mailto:cooolleen@gmail.com)
- Attendees bring your favorite savory finger foods to share. Drop off your food donation plated and ready to serve. Volunteers will be on hand in Merrow Hall beginning at 6:30 pm to assist.
- Clean-up after Agape supper. While everyone is welcomed to assist, please let us know to count on you by emailing: [cooolleen@gmail.com](mailto:cooolleen@gmail.com)

### HAIKUS AND HOLY SILENCE – MONDAY 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](mailto:swisebuck@vts.edu). Scan the QR code on the right to sign up for the session. We will meet in the Saint Mark Room.



### 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 22	Liz Rugaber
Monday, March 23	Mia Giacomo, Benjamin Kupczyk
Tuesday, March 24	Corrinne Tschetter
Thursday, March 26	Elizabeth Corley, Lisa Doelp, Lydia Geisinger, Kathy Zucca
Friday, March 27	Simon Kupczyk
Saturday, March 28	Caleb Killian



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.



### ✂-----✂-----✂ **EASTER FLOWER DEDICATION**

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

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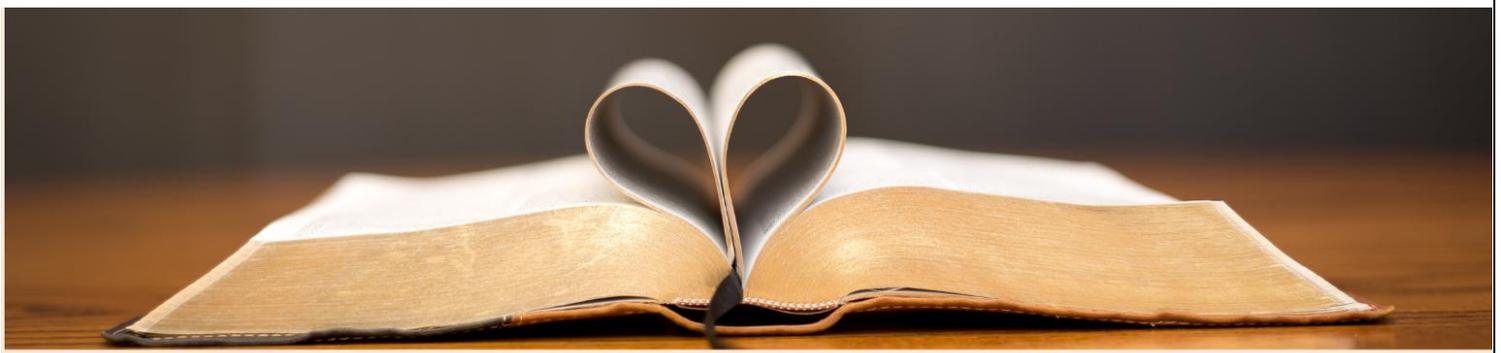
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## EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
<b>Sunday March 3/22</b>	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	
	Inquirers' Class - 12 pm	St. Mark	
	5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
<b>Monday, 3/23</b>	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>
<b>Tuesday, 3/24</b>	Lenten Series - 5:45 pm	Auditorium	
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
<b>Wednesday, 3/25</b>	Annunciation of our Lord Eucharist - 7 am	Nave	
	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed- 703.842.3121
	Outreach Meeting - 6 pm	St. Mark	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	La Gracia Consejo - 7pm	Zoom	
	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	
<b>Thursday, 3/26</b>	Confession - 11:30 am	Nave	
	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 pm	Malm Narthex	
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm	St. Cecilia/Nave	
<b>Friday, 3/27</b>	12:00 pm Stations of the Cross w/ Eucharist	Nave	
	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>
	Via Crucis y Cenita - 7pm	Nave	
<b>Saturday, 3/28</b>	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.*

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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 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, Ismael, Wendy, Lisa, Liz, Anne, Claire, 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, Robert, Barbara.
- **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:** William C. Chinworth, brother of parishioner Ford Chinworth; Beverly McDaniel, grandmother of staff member Ginny Leebrick; 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:** Libby Padilla.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Shrine Mont Camps; The Rt. Rev'd E. Mark Stevenson, The Rt. Rev'd Gayle Elizabeth Harris, The Rt. Rev'd Mark A. Bourlakas, and all Bishops participating in the House of Bishops meeting.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Anglican Church of Korea; Diocese of Uruguay, Anglican Church of South America; Diocese of Utah, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Uyo, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Valparaiso, Iglesia Anglicana de Chile; Diocese of Vanuatu, Anglican Church of Melanesia; Diocese of Vellore, Church of South India (United).

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