



# Grace Episcopal Church

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## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 15, 2026 – 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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## WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



Please silence your cell phones during worship.

### Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

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

### Contacting Grace

Please feel free to contact our staff.

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

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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.

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

### PRELUDE

*The people stand.*

### HYMN 494

Crown him with many crowns

*Diademata*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

*People*

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 355

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

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

### GLORIA WLP 900

*John Rutter*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —

— and peace to his peo - ple on earth. — Lord God,

(senza Ped. ad lib.)

heav'n-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship

(Ped.)

you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

(♩ = ♩. of preceding - same beat as before, not slower) Fa - ther,

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Fa - ther,

(♩ = ♩. of preceding - same beat as before, not slower) Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

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world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right

hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For

Fa-ther: re-ceive

Fa-ther: re-ceive

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

Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a hymn, likely in 3/4 time. It consists of five systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (soprano and bass staves) and a piano accompaniment (treble and bass staves). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures (one sharp, F#), time signatures (3/4), and dynamic markings (accents). There are also triplets indicated by a '3' over a bracket. The lyrics are: 'world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right', 'hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For', 'Fa-ther: re-ceive', 'Fa-ther: re-ceive', 'you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the', and 'Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,'.

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, —

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. —

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 24:12-18

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.

Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 2:6-13

*Ionian Psalter*



*Choir:* "I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." Let me announce the decree of the LORD: he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you."

**ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON**

*Choir:* Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession. You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

**ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON**

*Choir:* And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow before him;

**ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON**

*Choir:* Lest he be angry and you perish; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are they all who take refuge in him!

**ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Peter 1:16-21

*Lector* A reading from the second letter of Saint Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The people stand.*

HYMN 383

Fairest Lord Jesus

*St. Elizabeth*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*The people are seated.*

SERMON

Rev. Jon Scarffe

*Silence is kept.*

*The people stand.*

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



*The 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, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*Celebrant*

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to *your* merciful care, that, being guided by *your* Providence, we may dwell secure in *your* peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do *your* will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in *thy* fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who *lives* and *reigns* with *you* and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*Deacon*

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

*Celebrant and People*

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

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 332

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

*People*          **And also with you.**

*The people are seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

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



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### Create in Me

Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence;  
and take not thy holy spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;  
and uphold me with thy free spirit.  
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;  
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God!

## HYMN LEVAS 64

### I love to tell the story

*I love to tell the story*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, p. 367

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

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

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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*The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

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

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

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



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

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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory**

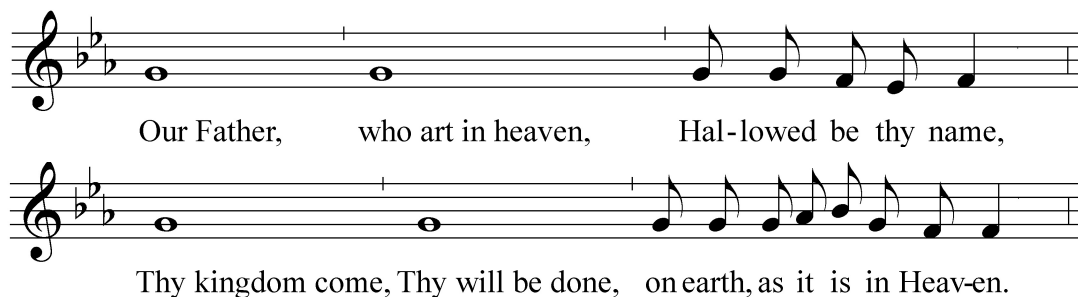
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant





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

Hymnal S-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.  
 Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.  
 Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:  
 give us your peace, give us your peace.

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

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

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

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

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

HYMN 488

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Slane

## THE SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

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

*The people stand or kneel.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

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

*All stand and sing the hymn.*

CLOSING HYMN 400

All creatures of our God and King

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

## THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

**Deacon** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## VOLUNTARY

## SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant

The Rev. Dr. Anne Turner

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The Rev. Gabriel Oakes

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Usher

Elizabeth Legere

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF FEBRUARY 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](mailto:announcements@gracealex.org).

**The flowers on the altar are given by Lorna Worley in Thanksgiving for  
My Niece, Whitney Canizalez, and My Nephew, Michael Gray.**

*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. \*\*\*\*\*

### 154 EPISCOPAL BISHOPS ISSUE MESSAGE CALLING FOR IMMIGRATION POLICIES

In response to Bishop Rowe's message to "commit ourselves to paying whatever price our witness requires of us," 154 Bishops have responded with a message of their own. Scan the QR code to read the article on the matter as well as the text of the letter.



### 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.

**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

**March 1:** Fighting Fear, by parishioners

**March 8:** TBD

**March 15:** TBD

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

### 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 by TODAY, Sunday, Feb. 15 and place them in the baskets in the Narthex. They will be burned to use for imposition of ashes.

### 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).

### CHILI BOWL 30 UPDATE! (TODAY, FEBRUARY 15)

Please join us for the 30th Chili Bowl from 5:30-7:30, a family-friendly gastronomic adventure, TODAY, 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!



### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16 FOR PRESIDENTS DAY

The church office will be closed on Monday, February 16, for Presidents Day and will reopen at 9 am on Tuesday, February 17.

### FUNERAL FOR ELESa McFADDEN – FEBRUARY 17

The funeral for parishioner Elesa McFadden will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17, at 10:00 a.m. at the chapel at Goodwin House Alexandria. A light reception will follow.

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

### 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 5pm and stay until 8pm. If you can only come for a bit, please try to include either set-up or clean-up.

Parents of youth, email Ginny ([ginny.leebrick@gracealex.org](mailto:ginny.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.



#### 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

### EDUCATION SESSION ON TITLE IV

Ms. Cindy Barnes, a consultant to the Diocese of Virginia, will join us on Sunday, February 22, after the 10:30 service coffee hour (approximately 12:15). She will talk about Father Santiago's recent involvement with the Title IV disciplinary process, answer questions, and listen to concerns. All are welcome.

### 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](mailto:karenwires874@gmail.com) to ensure you get a lunch!

### FIGHTING FEAR – CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

We have all felt anxiety, particularly in the middle of the night, and felt the need of God's help. Many of us have developed go-to prayers that soothe our souls and give us hope – and sometimes even a good night's rest! Come to adult forum on March 1 and share your favorite go-to prayer for emergencies. Prayers can be original or written by someone else, informal or formal – whatever works for you. If you would like your contribution included in a handout sheet, please send it in advance to Anne Clift Boris ([anne.boris@gracealex.org](mailto:anne.boris@gracealex.org)), but last-minute contributors are also welcome.



## BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

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| Sunday, Feb. 15    | Catherine Giacomo   |
| Tuesday, Feb. 17   | Vika Epifanovskaya  |
| Wednesday, Feb. 18 | Brennan Caceres Yoc, Curtis Marshall,<br>Alexandra Milnor |
| Thursday, Feb. 19  | Ashley Spencer, Mary Toler,                               |
| Saturday, Feb. 21  | Anne McFadden, Pamela Valenzuela,<br>Seamus White         |
| Sunday, Feb. 22    | Andrew Lorentz  |



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 2/15     | 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                        |  |
|                 | 5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II    | Nave                        |  |
|                 | Annual Chili Bowl – 5:30pm                  | Auditorium                  |  |
| Monday, 2/16    | Food Pantry Bagging – 3:30 – 5:30 pm        | 1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby | <a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>   |
| Tuesday, 2/17   | Food Pantry Distribution – 6 pm             | 1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby | <a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>   |
|                 | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – 6 pm        | Auditorium                  |  |
| Wednesday, 2/18 | 7:00 am Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist        | Nave                        |  |
|                 | 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Eucharist w/ Hymns   | Nave                        |  |
|                 | 5:30 pm Ash Wednesday Children Service      | Nave                        |  |
|                 | Evening Prayer – 5:30 pm                    | Zoom                        | Lucy-Lee Reed – 703.842.3121   |
|                 | 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Bilingual Service     | Nave                        |  |
|                 | Alcoholics Anonymous – 8 pm                 | MH Auditorium               |  |
|                 | Alanon – 8 pm                               | St. Luke Room               |  |
| Thursday, 2/19  | 12:00 pm Midweek Eucharist                  | Lady Altar                  |  |
|                 | Food Pantry Bagging – 3:30 – 5:30 pm        | 1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby | <a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>   |
|                 | Handbell Choir Rehearsal – 6:00 pm          | Malm Narthex                |  |
|                 | Adult Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm             | St. Cecilia/Nave            |  |
| Friday, 2/20    | 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>   |
| Saturday, 2/21  | Altar Guild Set Up – 9 am                   | Narthex, Sacristy           |  |
|                 | Bible Study – 10 am                         | Zoom                        | <a href="mailto:Chrissie.Crosby@gracealex.org">Chrissie.Crosby@gracealex.org</a> |

# 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, Michael, Sharon, Troy, Cathie, Cameron, Amy, Bill, Theresa, Rob & Sherry, Jack, Eileen, Deanna, Leslie, Sam, Lisa, Margianne, Courtney, Gina, Joanne, Jim, Theresa, Ron, Charlotte.
- **Members of our staff:** Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Gabriel, Ginny, Jane, Father Jon, Josh, Kevin, Kris, Mary, Miranda, Pedro, Seth.
- **Grace School:** Students & their families; for the staff, especially Amanda, head of school.
- **Outreach & Justice Partners:** ALIVE, Casa Chirilagua, Christ Church Refugee and Lazarus Ministries, Community Lodgings, Haiti Micah Project, Health Tanzania, Meade Memorial Lunch Program, Tenants and Workers, V.O.I.C.E., Kathleen and Eddie Arthur Hearts of Love Fund.
- **Those who have died:** those who have died from illnesses and natural disasters; all those killed in acts of terror, violence, and war around the world.
- **Those serving our country in the Armed Forces and State Department overseas:** Karen & Eric Coulson, Erika Olander; for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war, and for physical and mental well-being of all veterans.
- **Others who are overseas serving the Church or our nation or teaching or studying abroad:** Chris & Melissa Reed, Virginia Robinson, Julie Mills Cizek & Theo Halliwell; the Epifanovskiye family.
- **Travel:** Cynthia Puskar and her daughter Cathy with several other family members, Eric Waskowicz, Evan and Nancy Robinson.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** St. Paul's, Miller's Tavern; Our Saviour, Charlottesville.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; Diocese of Tennessee, Episcopal Church; Diocese of East Tennessee, Episcopal Church; Diocese of West Tennessee, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Terekeka, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Territory of the People, Anglican Church of Canada; Missionary Diocese of Tet, Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola.

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