



Grace Episcopal Church

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025 – 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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



Please silence your cell phones during worship.

Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

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

Contacting Grace

Please feel free to contact our staff.

Our summer office hours are Monday to Thursday 9 am – 2 pm, and we are closed 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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'St. Magnus'

Christopher Tambling (b. 1964)

The people stand.

HYMN 483

The head that once was crowned with thorns

St. Magnus

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 – 3rd grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.

GLORIA S-236

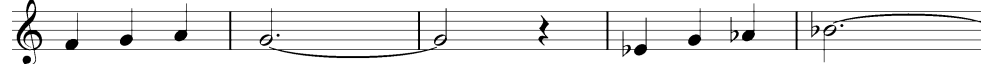
Rutter



1. Glo-ry to you, Lord



God of our fa-thers; you are wor-thy of praise;



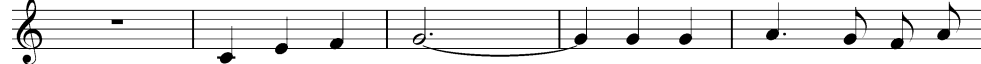
glo-ry to you. 2. Glo-ry to you



for the ra-di-ance of your ho-ly Name; we will



praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.



3. Glo-ry to you in the splen-dor of your



tem-ple; on the throne of your ma-jes-ty, glo-ry to



you. 4. Glo-ry to you, seat-ed bet-

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of

depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,

you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Lector A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111

Anglican Chant

Sung by the choir.

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *

the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *

all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *

because they are done in truth and equity.

- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Lector A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David~ that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful~ for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

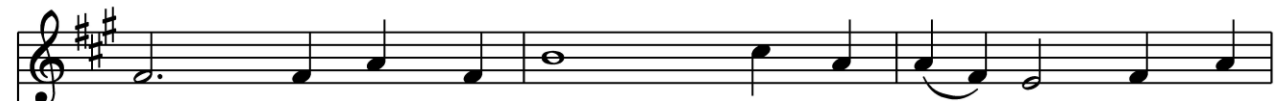
Hymn VF 67

Crashing waters at creation

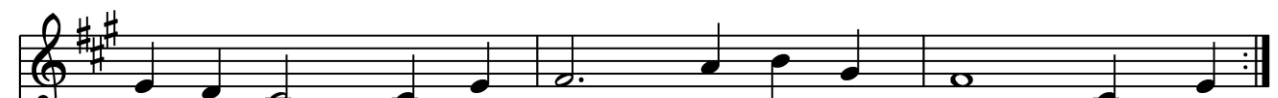
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1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered
2 (Part - ing) wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the
3 (Cleans-ing) wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a -



by the Spir - it's breath, first to wit - ness day's be -
cap - tives passed on through, wash-ing off the chains of
round the one fore - told, o - pened to re - veal the



gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death. 2 Part - ing
bond - age chan-nel to a life made new. 3 Cleans-ing
glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old. 4 Liv - ing

optional Descant

Liv-ing wa-ter, nev-er end-ing, quench the thirst and
wa-ter, nev-er end-ing, quench the thirst and flood the
flood the soul. Well-spring, source of life e-ter-nal, drench our
soul. Well-spring, source of life e-ter-nal, drench our
dry-ness, make us whole, drench our dry-ness, make us
dry-ness, make us whole, drench our dry-ness, make us
whole.
whole.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

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

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Mother Emma Brice

Silence is kept.

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,**

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form II; BCP, p. 385

The Leader prays.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; and our Bishops Mark, Gayle, and Mark; for Bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury-Elect; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Creator, you bent the earth like a bow until it was one, round, shining planet. At your word the land was drawn into mountains and deserts, forests, and plains; the waters were gathered together into rivers, lakes and seas. The circle of your creation has been broken time and again by greed and violence and many lives have been shattered. Renew the circle of the earth and turn the hearts of all your people to one another; that they and all the earth may live, and be drawn toward you and through the power of your son, Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and always. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 by scanning this QR code.*

If you give electronically, please place the tag in your pew in the offering so that your gift can be blessed.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God is our hope & strength

J.S. Bach (b. 1685 – 1750)

*God is our hope and strength,
All heav'n and earth adore him!*

*Renew eternal praise,
And prostrate fall before him!*

*For all things are of him,
And in all things is he,
The works that aye have been,
And evermore shall be.*

*Honour and thanks to God,
Who wrought this world's creation.*

*To taste of heav'nly joy,
In death and tribulation.*

*Him praise we while we live,
And on his will attend,
Until we there arrive,
Where song shall have no end.*

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.

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; For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

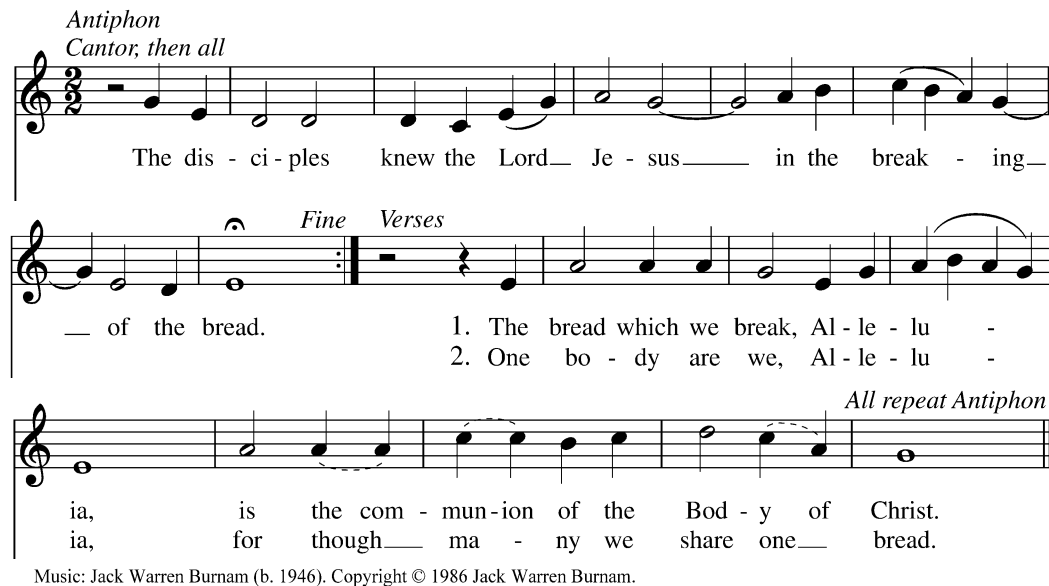
THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-low-ed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who tres-pass a-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

Antiphon
Cantor, then all



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing
— of the bread.

Fine Verses

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

Music: Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946). Copyright © 1986 Jack Warren Burnam.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

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

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

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

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

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

WLP 772

O Christ, the healer, we have come

Kedron

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

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Clergy will give instructions for an Evacuation Drill.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Mother Anne Turner
<i>Preacher</i>	Mother Emma Brice
<i>Assisting & Children's Chapel</i>	Father Santiago Rodriguez
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Alex Wilson
<i>Lector</i>	Anne Boris
<i>Intercessor</i>	June Huber
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	John Barker, Kemp Williams
<i>Livestream Crew</i>	Jay Legere, Stephen Lovell
<i>Ushers</i>	Brad Bergmann, John Boris, John Hall, June Huber

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 12, 2025

The weekly announcement deadline is Monday at 12 pm. Announcements arriving after that time will be held for the following week. Please limit announcements to 75 words. Announcements will be edited for content and length. Email requests to announcements@gracealex.org.

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

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

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

FRONT ELEVATOR & COFFEE HOUR LOCATION CHANGE

The front elevator (outside of the church office) is undergoing a planned modernization. The elevator will be offline for approximately seven weeks (end of October) while this work is completed. During this time, to ensure all parishioners are able to participate, a simplified version of Coffee Hour will be held in the Malm Narthex after the 10:30 am service instead of the Merrow Hall Auditorium. Water and lemonade will be served along with a simple snack option more suitable for our temporary location. Thank you for your patience during this necessary update.

ADULT FORUM IS GATHERING AGAIN

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 am. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

Fall Schedule

October 12: Diocese of Virginia Racial Justice & Healing Pilgrimage, by Chrissie Crosby & Lynn Rohrs

October 19: Year-Round Stewardship Visioning, by Elizabeth Legere and Robby Schrum

October 27: Grace at Work: The Banquet Table, by Erin White

November 2: Grace Church 1855-2125: Stewardship Funded our Start and Ensures Our Future, by Barry Joyner and Elizabeth Legere

November 9: Poetry for Compassion and Shelter, by Mother Anne Michele Turner

November 16: Atonement Without Violence, by Father Santiago Rodriguez

November 23: Graceful Memories, by Grace Church parishioners

November 30: Intergenerational Event in Merrow Hall.

EVACUATION DRILL – TODAY

To support our new emergency plan, Grace Church will hold an evacuation drill at the end of the 10:30 service on Sunday, October 12. The drill should take less than five minutes and will leave us in place to enjoy coffee hour immediately afterwards.

CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED TOMORROW, OCTOBER 13

The Church office is closed tomorrow, Monday, October 13 in observance of the Indigenous Peoples / Columbus Day holiday. The office will reopen at 9 am on Tuesday, October 14.

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL PUMPKIN PATCH

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill on Seminary Road will be hosting its 32nd annual Pumpkin Patch October 4-31. The Patch offers beautiful pumpkins and gourds grown by Navajo Nation farmers, delicious home-made soups, baked goods, and autumn-Halloween-themed crafts. 100% of Patch profits support over 25 local, national, and international charities, including our own Grace Church Food Pantry. The pumpkin patch is open weekdays 12 noon to 6 pm and weekends/holidays 10 am to 6 pm. Scan the QR code to learn more.



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

THIRD QUARTER GRACE GIVING STATEMENTS

Grace Church emailed Third Quarter 2025 Giving Statements on Friday, October 10th. If you requested a mailed statement one will be mailed to you by 10/15/2025. Your 3rd quarter statement includes all gifts received by September 30, 2025. If you have any questions about your giving statement please contact giving@gracealex.org. Thank you for your continuing support for Grace Church and all of our ministries!

SAINT LUKE EUCHARIST – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

On Saturday, October 18 there will be a Saint Luke Eucharist at 8:30 a.m., held in the nave at the Lady Altar.

GRACE 101

New to Grace—or just want to understand more? Come to Grace 101, a one-hour session led by the clergy on the mission, beliefs, and organization of Grace Church. We meet from 12:00-1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 19, in the Saint Mark Room. For questions or to RSVP (although you are welcome even without an RSVP) contact Mother Anne at anne.turner@gracealex.org.

TURN OUT FOR HOMES ON OCTOBER 19

Grace is a member of VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith & Community Engagement), a nonpartisan coalition of 50+ congregations and civic groups in Northern Virginia. We are deeply concerned that the housing shortage is worsening: teachers can't afford to live near their schools, graduates can't return home, and many neighbors struggle to find safe, affordable housing. On October 19, VOICE and the Commonwealth Housing Coalition will hold the Homes for All Assembly from 3:30–5:00 pm at Floris UMC (13600 Frying Pan Rd, Herndon) to call for bold statewide action. We hope many from Grace will join us. Contact Jennifer Eckel (jgeckel@verizon.net) or Father Santiago Rodriguez (santiago.rodriguez@gracealex.org) for details.

JOIN THE SCHOOL FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Are you looking to deepen your Christian commitment? Join this four-week class to learn more about leadership and discernment skills you can use in the church and in the world. The course meets on Sunday evenings 6:00-7:30 from October 19-November 9, with a closing breakfast on Saturday, November 15. For more information or to RSVP contact Mother Anne at anne.turner@gracealex.org.

FESTIVE FELLOWSHIP HOUR – OCTOBER 26

Please join us for a festive fellowship hour on October 26 after the 10:30 am service. We will be celebrating Dr. Alain Truche and wishing him well as he departs Grace for a new adventure. Please scan the QR code below to sign up to bring a savory or sweet to share.



IT'S SPOOKY SEASON AND TRUNK OR TREAT IS ALMOST HERE!

Join us on Sunday, October 26, from 3-5:00 pm. Start dreaming up your most creative car trunk theme and get ready for a celebration packed with costumes, candy, face painting, games, crafts, music, and more. We're partnering again with Emmanuel Church and Grace Episcopal School for an epic neighborhood event. All ages are welcome. Scan the QR code to sign up to host a decorated trunk or to help with setup and cleanup, or simply come and enjoy the fun. Questions? Email Father Santiago Rodriguez at santiago.rodriguez@gracealex.org.



CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS – NOVEMBER 2 AT 5 PM

On Sunday, November 2, the 5:00 pm service will be a Choral Evensong for the Feast of All Souls, with organ prelude beginning 20 minutes before the service starts. We will also remember all those who have died, especially those who have died in the past year. The service will include a reading of the names of the dead. If you have a name that you would like to have read aloud, please email the name to announcements@gracealex.org by October 26 to make sure it is included. All are welcome at the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK *(CONTINUED)*

ROOTED AND GROWING: FALL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN IS UNDERWAY!

The theme of this year's campaign, "Growing in Love, Rooted in Grace," is a response to our great collective work as a parish over the past year to articulate our core values (roots) and vision for the future (growth). The health of our roots and the direction and strength of our growth depend on each one of you sharing your gifts, and that will be a focus of the messaging you hear in the coming weeks. How will you respond? We invite you to prayerfully consider a pledge of financial support for Grace in 2026. We will hold our annual ingathering celebration on Sunday, November 2, but you can pledge any time online or by returning a pledge card in the mail, or by giving online.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GRACE FRIENDSGIVING & BAKEOFF FUNDRAISER

Bring a meal to share with friends and family and enjoy the best desserts from the Grace community! In the spirit of friendly competition, enter your home-baked goodie into the Bakeoff competition or make a special dessert to be auctioned off that evening. More details to follow. When: November 15 from 5:30 – 7:30; Where: Grace Church Merrow Hall Auditorium; Who: All are welcome. If you'd like to help with this event or have questions, please contact GraceBakeOff@gracealex.org.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR SUPPORT

Grace is requesting volunteers to host, provide food donations, and help with cleanup after fellowship hour. If you and/or your family enjoy having refreshments and snacks, please consider signing up. To volunteer, use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or the hard copy signup sheet located on the snack table. Please note, refreshments and snacks will only be available during a fellowship hour when someone has volunteered to host to perform setup and food donations are provided. With your gift of volunteering our fellowship hours will continue to be a success!



Please Note: During the temporary relocation of Fellowship Hour to the Malm Narthex, only small, prepared snacks such as cookies or crackers (nothing with nuts and nothing needing slicing or require a fork or spoon) and only cold drinks will be available (for example, water and/or lemonade).

WALK THE LABYRINTH

The Grace labyrinth will be available each week in the Malm narthex from 4:30-5:00 p.m., for those who would like to walk ahead of our 5:00 pm contemplative eucharist.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 12	Rushad Thomas
Tuesday, Oct. 14	Katherine Winstead, Ford Chinworth
Wednesday, Oct. 15	Charles Nelson, Lisa Medley, Laura Laemmie-Weidenfeld
Saturday, Oct. 18	Christine Byrnes
Sunday, Oct. 19	Beth Yancey, William Corley, Stephanie Farciert



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 10/12	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Lady Altar	
	8:45 am La Santa Eucaristía	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	9:40 am Formation Hour <i>Adult Forum / Sunday School</i>	Various Rooms	
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist Rite II (Livestreamed)	Nave	
	Adult Advisory Council - 12:30 pm		
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday, 10/13	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday, 10/14	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Executive Committee - 7:00 pm		
Wednesday, 10/15	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	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, 10/16	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Midweek Eucharist - 12:00 pm	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Handbell Rehearsal - 5:30 pm	Malm Narthex	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
Friday, 10/17	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 10/18	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Saint Luke Eucharist - 8:30 am	Nave, Lady Altar	

PRAYER @ GRACE THIS WEEK

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

- **Parishioners:** Hector, Amorita, Debbie, Kelly, Ed, Charles, Colin, Jennifer, Joanie, Jean, Linda, Wendy, John & Anne, Ismael, Wendy, Stephen, Lisa, Priscilla & Paul; Liz; Anne; Lorna, Claire Eudy.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Eles, Marilyn, Don, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette, Cynthia.
- **Family & friends:** Klaus, Nancy, Michael, Sharon, Santos, Don, Ashby, Troy, Dick, Cathie, Cameron, Patti & Joe, Amy, Bill, Theresa, Rob, Sherry, Pearl, Heather, Jack, Eileen, Frank, Charlotte, Lucy, Sarah, Katherine, Deanna, Allen, Leslie, Fielding, Lit & Mary Carol; Jeannine; Sam; Lisa; Margianne; Courtney; Gina; Joanne; Victoria; Erin; Viranga, Marc.
- **Members of our staff:** Alain, Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, Kevin, Kalli, Mary, Pedro, Father Santiago.
- **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:** Robert DuBrul, Melinda LeRoy, John Neiburg, Edmund Rice, friends of parishioner Don Wills; 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 studying:** Chris & Melissa Reed, Virginia Robinson.
- **Traveling:** Christina Baggott, family of parishioner Lisa Bellantoni.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** St. Matthew's, Sterling; Trinity, Washington.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Church of the Province of Uganda; Diocese of Patheine, Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma); Diocese of Patna, Church of North India (United); Diocese of Pelotas, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; Diocese of Pennsylvania, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania, Episcopal Church. Bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury-elect.

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