



Grace Episcopal Church

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 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

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Clergy and staff are available for pastoral care. Please call the church office at (703) 549-1980 if you're ill or need pastoral care. For emergencies after hours, please call the **After-hours Emergency Number: (703) 261-9079**, and the priest on call will assist you.

HOME COMMUNION

Home Communion is available upon request for parishioners who desire this service by Eucharistic Visitors every Sunday. Home Communion will be in one form, Bread only. To request Home Communion, parishioners are asked to contact the Parish Office by telephone at 703-549-1980 no later than 12 pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday on which they would like to receive Home Communion.

FIFTEENTH 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

Improvisation on 'Lobe den Herren'

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Prelude on 'Lobe den Herren'

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

The people stand.


HYMN 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

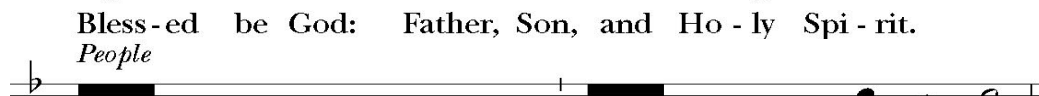
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Amos 8:4-7

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 113

Anglican Chant by James Turle

Sung by the choir.

Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the Lord; *
praise the Name of the Lord.

Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the Lord be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.

He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1-7

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

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Hymn 538

God of mercy, God of grace

Lucerna Laudoniae

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated.

SERMON

Father Santiago Rodriguez

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 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.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

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

Silence may be kept.

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

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



THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

From the rising of the sun

F.A. Ouseley (1825-1889)

From the rising of the sun

unto the going down of the same

my name shall be great, among the Gentiles;

and in ev'ry place incense shall be offer'd up unto my name:

for my name shall be great among the heathen,

thus saith the Lord!

HYMN 596

Judge eternal, thorned in splendor

Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP, p. 361

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.

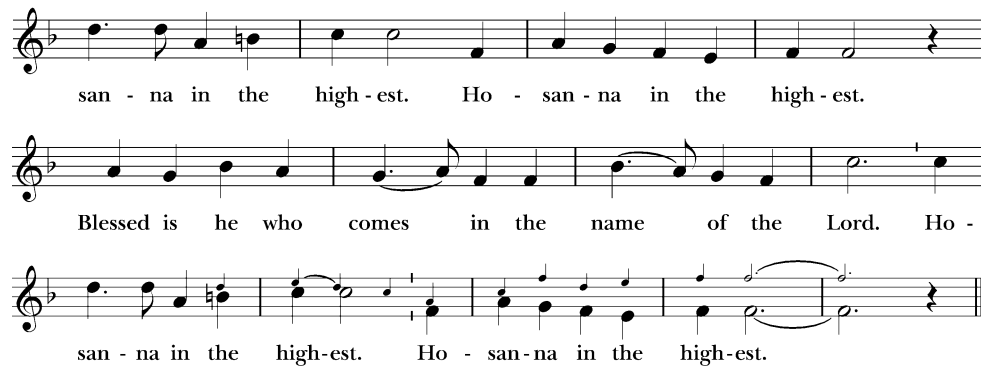
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 -



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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



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

WLP 876

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.

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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.*

1 God of free-dom, God of jus-tice, God whose love is strong as death,
 2 Rid the earth of tor-ture's ter-ror. God whose hands were nailed to wood;
 3 Make in us a cap-tive con-science quick to hear, to act, to plead;

God who saw the dark of pri-son, God who knew the price of faith:
 hear the cries of pain and pro-test. God who shares the tears and blood;
 make us tru-ly sis-ters, bro-thers, of what-ev-er race or creed;

touch our world of sad op-pres-sion with your Spi-rit's heal-ing breath.
 move us in the power of pi-ty, rest-less for the com-mon good.
 teach us to be ful-ly hu-man, o-pen to each oth-er's need.

* Optional for last verse.

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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.**

All stand and sing the hymn.

CLOSING HYMN 594

God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Prelude on 'Cwm Rhondda'

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant

Mother Emma Brice

Assisting & Preacher

Father Santiago Rodriguez

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Seth Wise Buck, Gabriel Oakes, Chris Kupczyk

Intercessor

Khacki Berry

Music Director

Dr. Alain Truche

Altar Guild Crew Leaders

Sarah Schultz, Kemp Williams

Livestream Crew

Geoffrey Whitlock, Stephen Lovell

Children's Chapel

Seth Wise Buck

Ushers

Mary Hix, Evan Robinson, Mike Crane, John Boris

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 21, 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 UPDATE & 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.

MORNING PRAYER RESUMES

The clergy have resumed their practice of beginning the day, Tuesday - Thursday, with Morning Prayer at 9:00 am. You are welcome to join them in the Malm Narthex for this short (20-30 minute) service of psalms, scripture readings, and prayers. Please enter through the glass doors by the parking lot.

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

September 21: Refreshed for Fall: Repairs and Maintenance, by *Eric Waskowicz and Doug Prince*

September 28: Exploring a Scottish Pilgrimage, by *Mother Anne Turner*

October 5: Grace at Work: Advancing Science, Serving Society, by *Elias Voces*

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

October 19: Year-Round Stewardship Visioning, by *Elizebeth 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: TBD

November 16: Atonement Without Violence, by *Father Santiago Rodriguez*

November 23: Graceful Memories, by *Grace Church parishioners*

November 30: Intergenerational Event in Merrow Hall.

SPECIAL SERVICES – SEPTEMBER 22 & 29

There will be a service for the Feast of St. Matthew on Monday, September 22 at 7:30 am held in the nave at the Lady Altar. A service for the Feast of St. Michael will be held Monday, September 29 at 7:30 am in the nave at the Lady Altar.

WALK THE LABYRINTH

Beginning on Sunday, September 21, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK *(CONTINUED)*

COMPLINE ZOOM SERVICE OFFERED BY THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Resurrection is holding an online (Zoom) Compline service each night of the diocesan racial justice and healing pilgrimage (9/22 through 9/26). Anyone who wants to attend is welcome. For those who wish to pray nightly, Monday through Friday, 7:00 to 7:15 pm, on Zoom for the diocesan pilgrimage and pilgrims can do so. Scan the QR code to your right to join.



YOUTH ACOLYTE TRAINING TODAY – SEPTEMBER 21

Join the Youth Acolyte Corps! Learn how to serve in a new role! Get a refresher on what to do during services! We will host an acolyte training on Sunday, September 21st immediately following the 10:30am service. Pizza will be provided for the kids to eat a quick lunch with Mother Emma then head into the Nave for the training with Molly Sim.



All youth in 3rd grade or older are highly encouraged to come to this acolyte training and learn more. Your attendance does not mean you have to continue, but serving during the service is an excellent way to learn by doing and not have to sit with your parents during church!

Please scan the QR code on the right to RSVP. Questions? Email Molly Sim at mollysim@earthlink.net

YOUTH NIGHT KICK-OFF THIS EVENING – SEPTEMBER 21

Youth Night is BACK! All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for an evening of Laser Tag on Sunday, September 21. We will gather at Grace Church at 5 pm, eat some dinner and do introductions, then we will carpool over to Ultrazone for some epic laser tag. Pick-up will be at 8 pm from Ultrazone Bailey's Crossroads. Scan the QR code on the right to RSVP.



FOYER GROUPS ARE BACK!

Would you like to get to know fellow Grace members in a smaller setting? Sign up for Foyers!

Foyers are groups of about 8 church members who come together for a meal once a month over the next year, for a total of four to five meals. Members take turns hosting in their home or at Grace or organizing at a local restaurant. Couples and singles are welcomed. This year we are also piloting two new options:



- Kid-friendly Foyers will group 3 families together who are willing to host each other (including our younger families)
- Foodies Night Out will be a “dutch treat” restaurant foyer. While all traditional foyers have often featured restaurant meals, these groups will be focused on trying different cuisines and restaurants in the area. We’re suggesting each couple or individual pay their own tab so that those who want to indulge in cocktails or more expensive entrees can do so without impacting the budgets of others.

Please complete the registration form by September 24. If you have questions, please talk to Cricket Blanton (cb9@verizon.net). Scan the QR Code to complete the registration form.

NEW PARISH PHOTO

We will celebrate Founders Day by taking a new parish photo. (Old photos can be found in the hallway outside the clergy offices.) In a new tradition, this photograph will be taken in the nave. Please arrive by 10:25 am on Sunday, September 28, so that we can take the photo promptly at 10:30 am and begin the service immediately afterwards.

EXPLORING A SCOTLAND PILGRIMAGE

Your clergy are planning to walk the Saint Cuthbert Way from Melrose to Lindisfarne next June, and we hope that you will join us! There will be two information sessions in the Saint Mark Room to learn more about this possibility for spiritual growth and exploration:

- Sunday, September 28, 9:40 - 10:15 am.
- Sunday, October 5, 12:30 - 1:00 pm.

If you are interested in the pilgrimage but cannot make either session, please contact Mother Anne (at anne.turner@gracealex.org).

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

VISION 2035: THE FUTURE OF GRACE CHURCH

You helped shape the vision for Grace's future. Now come see what that vision is. The Vision Working Group will present the ideas and dreams they heard from this community. Come join us after the 10:30 service (approximately 12:00 noon) on Founders' Day Sunday, September 28, in the Malm Narthex. (This will be a repeat of the presentation that was given at Shrine Mont.). All are welcome. Today, Sunday, 9/21, a session will be held in the St. John room at 9:40 am for Little Church attendees.

LEARNING TO READ THE BIBLE

Join Mother Anne Turner for a two-week series on Wednesdays, October 1 and October 8 to examine the history of how Christians read the bible and consider how we might read it today—especially challenging passages around violence, patriarchy, and slavery. This class will use videos from the Yale Bible Study, a resource of Yale Divinity School. We will meet from 11:00-12:00, followed by an optional brown bag lunch. To rsvp or ask questions, email anne.turner@gracealex.org.

WORSHIP OPEN HOUSE

Wonder how the thurible gets lit (or what a thurible is)? Ever wanted to read the lessons or run the livestream? What about serving as a Eucharistic Minister or Subdeacon during service? Come and get all of these questions answered and more on Sunday, October 5 at our Worship Open House immediately following the 10:30 am service. Before leaving church, you can stop and visit different points in the nave to learn about (and, if you choose, volunteer for) our worship roles. Questions? Contact John Thompson at thompson1964@hotmail.com.

GUEST PREACHER: THE REV. DR. RUTHANNA HOOKE

On Sunday, October 5, the preacher at our 7:30 am and 10:30 am services will be Dr. Ruthanna Hooke, Professor of Homiletics at Virginia Theological Seminary. Dr. Hooke, who is a prominent voice for environmental stewardship, joins us on the Sunday closest to the feast of Saint Francis. She is the author of *Sacramental Presence: An Embodied Theology of Preaching and Transforming Preaching*.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCTOBER 5TH!

Bring your dogs, cats, and other family pets for the annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 5th at 4 pm. All pets will receive special prayers and blessings from our clergy in the Saint Francis Garden, which is located outside of the glass doors near the parking lot. If your pet does not do well around other animals, you can also bring a photo of the pet. Photos of pets who have died during the past year are also welcome.

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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GRACE POTLUCK AND DESSERT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Save the date for the Grace Potluck and Dessert Auction Fundraiser on **November 15 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm**. Join the Grace community for an evening of fellowship! Bring a dish to share and/or enter the Grace Bake-Off contests across multiple categories. More details to follow. If you'd like to help with this event or have questions, please contact GraceBakeOff@gracealex.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

GRACE CHURCH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

You may notice red binders around the building labeled "In Case of Emergency." These binders contain information about how to respond in case of an evacuation or other unexpected incident. Sunday School teachers, ushers, and others have also been trained with this information. We will also hold an evacuation drill one Sunday morning this fall. For questions please contact Mother Anne at anne.turner@gracealex.org.

PROTECT OUR NAVE

Please do not bring drinks (even in a sealed cup) or food into the nave during worship. Help us keep the space clean and preserve our reverent environment.

TAKE THE 2025 STEWARDSHIP VISIONING SURVEY!

Help shape the future of our stewardship ministry! Please take a few minutes to complete our Stewardship Visioning Survey. Your input will guide us toward a more joyful, year-round practice of giving and care. Access the survey by scanning the QR code on the right.



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Grace Church holds two ongoing bible studies:

The Grace Church Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets weekly from 7:30 - 9:00 pm on Zoom. Our approach to Scripture is along the lines of believing it is a Divine Revelation through which God speaks to us, not just a piece of human literature that merely reflects the faith journey of a community. We dig deep into the meaning, both intended in its day and its application to today. Our studies are whole book-at-a-time studies with a question and answer format that does have some homework (not a lot!) and involves group participation. Contact Steven Lovell at lovellsjl@aol.com for more information.

The Grace Church Saturday Morning Bible Study is led by Chrissie Crosby each week, Saturdays at 10:00 am, on Zoom. Contact Chrissie.Crosby@gracealex.org for more information.

COFFEE HOUR SUPPORT

Grace is requesting volunteers to host, provide food donations, and help with cleanup after coffee hour. If you and your family enjoy having snacks during coffee hour, please consider signing up. To volunteer use your phone's camera to scan the QR code. A hard copy signup sheet is also in the auditorium of Merrow Hall. With your gift of volunteering our coffee hours will continue to be a success!



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN, DIOCESE OF VA FALL MEETING, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

The theme of the meeting is "Along the Way - a Journey of Faith." Our Keynote Speaker is The Right Reverend Mark Stevenson, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia. Our Guest Speaker is Suzanne Wright, Executive Director, Hope for Humanity, Inc. The meeting takes place Saturday, October 11, 2025 at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Hwy, Lorton, VA 22079, 9:00 to 2:00 pm. Scan the QR code to access the ECW, Diocese of VA event page with more information including cost, schedule, and registration form. Questions? Email ECW President Catherine Perrin at catherineperrin@comcast.net. **Registration deadline is October 1!**



BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Monday, Sept.22	Donna Hall, Jennifer Long
Tuesday, Sept. 23	Janet Baker
Thursday, Sept. 25	Luke Braza
Friday, Sept. 26	Mallini Gumti



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 9/21	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Lady Altar	
	8:45 am La Santa Eucaristía	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	Visioning Presentation – 9:40 am	St. John Room	
	9:40 am Formation Hour <i>Adult Forum /Sunday School</i>	Various Rooms	
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist Rite II (Livestreamed)	Nave	
	Fall Youth Acolyte Training – 12 noon	Nave	
	Master Of Ceremonies Training – 12:15 pm	Nave	
	Youth Night Kick Off – 5 pm		
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday, 9/22	Saint Matthew Eucharist – 7:30 am	Lady Altar	
	Food Pantry Bagging – 3:30 – 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday, 9/23	Morning Prayer – 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 9/24	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, 9/25	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
	Outreach Meeting – 7 pm	St. Mark Room	
Friday, 9/26	Food Pantry Bagging – 3 – 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 9/27	Altar Guild Set Up – 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study – 10 am	Zoom	cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com

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.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Elesa, 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, Kalli, Kevin, 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:** 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:** Jay and Suzanne O'Malley.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Emmanuel, Alexandria; Lynwood Parish (Grace Memorial), Port Republic; St. John's, West Point.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Diocese of Oru, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Osaka, Nippon Sei Ko Kai; Diocese of Osum, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), Diocese of Osun North, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Ottawa, Anglican Church of Canada.

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