



Grace Episcopal Church

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Founders' Day

September 28, 2025 – 10:30 am

Festival Eucharist, Rite I



Founders' Day 2025

Celebrated on the final Sunday of September, Founders' Day serves as an opportunity to mark the anniversary of Grace Episcopal Church's founding in 1855, to reflect on the church's past, and to look with hope towards the future God is calling us into.

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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.

FOUNDERS' DAY

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

The people stand.

INTROIT

Psalm 33

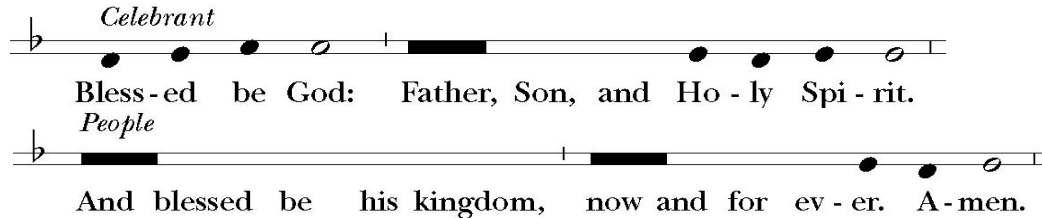
Antiphon: O how dreadful is this place! This is the house of God, and gate of heaven: and men shall call it the palace of God. O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts: my soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord

HYMN 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

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. 323

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

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

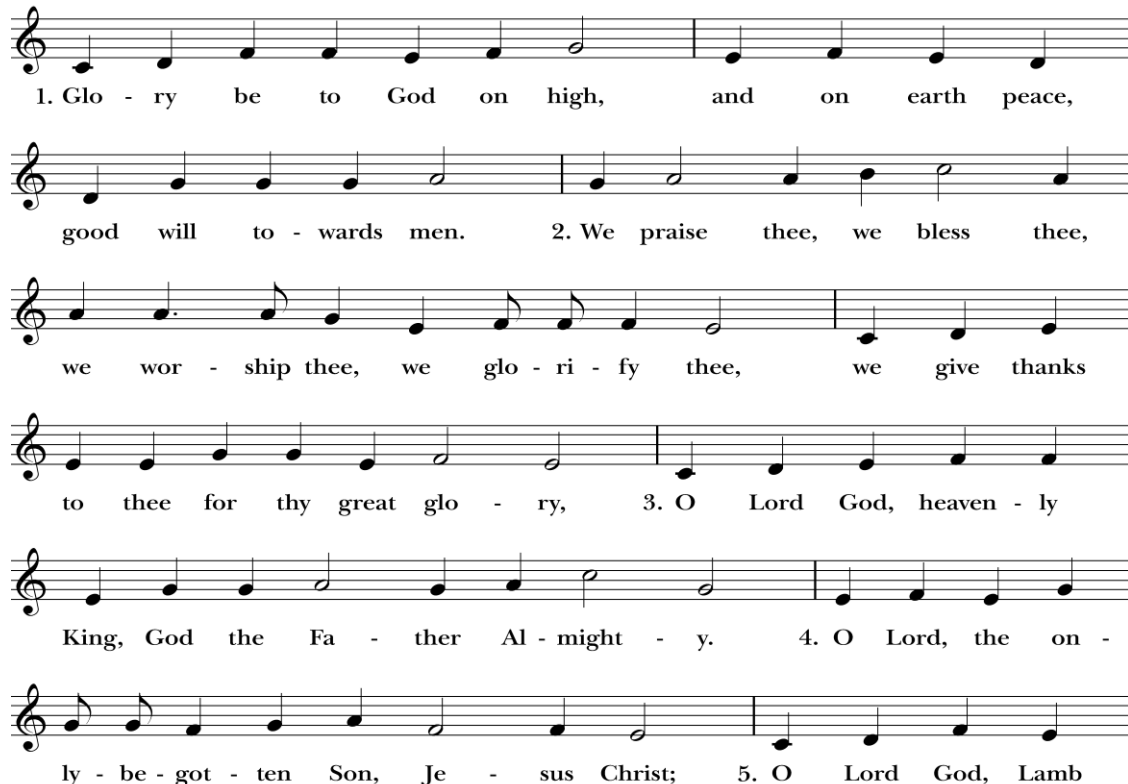
BCP, p. 324

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

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

GLORIA S-201

Merbecke



1. Glo-ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will to-wards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee, we give thanks
to thee for thy great glo-ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven-ly
King, God the Fa-ther Al-might-y. 4. O Lord, the on-
ly be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ; 5. O Lord God, Lamb

of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that ta - kest a - way
the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,
re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the right hand
of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord;
9. thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most
high 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 with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give thee thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek thee here may find thee, and be filled with thy joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 28:10-17

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.

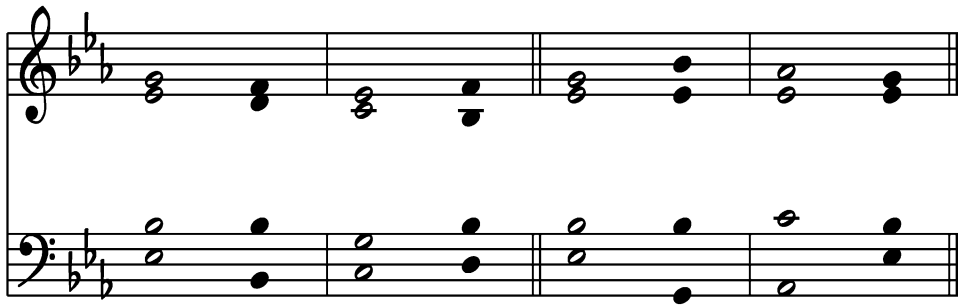
Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!’ And he was afraid, and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.’

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84:1-8

Simplified Anglican Chant, S-411
Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)



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

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:1-5,9-10

Lector A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

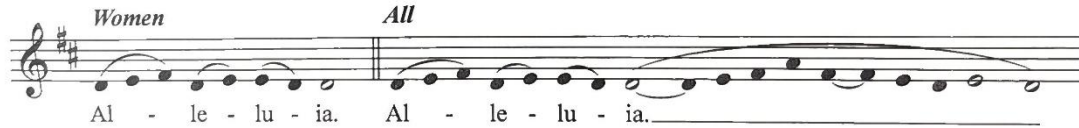
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the Gospel Procession.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

Sung by the Choir

*This dwelling is God's handiwork: it is mystery beyond all price, that cannot be spoken against.
O God, in whose presence the choirs of Angels are standing: Graciously hear the prayers of thy servants.*



Choir: *I will worship toward thy holy temple: And will sing praises unto thy Name. [Alleluia].*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:12-16

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

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

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer"; but you are making it a den of robbers.'

The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David', they became angry and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Mother Anne Michele Turner

Silence is kept.

The people stand.

NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 326

**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.

LITANY FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

2018 BOS pg. 240

The Leader and people pray responsively.

Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,
Have mercy on us.
 Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,
Have mercy on us.
 Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,
Have mercy on us.
 Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,
Have mercy on us.
 From blind hearts and petty spirits, that refuse to see the need of all humankind for your love,
Savior, deliver us.
 From pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion,
Savior, deliver us.
 From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness,
Savior, deliver us.
 From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,
Savior, deliver us.
 O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry.
 Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.
Hear us, O Christ.
 Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.
Hear us, O Christ.
 Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.
Hear us, O Christ.
 Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works of God.
Hear us, O Christ.
 Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us.
Hear us, O Christ.
 Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.
Hear us, O Christ.
 Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.

Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous and unresponsive places.

Hear us, O Christ.

Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.

Hear us, O Christ.

Silence

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.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 330

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All

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

The people stand.

Celebrant

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

Amen.

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The people are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

*O Lord God, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now I have seen with joy thy people,
which are present here. O Lord god of Israel, keep for ever this imagination: of the heart of thy people.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Fight the Good Fight

Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)

Music: John Gardner (1917-2011)

Fight the good fight with all your might, Christ is your strength and Christ your right.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up your eyes, and seek his face.

Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on your guide; his boundless mercy will provide.

Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; he changes not, and you are dear.

Only believe, and you will see that Christ is Lord eternally.

The people stand and sing the hymn.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP, p. 340

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; through Jesus Christ our great High Priest; in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before thee a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in thy sight. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-113

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

Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be

to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

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

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

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

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

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

HYMNAL S-157



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

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

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the eucharist. Please come forward 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.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer, saith the Lord: in it every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth. And to him that knocketh: it shall be opened.

HYMN 302

Father, we thank thee who hast planted

Rendez à Dieu

THE SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

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

The people stand or kneel.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All stand and sing the hymn.

CLOSING HYMN 594

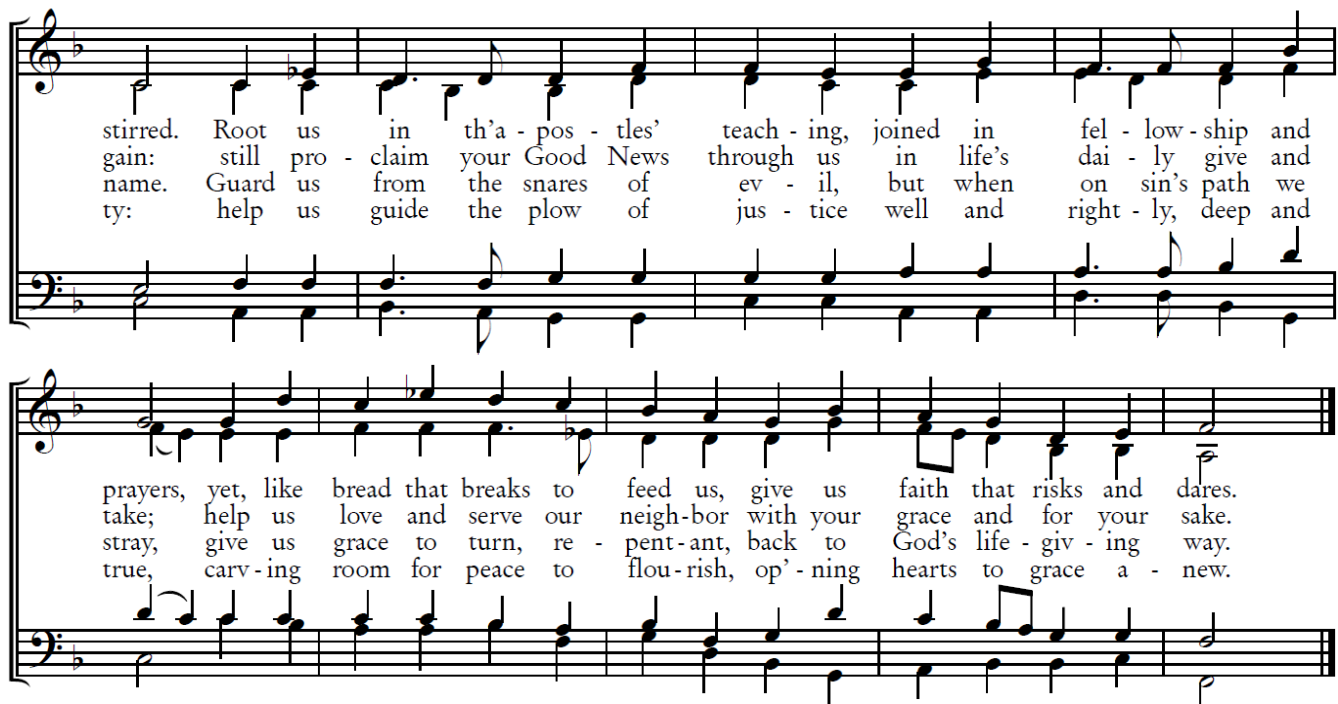
Gracious God, you call your people

Rustington

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1 Gra - cious God, you call your peo - ple to your Ta - ble through your
2 Word In - car - nate, dwell - ing with us, shar - ing hu - man joy and
3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, life - be - stow - er, po - tent wind and ur - gent
4 Tri - une God, di - verse, u - ni - ted, source of true com - mu - ni -

Word: sum - mon us through all our sen - ses, let our hearts and minds be
pain, heal - ing, bless - ing, dy - ing, ris - ing, mak - ing all things new a -
flame, may your gifts and fruits bring bless - ing to all those who bear Christ's
ty, from whose shared im - plant - ed im - age comes all hu - man dig - ni -



stirred. Root us in th'a - pos - tles' teach - ing, joined in fel - low - ship and
gain: still pro - claim your Good News through us in life's dai - ly give and
name. Guard us from the snares of ev - il, but when on sin's path we
ty: help us guide the plow of jus - tice well and right - ly, deep and

prayers, yet, like bread that breaks to feed us, give us faith that risks and dares.
take; help us love and serve our neigh - bor with your grace and for your sake.
stray, give us grace to turn, re - pent - ant, back to God's life - giv - ing way.
true, carv - ing room for peace to flou - rish, op' - ning hearts to grace a - new.

Tune: *RUSTINGTON*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

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THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Voluntary

Toccata in G Major

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant

Mother Emma Brice

Deacon & Preacher

Mother Anne Turner

Subdeacon

Miranda Peters

Assisting

Father Santiago Rodriguez

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Barry Joyner, Jane Rosman

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June Huber

Intercessor

Khacki Berry

Music Director

Dr. Alain Truche

Altar Guild Crew Leaders

Eleanor Reed, Lucy-Lee Reed

Livestream Crew

Alison Campbell, Mary Shaver

Children's Chapel

Father Santiago Rodriguez

Ushers

Chuck Dodd, Sherryl Dodd, Bill Eckel, John Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 28, 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

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 *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: 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.

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).

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.

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 Nave. (This will be a repeat of the presentation that was given at Shrine Mont.). All are welcome.

SPECIAL SERVICE – SEPTEMBER 29

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.

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 am - 12:00 pm, followed by an optional brown bag lunch. To RSVP or ask questions, email anne.turner@gracealex.org.

FUNERAL FOR MARGARET HILLSMAN OCTOBER 4TH

On Saturday, October 4th at 12 noon, we will hold a funeral for parishioner Margaret Hillsman. A small reception will follow.

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 5

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.

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!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

EVACUATION DRILL

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

A WORD TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH FROM THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS

Please scan the QR code on the right to read a letter from the House of Bishops.



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).

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

SHRINE MONT NAME TAG HOLDERS

We are so grateful for the wonderful time we shared at our parish retreat at Shrine Mont earlier this month. As we look ahead to next year, please help us by returning your name tag holders and door tags. Also, if you misplaced anything, check in with Father Santiago or Morgan Miller about lost and found items. Thank you.

DON'T GO PHISHING!

Churches have become targets for phishing/email scams as those with malicious intent use a variety of methods (email, social media, and text messaging) to access your private information and/or cause harm to your computer/devices. Often these attempts include language commonly used in church settings to make the communication seem credible. Clergy and staff will not use private email for church business but will use an email address ending in @gracealex.org. Clergy and staff will also never ask for money or purchases. If you receive a questionable email stating the sender is Grace clergy or staff, do not click any links (they could link to viruses or allow someone to access your computer/device) and contact the church office.

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.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Oct. 1	Kate Lorentz
Thursday, Oct. 2	George Harrigan
Saturday, Oct. 4	Ruth Corlett
Sunday, Oct. 5	Danny Kiepora, Sheng Davis



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 9/28	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	
	Vision 2035 Presentation - 12 noon	Nave	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday, 9/29	Saint Michael & All Angels Eucharist - 7:30 am	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday, 9/30	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 10/1	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Learning to Read the Bible- 11 am	St. Mark Room	
	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, 10/2	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, 10/3	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 10/4	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com
	Margaret Hillsman Funeral - 12 pm	Nave	

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, 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:** 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; Dennis Padilla, family of parishioner Beth Yancey.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Grace / Red Hill (McIlhany Parish), Albemarle; St. Peter's, Purcellville.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; Diocese of Otukpo, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Owerri, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Owo, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Oxford, Church of England; Diocese of Oyo – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Pacong, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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