



Grace Episcopal Church

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025 – 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are pleased to welcome you to Grace Church. If you are joining us for the first time, please send us a message at welcome@gracealex.org, 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.

NINETEENTH 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.

HYMN 709

O God of Bethel, by whose hand

Dundee

HANDBELL PRELUDE

Praise for the Morning
This Little Light of Mine Arr.
Beach Spring

Michael Akers
William Moates
Arr. Kevin McChesney

The people stand.

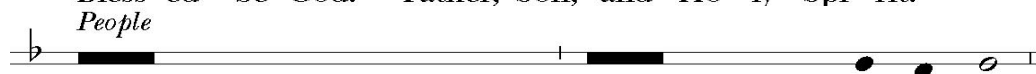
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

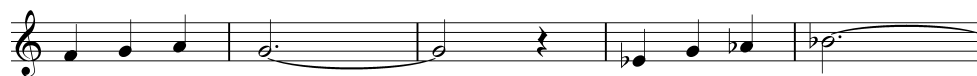
Rutter



1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord



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



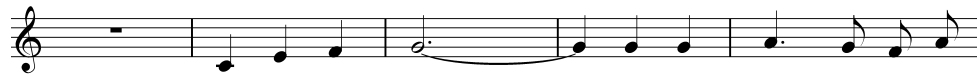
glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____



— 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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

Genesis 32:22-31

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

Levavi oculos

Sung by all.

I lift up my eyes to the | hills; *
from where is my help to | come?
My help comes from the | Lord, *
the maker of heaven and | earth.
He will not let your foot be | moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall a-|sleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over | Israel *
shall neither slumber nor | sleep;
The Lord himself watches | over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your | right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by | day, *
nor the moon by | night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all | evil; *
it is he who shall keep you | safe.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your | coming in, *
from this time forth for | evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-5

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

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

HYMN 631

Book of books, our people's strength

Liebster Jesu

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

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

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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.**

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. 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

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 HANDBELL VOLUNTARY Come, Thou Almighty King

Arr. Ron Mallory

OFFERTORY HYMN 535 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Paderborn

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.

The Celebrant continues.

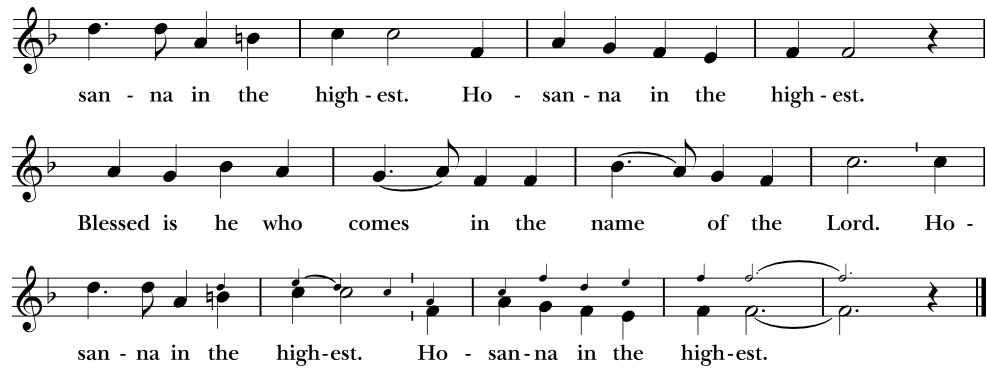
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.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

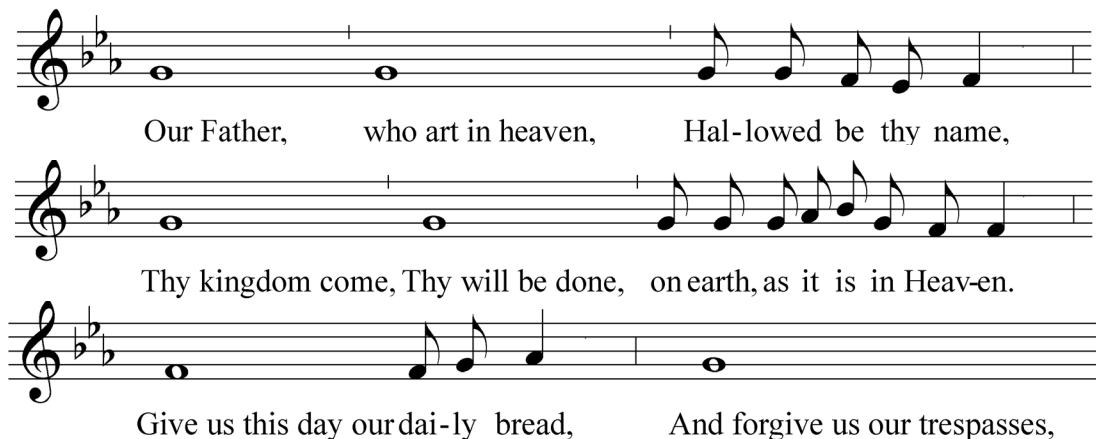
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your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

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.

COMMUNION HANDBELL VOLUNTARY

Land of Rest

Arr. Karen Thompson

HYMN 695

By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered

Intercessor

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

Celebrant

Mother Anne Turner

Preacher

Father Santiago Rodriguez

Assisting & Children's Chapel

Mother Emma Brice

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Seth Wise Buck, Stephanie Reed

Lector

Colleen McArdelle

Intercessor

Khacki Berry

Music Director

Dr. Alain Truche

Altar Guild Crew Leaders

Lucy-Lee Reed

Livestream Crew

Geoffrey Whitlock

Ushers

Mike Crane, Bill Eckel, Chuck Dodd, Sherryl Dodd

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. To ensure all parishioners are able to participate during this time, a simplified version of Fellowship 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, which is 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 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.

BROWN BAG LUNCH AT MEADE MEMORIAL CHURCH

Daily, throughout the year, Brown Bag lunch is served free of charge at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church in Old Town. Grace joins with other churches in Alexandria in the schedule to prepare and serve the lunches to the homeless, the hungry, the lonely. When Grace is scheduled to provide the bag lunches, parishioners make sandwiches at home and place the sandwiches in a freezer at Grace. Others pack the lunches with sandwiches, chips, fruit and a treat and deliver the bag lunches to Meade. As winter approaches, hot soup will also be served.

Food insecurity continues to be an enormous challenge for many in Alexandria and the Brown Bag Lunch Program is a response to the efforts to alleviate hunger in our community. The need is great. Will you join in the effort by volunteering to make sandwiches or to assemble and deliver the lunches? Please contact Mary Hix at maryhix@gmail.com for more information and to volunteer.

THIRD QUARTER GRACE GIVING STATEMENTS

Grace Church emailed Third Quarter 2025 Giving Statements on Friday, October 10. If you requested a printed copy, it was mailed this past week. 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

GRACE 101 – TODAY

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 will meet from 12:00-1:00 p.m. today 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 – TODAY

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.

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! TRUNK OR TREAT – OCTOBER 26

Join us on Sunday, October 26, from 3:00 - 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.



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.



REQUIEM EUCHARIST FOR ALL SOULS – NOVEMBER 2 AT 5 PM

On Sunday, November 2, the 5:00 pm service will be a Requiem Eucharist 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

ROOTED AND GROWING: FALL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION – NOVEMBER 2

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.

GRACE FRIENDSGIVING & BAKE-OFF FUNDRAISER – NOVEMBER 15

Get ready for our Grace Friendsgiving & Cookie Competition on Saturday, November 15th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. It will be an evening of good food, fun, and fellowship. Bring your favorite dish to share and show off your baking skills in the Grace Bake-Off. There will be sweet bragging rights up for grabs across multiple categories. Stick around for the Dessert Auction Fundraiser, where you can bid on heavenly homemade treats (and support Grace while satisfying your sweet tooth). Mark your calendars and start preheating those ovens! For more details and to sign up for the Cookie Competition and/or Dessert Auction, use the QR Code. Email gracebakeoff@gracealex.org with any questions or if you want to help out.



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).



BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 19	Beth Yancey, William Corley, Stephanie Farciert
Monday, Oct. 20	Tricia Bamford, David Koegel, Amber Lopez
Wednesday, Oct. 22	Jay Legere
Thursday, Oct. 23	Wendy Cummings, Colleen McArdelle
Saturday, Oct. 25	Matthew Whelpley, Paul Rugaber



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 10/19	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	
	Newcomer's Class - 12:00 pm	St. Mark Room	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
	School for Discipleship - 6:00 pm	St. Mark Room	
	Alexandria Region Youth Night - 6 pm	Offsite	
Monday, 10/20	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday, 10/21	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Vigil for Our Country with Eucharist - 6 pm	Nave	
	Vestry Meeting - 7 pm		
Wednesday, 10/22	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	
Thursday, 10/23	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Midweek Eucharist - 12 pm	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Handbell Rehearsal - 6 pm	Malm Narthex	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
Friday, 10/24	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
	Outreach Committee - 7 pm		
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Saturday, 10/25	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	

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.
- **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; Annelie.
- **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 teaching abroad:** Chris & Melissa Reed, Virginia Robinson, Julie Mills Cizek & Theo Halliwell.
- **Traveling:** Christina Baggott, family of parishioner Lisa Bellantoni.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** St. Clement's, Alexandria; St. Paul's, Ingham AND St. George's, Pine Grove, Shenandoah; St. Stephen's, Culpeper.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Episcopal Church; Diocese of Perth, Anglican Church of Australia; Diocese of Peru, Anglican Church of South America; Diocese of Peshawar, Church of Pakistan (United); Diocese of Peterborough, Church of England; Diocese of Central Philippines, Episcopal Church in the Philippines; Diocese of North Central Philippines, Episcopal Church in the Philippines. 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