



Grace Episcopal Church

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025 – 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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



Please silence your cell phones during worship.

Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

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

Contacting Grace

Please feel free to contact our staff.

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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.

TWELFTH 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

Air

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

The people stand.

HYMN 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymn to Joy

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-280

Powell

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and

peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly

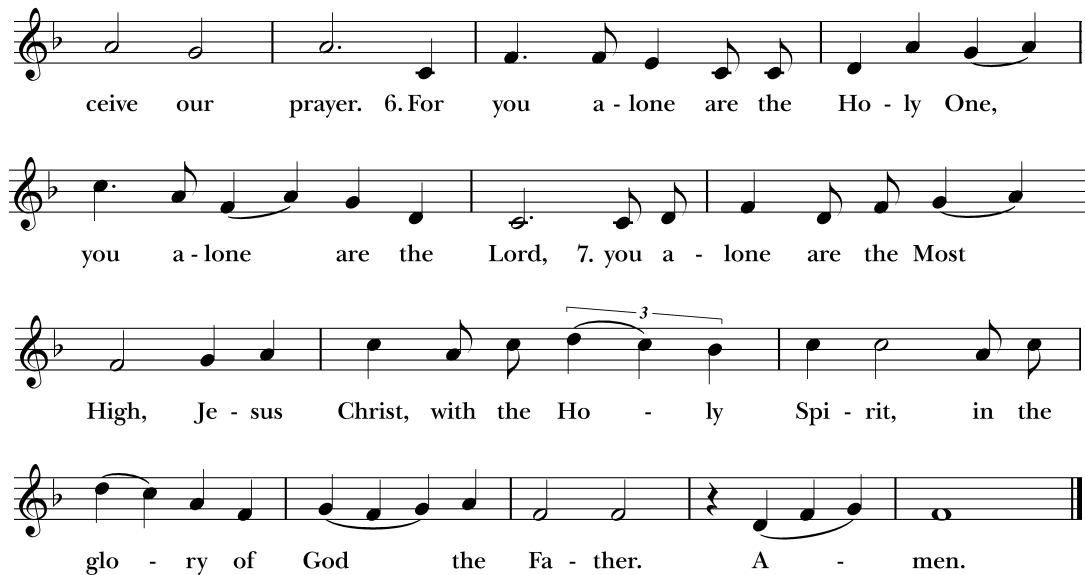
King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus

Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy

on us; 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Sirach 10:12-18

Lector A reading from the Book of Sirach.

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.

For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.

Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,
and destroys them completely.

The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
and enthrones the lowly in their place.

The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
and plants the humble in their place.

The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.

He removes some of them and destroys them,
and erases the memory of them from the earth.

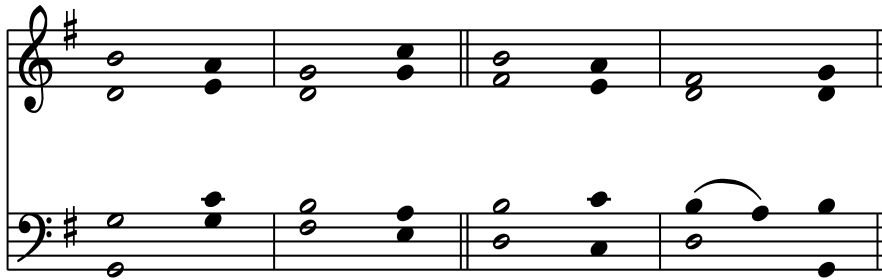
Pride was not created for human beings,
or violent anger for those born of women.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

Simplified Chant, S409



- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the | Lord *
and have great delight in his com- | mandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the | land; *
the generation of the upright will be | blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their | house, *
and their righteousness will last for | ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the | upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of com- | passion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in | lending *
and to manage their affairs with | justice.
- 6 For they will never be | shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting re- | membrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil | rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the | Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not | shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their | enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the | poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with | honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine a- | way; *
the desires of the wicked will | perish.

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Hymn 621

Christ is the King! O friends upraise

Christus Rex

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Mother Anne Turner

Silence is kept.

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 by scanning this QR code.



THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

He that is down needs fear no fall

John Dowland (1563-1626)

He that is down needs fear no fall,

He that is low no pride;

He that is humble ever shall

Have God to be his guide.

I am content with what I have,

Little be it or much;

And, Lord, contentment still I crave

Because Thou savest such.

Fulness to such a burden is

That go in pilgrimage;

Here little and hereafter bliss

Is best from all to age.

HYMN 568

Father all loving, who rulest in majesty

Was lebet

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-129

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

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes 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.

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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

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

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

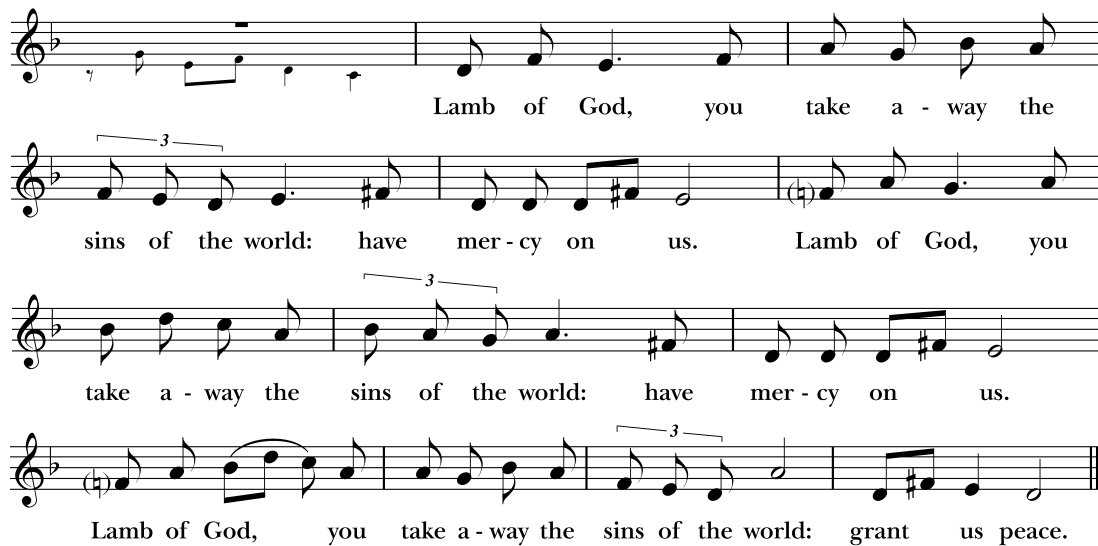
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-lowed 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



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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.

HYMN 670

Lord, for ever at thy side

Song 13

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 437

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Birmingham

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Praeludium in C Major, BuxWV 137

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Father Santiago Rodriguez
<i>Preacher</i>	Mother Anne Turner
<i>Assisting</i>	Mother Emma Brice
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Alex Willson, Matt Williams
<i>Intercessor</i>	June Huber
<i>Lector</i>	Jonathan Doelp
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Cindy MacIntyre, Nancy Robinson
<i>Ushers</i>	Bill Eckel, Cindy McIntyre, Evan Robinson
<i>Livestream Crew</i>	Stephen Lovell

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 31, 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 in Thanksgiving for the 65th wedding anniversary of Jean & Lucy-Lee Reed, with love from Christopher, Melissa, and Michael.

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. *****

LOST & FOUND CLEAN OUT

Lost & Found items are currently on the credenza outside of the church office through Sunday, August 31. Please stop by if you think you may have an item or two that was left behind. Unclaimed items will be discarded after August 31.

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! for vulnerable individuals and groups: immigrants, LGBTQ+ individuals, federal workers, and others.



FESTIVE COFFEE HOUR ON AUGUST 31

Please join us for a festive coffee hour on August 31 after the 10:30 am service. We will be celebrating Fellowship and encouraging people to contribute to Fellowship in all forms at Grace Church. We will also be honoring Lynn Rohrs for her years of service to this ministry.

There will only be one service on Sunday, September 7 at 10:30 a.m. There will be no children's chapel, nursery, or any other service held that day.

NO COFFEE HOUR ON SEPTEMBER 7

Due to Shrine Mont weekend, there will be no Coffee Hour after the 10:30 AM service on Sunday September 7, 2025, but will resume on Sunday September 14, 2025.

PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINE MONT (LAST CHANCE TO DONATE)

In celebration of Shrine Mont's 100th anniversary, our clergy will undertake a 100-mile pilgrimage - traveling by foot along pedestrian-only paths toward our beloved mountain retreat. The journey will take place during the week leading up to our parish retreat, as a way to honor a century of sacred gathering and renewal. We'll set off after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, August 31, beginning with a 5-mile walk along Four Mile Run to the W&OD trail. All are welcome to join us for this first leg and stay afterward for an early dinner. If you want to learn more about our itinerary or walk a section with us, email Father Santiago (santiago.rodriquez@gracealex.org). We'll do our best to coordinate participation and make it meaningful for all who join. Grace Church is collecting donations for the Shrine Mont Centennial Fund. We invite you to honor the pilgrimage by supporting Grace's gift to the fund. **This is your last chance to donate.** You can use the QR code to donate online or see details at coffee hour.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE AND SCHEDULE UPDATE

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 1, for the Labor Day holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, September 2, at which time we will resume regular office hours of 9 am - 3 pm Monday - Thursday and 9 am - noon on Fridays. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK *(CONTINUED)*

UPDATED- HAITI MICAH ANNUAL CAMPAIGN – THROUGH LABOR DAY

It has been over four months since armed gangs seized control of Mirebalais, once a vibrant city of 150,000 in Haiti's central region. The suffering caused by this relentless wave of violence is heartbreaking, and the need is greater than ever. For over 20 years, this vital ministry has provided food, education, and care for vulnerable children in Mirebalais, Haiti. The situation is especially urgent now. A full annual sponsorship is \$415 (\$35/month), but gifts of any amount are deeply appreciated. To give, write a check to Grace Church with "Haiti Micah Project" in the memo line, or select it as the fund when giving through Tithely or Breeze. Questions? Contact Jen Pease at jennifer.pease@gracealex.org. Thank you for supporting this life-giving work.

FALL REHEARSALS BEGIN SOON!

We're excited to announce that Choir Rehearsals and Bell Ensemble Rehearsals will resume this fall starting on Thursday, September 4th! Whether you've been with us before or are interested in joining for the first time, we welcome all voices and ringers! Come be a part of a joyful and inspiring season of music and fellowship.

Rehearsal for Bell Ensemble: 5:30 – 6:45 pm in the Malm Narthex.

Rehearsal for Choir: 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the St. Cecilia Choir Room.

For more information or to get involved, please contact Dr. Truche at alain.truche@gracealex.org

Let's make a joyful noise together this fall!

SHRINE MONT NON-FOLLIES

New this year, Saturday night at Shrine Mont will feature a full-fledged variety show & you're invited to be a part of it! Interested? Send a note to Shrinemont2025@gracealex.org with a brief summary of what you want to present during our very own SNL, what we're calling, "Shrine Mont Night Live," and get to practicing!

WHO: Anyone (no talent required)

WHAT: Any talent you want to share

HOW: Your presentation can be no more than 3 minutes long.

ON SITE: there will be one practice session on Saturday after dinner and then the show is on!

SHRINE MONT NEWS FLASH

At the non-follies SNL event special prizes will be distributed for the best representation of hair, either facial, cranial, mandibular, or mustachioed individual or family group utilizing the following categories:

Natural Hair (ow stop pulling)

Artificial hair (St. Nicholas high quality attachable beard or faux fur from a craft box) or outright

Fake hair (cardboard, plastic, or photo booth imaging props)

At the dance on Friday night candidates (male, female and juvenile) may present themselves for judging (all can, some should, none must) The judges will identify candidates for the St. Wilgefortis awards. Wilagefortis is the patron saint of beards. More details about this intriguing character will be revealed at

SNL. Participants can also risk anonymous objectification and judging on Saturday through porch activities and concurrent croquet tournament. For more details contact co-conspirators Jennifer Eckel or Reba Winstead.

JOIN THE MINI FOLLIES AT SNL (SHRINE MONT NIGHT LIVE)

The Saturday Night entertainment at Shrine Mont will of course be epic! You may not have an act for the variety show, but you can still take the stage in the mini Follies! This production needs actors, so if you want a part, plan on coming to the rehearsal at 6:30 pm on Saturday. Contact writer/director Annie Eason at annieweason@gmail.com with questions or to lock in your starring role!

ONLY ONE SERVICE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Due to the Shrine Mont Weekend, there will only be one service on Sunday, September 7 at 10:30. There will be no children's chapel, nursery, or any other service held that day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK *(CONTINUED)*

GETTING TO KNOW YOU DINNER HOSTED BY LA GRACIA - SEPTEMBER 20

Join us for a joyful, bilingual “Getting to Know You” dinner on Saturday, September 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. La Gracia will provide a delicious dinner featuring foods from many of the countries represented in our community. No Spanish required - just a spirit of fun, openness, and friendship! No RSVP needed. Feel free to bring drinks or dessert to share. All are welcome.

CELEBRATING GRACE – CALL FOR PRESENTERS

In honor of Founder’s Day, the Adult Forum on September 28 will celebrate our recent history with pictures and stories of parishioners’ favorite memories of our parish community. Both in-person and virtual participants are welcome. If you have something a picture and a story to share, please contact Anne Clift Boris (anne.boris@gracealex.org), who is looking forward to organizing these into a timeline of joyful moments. Adult Forum meets during the program year in the St. Mark Room from 9:40 – 10:15.

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 p.m. 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.rodriquez@gracealex.org) for details.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 31	Susan Hayduchok, Amorita Quintanilla, Timothy Willard
Monday, September 1	Cleveland Eason, Anne Glass, Teresa Preston, Lorna Worley
Wednesday, Sept. 3	Lilian Medrano-Lopez
Saturday, Sept. 6	Blythe Su Davis
Sunday, Sept. 7	Colin Broome, Cathy Puskar



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 8/31	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Lady Altar	
	8:45 am La Santa Eucaristía	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist Rite II (Livestreamed)	Nave	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday 9/1	Labor day - Office Closed	Church Office	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday, 9/2	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 9/3	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	Malm Narthex	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, 9/4	12:00 pm Midweek Eucharist	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Friday, 9/5	Shrine Mont Weekend		
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 9/6	Shrine Mont Weekend		
	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, Sara, Lisa, Priscilla & Paul.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Elesa, Marilyn, Reg, 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; Diane, Rochelle & Danny; Joanne.
- **Members of our staff:** Alain, Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, Kevin, Kris, 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.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Sunday School teachers, Youth leaders, and Adult Christian Formation leaders.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Church of the Province of South East Asia; Diocese of Ogbomoso, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Ogoni, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Ogorimagongo, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Ohaji / Egbema, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Ohio, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Southern Ohio, Episcopal Church.

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