



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024 – 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

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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.

TWENTY-FIRST 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

Adagio

Henry Ley (1887-1962)

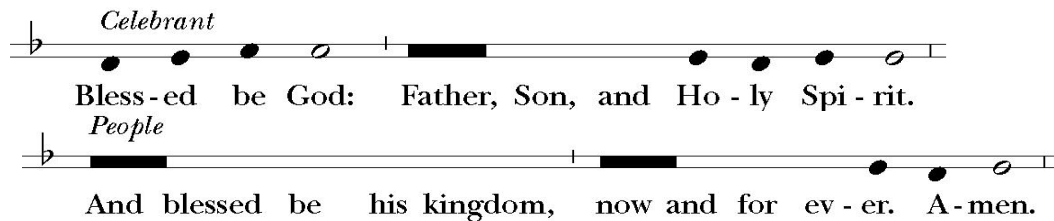
The people stand.

HYMN 472

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion

Donne Secours

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.

SONG OF PRAISE S-236

John Rutter



1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
_ for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will
praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____
3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

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

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

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

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -

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

hold - ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Lector A reading from the Book of Job.

Then Job answered: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22-1-15

Anglican Chant by E.J. Hopkins

Sung by the Choir

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-16

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the Gospel Procession and sing the hymn.

HYMN 666

Out of the depths I call

St. Bride

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Father Pierce Klemmt

Silence is kept.

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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.

In the course of silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Presiding Bishop-Elect, Sean, our Bishops, Mark and Gayle; 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 God, look graciously upon the people of Grace, and mercifully receive the prayers we offer before you. As we prepare to welcome Mother Anne, grant us wisdom and confidence in your steadfast presence. We give thanks for the members of our vestry, who have labored faithfully in seeking your will. We pray for the life of our parish, that we may be continually strengthened in our mission to Love, Proclaim, and Serve God. Bless us with mutual trust, respect, courage, and foresight as you shepherd us on this journey. Guide us with your constant direction and inspire us in all we do. All this we ask as we walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

BCP, p. 823

All

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

The people kneel. Silence may be kept.

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All

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
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.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Vox Ultima Crucis* *William Harris (1883-1973)*

*Tarry no longer; t'ward thine heritage
Haste on thy way, and be of right good cheer.
Go each day onward on thy pilgrimage;
Think how short time thou shalt abide here.*

*Thy place is bigg'd above the starres clear,
None earthly palace wrought in so stately wise.
Come on, my friend, my brother most entere!
For thee I offer'd my blood in sacrifice.*

The people stand and sing the hymn

HYMN WLP 782 *Gracious Spirit, give your servants* *Abbot's leigh*

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 sing,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-losed 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-155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 364

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 to the altar rail 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, please let an usher know, and communion can be brought to you in your pew.

HYMN 683

O for a closer walk with God

Beatitudo

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 among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All stand and sing the hymn.

CLOSING HYMN 346

Completed, Lord, the Holy Mysteries

Song 4

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Alla Marcia

Henry Coleman (1888-1965)

At the end of liturgy today, one of the priests will be available at the Lady Altar for prayers for healing. Please allow quiet and privacy for those seeking prayer.

Music Notes

Adagio by **Henry G. Ley (1887-1962)**, an English organist, composer and educator, is a beautifully crafted piece that showcases Ley's mastery of the organ. Known for its serene and contemplative character, this Adagio is a fine example of early 20th-century English organ music. The piece is marked by its lyrical melodies and rich harmonic textures, creating a meditative and introspective atmosphere. Ley's use of the organ's full range of colors and dynamics allows the performer to explore a wide emotional palette, making this work a favorite among organists.

Vox Ultima Crucis is a poignant anthem for unison choir and organ. Composed by **William Harris (1883-1973)**, a prominent figure in English choral music, this piece is known for its expressive depth and spiritual resonance. The text, derived from a poem by John Lydgate, reflects on themes of redemption and the journey towards eternal life. The music is characterized by its lyrical melodies and rich harmonies, creating a contemplative and uplifting atmosphere. Harris's skillful use of the organ adds a majestic quality, enhancing the overall impact of the piece.

Alla Marcia by **Henry Coleman (1888-1965)** is a lively and spirited piece for organ, characterized by its march-like rhythm and bright, energetic melodies. Composed in the early 20th century, this piece reflects Coleman's ability to blend traditional forms with a fresh, modern touch. The work is structured to highlight the organ's dynamic range and versatility. A contemporary of both Henry Ley and William Harris, Coleman was an English organist and composer. His music reflects his deep commitment to the Anglican choral tradition and his skill in creating engaging and accessible pieces for worship and concert settings.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Mother Abbott Bailey
<i>Preacher</i>	Father Pierce Klemmt
<i>Assisting & Children's Chapel</i>	Father Santiago Rodriguez
<i>Assisting</i>	Mother Emma Brice
<i>Lector</i>	Mary Hix
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Stephanie Reed
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Ushers</i>	Chuck & Sherryl Dodd, Mary Hix, Scott Knudsen
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Jay Legere, Stephen Lovell
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	John Barker, Chad Eckles

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2024

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.

Email requests to announcements@gracealex.org.

The Altar Flowers for today are given to the glory of God.

Interested in dedicating Altar Flowers for a particular Sunday in loving memory of someone or in thanksgiving? Scan the QR Code on the right with your smart phone to access the form.



NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

RENEWAL OF MINISTRY SERVICE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 28TH AT 7 PM

Bishop Mark Stevenson will join us Monday, October 28th at 7 PM for a special service marking the mutual ministry and renewal of the pastoral relationship between Mother Anne Turner as rector and the people of Grace. Nursery care will be provided. More details will be forthcoming.

GIVING TO GRACE

Grace Church sent out Third Quarter 2024 Giving Statements by email and hard-copy request on October 9th. Those who have previously requested a mailed statement from the finance team do not need to request one again and should allow additional time for USPS delivery. Remember, all gifts must be postmarked or received at Grace by December 31, 2024 to be eligible for your 2024 tax deduction. Anything received after that will be counted in 2025. Please contact giving@gracealex.org with any questions about giving so we can help address your concern. Thank you for your continuing support for Grace Church and all of our ministries!

A NOTE FROM MARY HIX, SENIOR WARDEN

New priestly titles have entered our vocabulary in the past year. Who knew the terms “Priest Locum Tenens” or “Bridge Rector” at this time last year? Thankfully because of the ministries of Mother Jenny and Mother Abbott, Grace Church now understands and fully appreciates the roles that these titles represent. As we enter a time of expectation of Mother Anne returning to Grace as rector on October 28, I pause to give thanks once again for the ministries of Mother Jenny and Mother Abbott. Each has joined with Father Santiago and Mother Emma to ensure the ongoing mission of Grace Church. It has been a year of profound commitment by all of the clergy, for which I am exceedingly grateful. Mother Abbott’s full-time ministry at Grace ends on October 15, 2024. This date marks the end of her tenure as Bridge Rector, and she has graciously agreed to be available for Sunday worship on October 20 and 27, 2024.

CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED TOMORROW, OCTOBER 14

The Church office is closed tomorrow, Monday, October 14th in observance of the Indigenous Peoples / Columbus Day holiday.

ALIVE WALK-A-THON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH!



ALIVE! (Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically) is the oldest and largest private safety net in the city and a long-time outreach partner of Grace Church. Support their work to fight hunger and provide assistance to the needy by participating in their annual walk-a-thon on Sunday, October 20th. It starts at 2:00 at the First Christian Church, 2723 King Street. Register there on the 20th or in advance at www.alive-inc.org/stepalive; actually walking is optional.

YOUTH NIGHT: PUMPKIN CARVING - OCTOBER 20TH

Join us for a night of Halloween-themed fun as we carve some epic pumpkins on October 20th. Junior High (grades 6-8) will gather from 5:30-7:30pm and Senior High (grades 9-12) will gather from 7-9pm. Please RSVP via Sign-Up Genius or emailing Mother Emma so that we know how many pumpkins to buy!



NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

PARENT'S MORNING OUT RSVP - SUNDAY, OCT. 20, 10:20-1:30 | J2A BABYSITTING FUNDRAISER

Help support the Grace J2A youth group as they raise funds for their Summer 2025 Pilgrimage to Canada! Drop off your kids at 10:20 a.m. in Merrow Hall on Sunday, October 20, for a fun morning of games, arts and crafts, and snacks in a safe, supervised environment. (Feel free to pack a full lunch if needed.) Please plan to pick up by 1:30 p.m. You can pay using Venmo, cash or check on the day of the event. The suggested donation is \$50. Thank you for supporting Grace's youth! Questions? Please contact Summer Jones (summernoel@hotmail.com) or Breen Byrnes (breen.byrnes@gmail.com) Sign-up at the QR code!



TRUNK OR TREAT - OCTOBER 27TH, 3-5PM

On Sunday, October 27th, please join Grace Episcopal Church and Emmanuel Church in the Grace Episcopal Church parking lot from 3:30-6:00 p.m. for a Trunk-or-Treat Event for all! This event is open to the entire community to celebrate Halloween. Please sign-up to volunteer to host a car or bring crafts and/or prizes. We do need cars in order to host this event. Please pull out your imaginations, your creativity and your costumes for this fun community-based event for all! We would love to see you there. To enter your car, please register via the linked in the QR code.



CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS- NOVEMBER 3RD AT 5 PM

On Sunday, November 3rd, the 5:00 pm service will be a Choral Evensong for the Feast of All Saints, 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 28th to make sure it is included. All are welcome at the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

BAPTISM 101 – TODAY, OCTOBER 13, 12:30 – 2 PM

Are you curious about getting baptized? Do you have lingering questions about what your baptism means? Maybe you have kids who are curious about baptism? Father Santiago and Mother Emma will co-lead a 1.5-hour lesson on baptism today, Sunday, October 13th after the 10:30 am service. We will gather in the St. Mark's Room from 12:30 - 2 pm. Pizza will be provided. All ages are welcome to attend together! Come laugh and learn alongside your clergy; we promise we won't splash anybody with water.

SECOND SUNDAY SUPPERS RETURNS TONIGHT!

The next family dinner will be on October 13th at 5 pm back on the Grace playground! Weather-permitting we will gather outside by the picnic tables for some fellowship, food, and playtime! It was so fun last time, we just had to squeeze in another family picnic before the weather gets too chilly! We plan to order pizza but bring a side dish or sweet treat to share! Folks who are also attending the outreach listening session should plan to go inside to the auditorium at 6 pm. Questions? Please contact Meg Whelpley or Mother Emma.

TONIGHT! POTLUCK DINNER & LISTENING SESSION - OCT. 13, 6 - 8PM

How is Grace/la Gracia currently involved in our surrounding community? How do we *want* to be involved going forward? The Outreach Committee and VOICE team are hosting a parish-wide potluck dinner and outreach listening session on October 13th from 6-8pm. Bring a dish to share and bring your ideas to share too! Adults and youth are welcome to attend, and we will have conversations in both the English and Spanish languages. Together we will share the challenges we see and dreams we hold for our community and region! Please RSVP by scanning the QR code. Questions? Contact Jennifer Eckel or Mother Emma.



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

ADULT FORUM FALL SCHEDULE

Adult forum is offered Sundays 9:40 - 10:15 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. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

October 13: **Grace at Work: Show Me You're a Christian Without Telling Me You're a Christian**, by *Julia McClung*

October 20: **Grace at Work: Service is My Business**, by *Donna Hall and Elizabeth Legere*

October 27: **Grace at Work: Healing**, by *Henry and Priscilla Ziegler*

November 3: **Grace at Work: Welcoming the Stranger**, by *Jennifer Ibanez Whitlock and Fr. Santiago Rodriguez*

November 10: **Grace at Work: 43 Years as a Scientist**, by *Bill Eckel*

November 17: **Grace at Work: Healing Therapy**, by *Hannah Sternberg and Mindy Van Wart*

November 24: **Creation Care: Next Steps at Grace**, by *Eric Waskowicz*

FALL INQUIRERS' CLASS: DIVE DEEPER INTO THE EUCHARIST

New to Grace? Curious about the Episcopal Church or exploring the Christian faith? Begin your spiritual journey with our Inquirers' Class, a 6-week series designed for anyone eager to learn more about our liturgical worship. Whether you're a newcomer or a lifelong Episcopalian, this class offers a unique opportunity to explore the historical roots, spirituality and theological significance of the Eucharist. In a safe, small group setting, we'll journey together through dynamic discussions, where every question is welcomed and valued. The class meets on Mondays – October 14, 21, 28, and November 4, 11, 18 – from 7 to 8:30 pm. Feel free to join us for any or all sessions! For more information, please reach out to Father Santiago Rodriguez. We look forward to walking this path with you!

WOMEN AND GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

Women and girls of all ages are invited for an intergenerational bible study that focuses on women in the Bible! This will be a 6-week series occurring in tandem in the Fall Inquirer's Class. We will gather in-person on Mondays – October 14, 21, 28, and November 4, 11, 18 – from 7 to 8:30 pm. Together we will pray, study scripture, and build a community of support that spans across ages. If you want to know more about women in the Bible and to know women at Grace Church more deeply, this series is for you! For more information or to sign up, please email Mother Emma Brice.

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL PUMPKIN PATCH

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill on Seminary Road will be hosting its 31st annual Pumpkin Patch for the entire month of October. 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. For more information, scan the QR code.



SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES IN THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE HELENE

Episcopal Relief & Development is working with faith-based and community organizations in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and North Carolina affected by Hurricane Helene. The organization continues to support these partners through all phases of recovery. Please pray for those impacted and consider donating to the Hurricane Relief Fund to aid both immediate and long-term recovery efforts. For more information and to donate scan the QR code, or visit the ERD website.



BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Monday, October 14	Ford Chinworth, Ariel Lopez Bonilla, Katherine Winstead
Tuesday, October 15	Laura Laemmle-Weidenfeld, Lisa Medley, Charles Nelson
Friday, October 18	Christine Byrnes
Saturday, October 19	William Corley, Stephanie Farciert, Beth Yancey
Sunday, October 20	Tricia Bamford, David Koegel, Amber Lopez



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!*

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:** Virginia, Michael, Lisa, Lina, Mario, Tina, Hector, Wendy, Conway, Amorita, Caz & family, Debbie, Amber, Kelly, Elle, John, Carl, Jeannie, Sigrid, Ed, Larry, Susie, Otto, Anne, Charles, Cleveland, Colin, Jennifer, Barbara, Duke, Lisa, June, Igor, Brad & June.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Elesa, Mary Ann, Cynthia, Reg, Don, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette.
- **Family & friends:** Barbara, Maggie, Joel, Anthony, Mark, Klaus, Charles, Nancy, Madison, Jack, Michael, Dave & Mimi, Sharon, Peter, Cindy, Anne, Scott, Jean, Eileen & Dylan, Virginia, Christine, Elena, Al, Connie, Don, Leslie, Elizabeth, Ada, Don, Cooper, Marge, Elizabeth, Bert, Clare, Betsy, Chuck, Mike, Jim, Renee, Patrick, Ashby, Troy, Ada, Gen, Dick, Danny, Lew, Cathie, Cameron, Ellen, Patti & Joe, Claudia, Amy.
- **Members of our staff:** Mother Abbott, Father Santiago, Mother Emma, Alain, Mary, Kevin, Madeline, Addie, Pedro, Amorita, Betsy, Jane.
- **Grace School:** Students & their families; for the staff, especially Amanda, interim head of school.
- **Outreach & Justice Partners:** ALIVE; Casa Chirilagua; Christ Church Refugee and Lazarus Ministries; Community Lodgings; Cristosal, El Salvador; Haiti Micah Project; Meade Memorial Lunch Program; Tanzania Mission; 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; and 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:** LCDR Claire S. Eudy, USN; SSgt Chip Fowler, USAF; 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; Owen Malone & Miles Malone.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Bishop E. Mark Stevenson; Bishop Gayle E. Harris; Diocesan staff; Calvary, Front Royal; Lynnwood Parish (Grace Memorial and St. Stephen's & the Good Shepherd), Port Republic and Elkton; St. James, Leesburg; St. Paul's, Ivy.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Episcopal Church in the Philippines; The Diocese of Kajiado, The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Kajo Keji, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Kalima, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; The Diocese of Kamango, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; The Diocese of Kampala, The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Kano, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

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

EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 10/13	7:30 am Holy Eucharist in English, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am Santa Eucaristía <i>en español</i>	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	9:40 - 10:15 Sunday School and Adult Forum	Various Locations	
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave / Livestream	
	12:30-2 pm Baptism 101	St. Mar's	
	Second Sunday Supper - 5:00 pm	Grace Playground	Emma.brice@gracealex.org
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
	Potluck Dinner & Listening Session - 6-8 pm		Emma.brice@gracealex.org
Monday 10/14	Church Office Closed for Holiday	Church Office	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
October, 10/15	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 10/16	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, 10/17	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Bell Ensemble Rehearsal - 6 pm	Malm Narthex	alain.truche@gracealex.org
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	alain.truche@gracealex.org
Friday, 10/18	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 10/19	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am		cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1 - 3 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org