

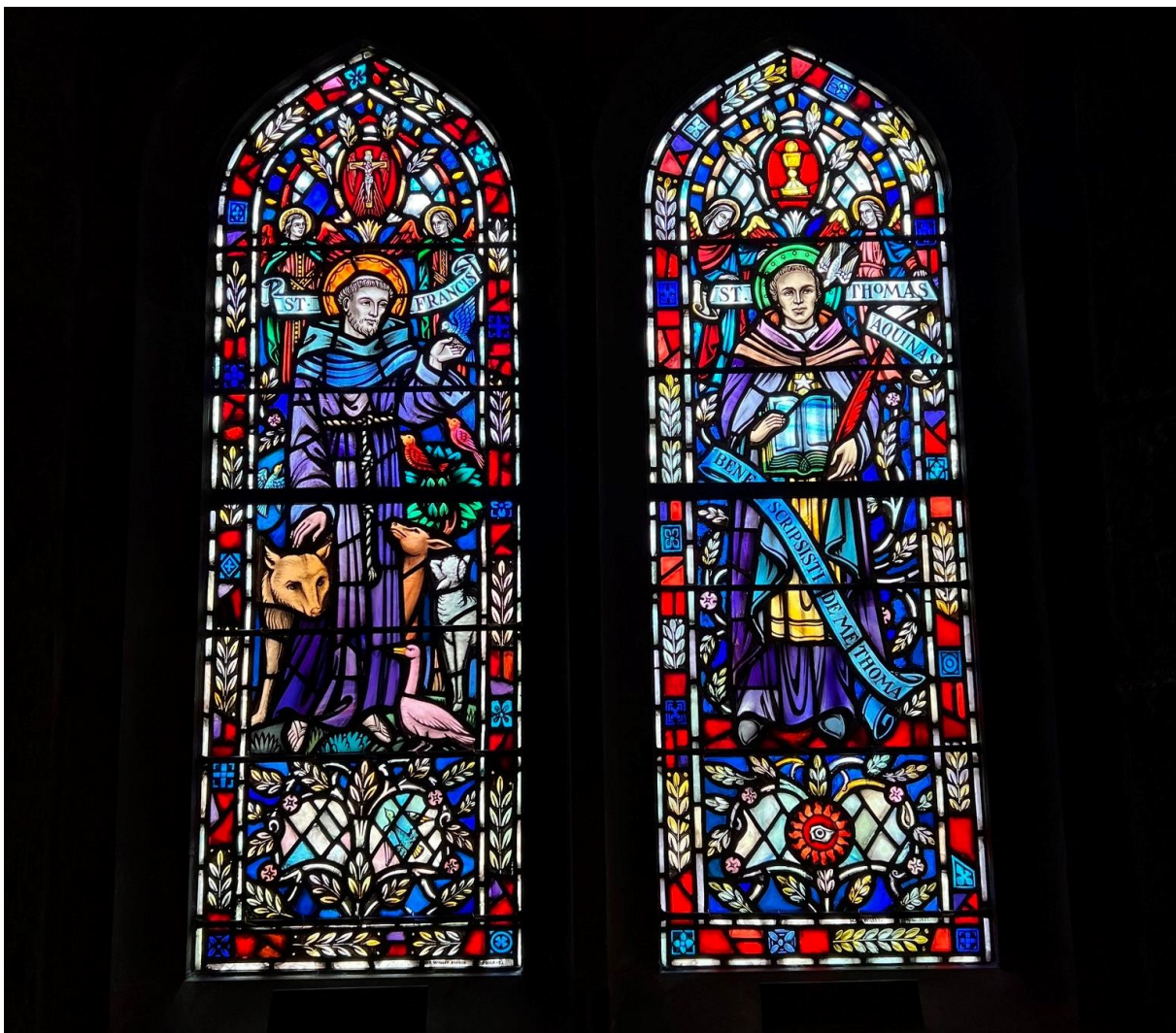


# Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2024 – 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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## WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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*

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### 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.

**TWENTIETH 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

From Sonata IV, op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

II. Andante religioso

III. Allegretto

*The people stand.*

HYMN 388

O worship the King, all glorious above

Hanover

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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Job.

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Sung by the Choir*

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, \*  
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, \*  
and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; \*  
redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground; \*  
in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

*Lector* A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

HYMN 669

Commit thou all that grieves thee

*Herlich tut mich verlangen*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

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

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people are seated.*

SERMON

Mother Emma Brice

*Silence is kept.*

NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 326

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form II; BCP, p. 385

*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, especially Roger Norman, *friend of parishioner Vance Allen*. 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 Church and mercifully accept the prayers we offer before you. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing. Guide the members of our Vestry, as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will. We pray for the life of our parish, that we may continue to be strengthened in our mission to *Love, Proclaim, and Serve God*. Bless us with mutual trust and respect, courage and foresight as you shepherd us in this journey. Grace us with continuous direction and inspire us toward genuine self-reflection. 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 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

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Not Unto Us, O Lord

T.A. Walmisley (1814-1856)

*Not unto us, O Lord,  
but unto thy name give the praise,  
for thy loving mercy,  
and for thy truth's sake.  
Hallelujah!*

*The people stand and sing the hymn*

HYMN 350

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Coronation

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

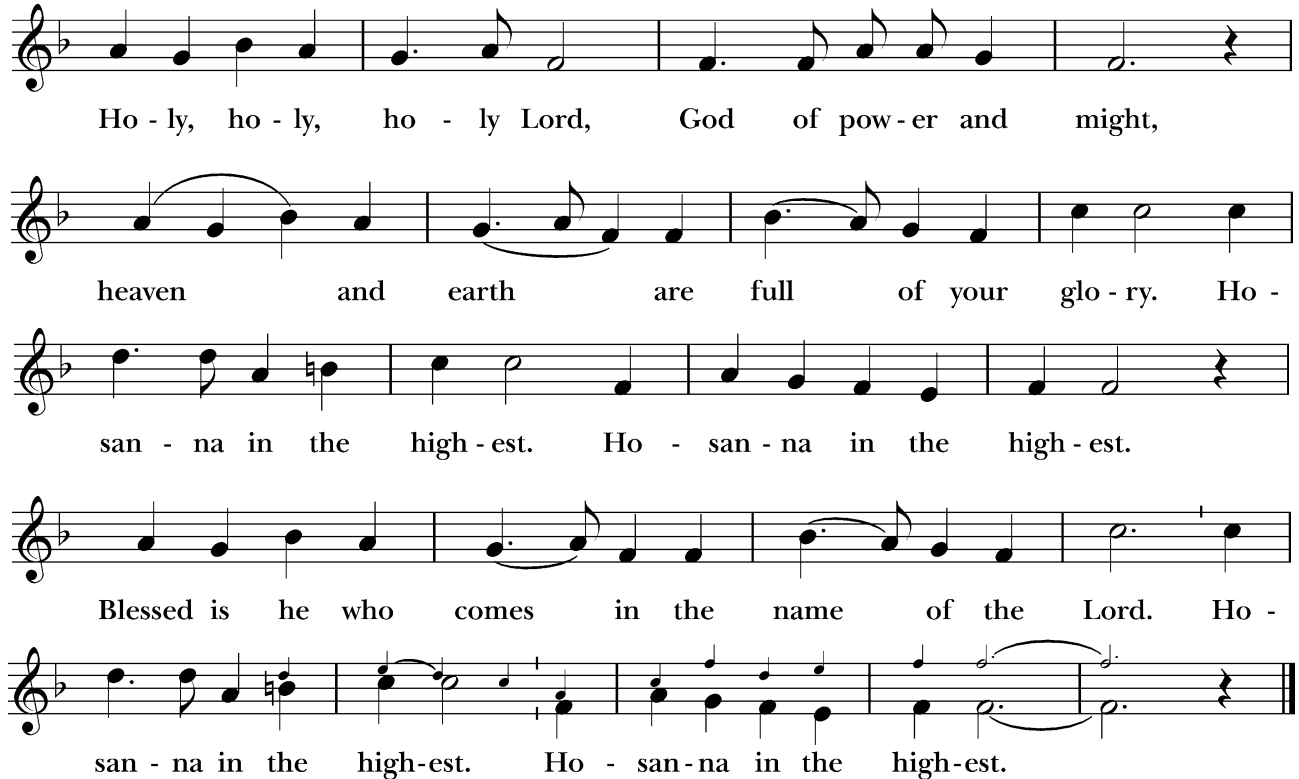
*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*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; For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 -  
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

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

*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 LEVAS II 213

Children of the Heavenly Father

*tryggare kan ingen vara*

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

*All stand and sing the hymn.*

CLOSING HYMN 559

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

*Dulce carmen*

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Dance-Postlude on 'Coronation'

*David Schelat (b. 1955)*

*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

During **Felix Mendelssohn's** short life (1809–1847), his versatile music career included giving organ recitals, which gave him the opportunity to tour England playing the famous instruments there. In 1845, his success prompted an English publisher to offer him an enticing deal to write six organ voluntaries.

Upon completion, Mendelssohn revealed that he had renamed the genre he was working with, now calling the six pieces "sonatas." Each with four movements, they nonetheless do not adhere to sonata form of his era, tending more to resemble suites of Bach's era.

The collection became his Opus 65, and the fourth of these in B-flat major opens with a bright Allegro con brio built upon running 16th-note passages followed by dotted eighth notes that eventually combine with the opening. Today, I am playing the two slower inner movements (Andante religioso and Allegretto). The song-like Andante religioso is often played as a stand-alone piece and is followed by the lyrical melody and non-stop sixteenth-note accompaniment of the Allegretto.

**Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814-1856)** was an English composer and organist. He was organist at Trinity College and for the Choir of St. John's College, both in Cambridge. Walmisley is remembered chiefly for his Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in D minor, which have a place in the Anglican choral repertoire. He also composed numerous Anglican chants. In fact, one of his chants we are using for the setting of today's appointed psalm. Walmisley's anthem Not unto us, O Lord is a setting of psalm 115:1. This anthem from the Victorian era begins with a slower section followed by rousing "Hallelujahs".

**David Schelat (b. 1955)**, is an American organist, conductor, and composer who retired this year from a 38-year tenure as minister of music at First & Central Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

The arrangement of the tune 'Coronation' (sung today as our offertory hymn #450) alternates between pedal solos and toccata-like flourishes in the manuals. A lilting manual interlude leads back to the opening material with an extended pedal extravaganza.

## SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Mother Abbott Bailey
<i>Preacher</i>	Mother Emma Brice
<i>Children's Chapel</i>	Noah Aukerman
<i>Lector</i>	Haywood Torrence
<i>Intercessor</i>	Khacki Berry
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Stephanie Reed
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Ushers</i>	Brad Bergmann & June Huber, Colleen McArdelle, Mary Stewart
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Eleanor Reed, Vance Allen
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Kristine Hesse, Beth Yancey

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 6, 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](mailto:announcements@gracealex.org).

The Altar Flowers for today are given to the glory of God,  
by Sam, Chip, and Leah Barker in celebration of and thanksgiving for the anniversary  
of their parent's marriage in Grace Church forty years ago today,  
by Khacki and John Berry in honor of "our only and best daughter" on her October 6<sup>th</sup> birthday,  
and by Mike & Stephanie Reed in loving memory of their  
daughter Beth Reed on her birthday.

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

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – TODAY AT 4 PM!

Bring your dogs, cats, and other family pets for the annual Blessing of the Animals today, October 6th at 4 pm. All pets will receive special prayers and blessings from our clergy in the Saint Francis Garden, which is located outside of the glass doors near the parking lot. If your pet does not do well around other animals, you can also bring a photo of the pet. Photos of pets who have died during the past year are also welcome.

### ADULT FORUM CONTINUES!

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 6: Grace at Work: Food and Faith, by Cindy MacIntyre and Sarah Schultz

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. Santi 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

### 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.



### 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.

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

### 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.



### BAPTISM 101 - 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 next 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.

### SAVE THE DATE, OCTOBER 20: PARENTS MORNING OUT!

Need a break? On Sunday, October 20 from 10:20am to 1:30pm the J2A youth group will be hosting a Parents Morning Out babysitting fundraiser! Drop off your kids (ages 10 and under) at Merrow Hall for crafts, games and play while you go out to eat, relax, or catch up on some "me" time. More details are coming soon, but start planning now for your well-deserved time sans little ones!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

### SECOND SUNDAY SUPPERS

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.

### 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.

## BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 6	June Huber
Monday, October 7	Wendy Murphy
Tuesday, October 8	Barry Joyner, Susan Nelsen
Wednesday, October 9	David Holiday, Alexandra Smith
Thursday, October 10	Teddy Honeycutt
Friday, October 11	Everett Ruff
Saturday, October 12	Puddy Blunden, Rushad Thomas



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:** Roger Norman, friend of parishioner Vance Allen; 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; St. Thomas, Orange.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; The Diocese of Juba, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Kadugli and Nuba Mountains, Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; The Diocese of Kaduna, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Kafanchan, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Kagera, The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

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



## EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 10/6	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	
	4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals	St. Francis Garden	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday 10/7	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
October, 10/8	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Wednesday, 10/9	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	<a href="mailto:Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org">Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org</a>
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 10/10	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Bell Ensemble Rehearsal - 6 pm	Malm Narthex	<a href="mailto:alain.truche@gracealex.org">alain.truche@gracealex.org</a>
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	<a href="mailto:alain.truche@gracealex.org">alain.truche@gracealex.org</a>
Friday, 10/11	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 10/12	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am		<a href="mailto:cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com">cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com</a>
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1 - 3 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>