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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17th, 2024 – 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite I



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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE I

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

PRELUDE

Ciacona in F minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

The people stand at the tolling of the bell.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People

His mercy en - dures for ev - er.

THE DECALOGUE

BCP, p.317

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The people kneel

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

The people stand

During the Kyrie, Children ages 3 years - 3rd grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.

KYRIE

Hymnal S-89

Unison or harmony

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

— Chri - ste e - le - i - son. — Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -

le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:9-16

The choir introduces the Antiphon, all repeat. The choir chants the verses, all repeat the Antiphon as indicated.



Bless - ed are you, O Lord; in-struct me in your stat - utes.

How shall a young man cleanse his way? *

By keeping to your words.

With my whole heart I seek you; *

let me not stray from your commandments. **ANTIPHON**

I treasure your promise in my heart, *

that I may not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O LORD; *

instruct me in your statutes. **ANTIPHON**

With my lips will I recite *

all the judgments of your mouth.

I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *

than in all manner of riches. **ANTIPHON**

I will meditate on your commandments *

and give attention to your ways.

My delight is in your statutes; *

I will not forget your word. **ANTIPHON**

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 439

What wondrous love is this

Wondrous Love

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

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

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Mother Emma Brice

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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; for E. Mark Stevenson, Gayle Harris, and James "Bud" Shand, our bishops; 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 Charles Naginey, cousin of parishioner Lucy-Lee Reed; Brendan Horton, son-in-law of a friend of parishioner Anne McFadden, and all 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 Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION



THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Call to Remembrance

Richard Farrant (d. 1580)

*Call to remembrance, O Lord,
Thy tender mercies
and Thy loving kindness,
which hath been ever of old,*

*O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:
but according to Thy mercy
think Thou on me, O Lord,
for Thy goodness*

HYMN 474

When I survey the wondrous cross

Rockingham

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

BCP, p. 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Unison or harmony

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and
earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

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

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

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 336

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-158

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

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

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP, p. 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

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

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the eucharist.

Please come forward 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 WLP 760

O wheat whose crushing was for bread

New Life

THE SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

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

The people stand or kneel.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

BOC, p. 12

Celebrant Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

All stand and sing the hymn.

CLOSING HYMN 603

When Christ was lifted from the earth

St Botolph

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 339

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Canzona, BWV 588

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Mother Jenny Montgomery
<i>Preacher</i>	Mother Emma Brice
<i>Deacon</i>	Father Ignacio Solano Gómez
<i>Assisting & Children's Chapel</i>	Father Santi Rodriguez
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Stephanie Reed
<i>Lector</i>	Mary Stewart
<i>Intercessor</i>	Deborah Leslie
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Ushers</i>	John Boris, Bill Eckel, Mary Hix, Cindy MacIntyre
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Geoffrey Whitlock, Vance Allen
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Eleanor Reed, Chad Eckles

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MARCH 17TH, 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.

Lent is a season of beautiful simplicity. For this reason, there are no Altar Flower Dedications during Lent. For more information on how you can donate for our upcoming Easter flowers, see the announcement in this bulletin.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY EUCHARIST

We will celebrate the Eucharist for the feast of St. Joseph on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 am at the Lady Altar. The liturgy will be followed by breakfast at the IHOP in Potomac Yards (3425-A Richmond Hwy).

ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 22

The elevator by the parish office will undergo maintenance on Friday morning and will be offline until noon.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER

Grace parishioners will serve dinner at the Carpenter's Shelter on Tuesday, March 19. Come participate in the preparation and serving; kitchen fellowship is the best! Email maryhix@gmail.com with your plans to help.

LITTLE CHURCH MOVES BACK TO AMPHITHEATER PALM SUNDAY, WEATHER PERMITTING

Little Church, our 9 am service designed especially for families with small children, moves back to the amphitheater beginning Palm Sunday. If it is rainy or below 55 degrees F, we will move inside to the auditorium and will post signage on the glass doors.

GRACE CHURCH GOES ON ADULT-YOUTH MISSION – AGAIN!

Last year, Grace did something new – we participated in National Rebuilding Day with a large adult-youth mission on a one-day, one-team, one-house rebuilding mission. Let's do it again! National Rebuilding Day this year is Saturday April 27. We will be with many hundreds of teams like ours around the country. Our home is owned by a widow in the Springfield area about 20 minutes from Grace. It needs both outside yard work and inside repairs very much like we did last year. Come for a half-day or a full day as your schedule allows. Those who participated last year are welcome to return, and we are especially seeking first-timers and members of our booming EYC. If this kind of mission teamwork appeals to you, please email to either John Berry at kpbjab@yahoo.com or Cindy MacIntyre at cindymacrd@gmail.com. We will build an email listserve of potential team members for update messages. Decision to participate comes later!

2024 VESTRY LIAISONS

In addition to the Executive Committee of our Vestry (Mary Hix, Sr. Warden; Eric Waskowicz, Jr. Warden; Andrew Serke, Treasurer; Sarah Schultz, Register; Jane Rosman, Member-At-Large) other Vestry members choose a liaison role to a ministry/area of focus within Grace. Liaisons support parish leads/ministry teams and keep the vestry aware of needs and activities. 2024 liaisons are: Children's Formation – Rushad Thomas, Youth Formation – Khaki Berry, Adult Formation – Mary Stewart, Stewardship – Mary Stewart & Geoff Whitlock – Fellowship: Chad Eckles, Worship – Eleanor Reed, Pastoral Care – Morgan Miller, Evangelism – Dan Pattarini, Outreach & Justice / Assistant Treasurer – Keith Davis, GES board members – Lauren Gustafson & Keith Davis. Please feel free to reach out to any of our liaisons with ideas or to support this important work in our church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

YOUTH NIGHT SCAVENGER HUNT – TODAY, MARCH 17!

Join us for an epic scavenger hunt on March 17th that will put your problem-solving and teamwork to the test! The winning teams will receive prizes. Bonus points if you wear green for St. Patrick's Day! Friends are welcome to join, just make sure to let Mother Emma know ahead of time. For more details, contact Mother Emma and check the Wednesday Family Email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

JOIN THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE!

The Junior Warden is forming an environment team to identify ways to make the Grace building more energy efficient and the grounds more friendly to the environment. If you are interested in joining this new committee, talk to Eric Waskowicz or email junior.warden@gracealex.org

FINAL LENTEN SUPPER SERIES SESSION—THE GRACE OF SACRED CONVERSATIONS PT3

Our final Lenten series session “Glimmers of Grace” session takes place Monday, March 18 from 6 - 8 pm in the Auditorium. This week’s session is an opportunity to name any elephants that remain in the room and begin to imagine a way forward. What more needs to be said? What is left undone? Where do we go from here? What would help? Alternative activities for children will be offered at the same time. Please join us!

CONFESSION IN LENT

Clergy are available in the library on Mondays in Lent from 11 am - 12 pm for the Rite of Reconciliation (individual confession). No sign up is necessary. If you would like to make a confession at another time, please contact a member of the clergy, who will be glad to schedule an appointment.

SPRING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITY: REFLECTING ON OUR LIVES AS PILGRIMAGES

Please join Julia McClung and Anne Boris as we gather for a six-week Adult Formation series this spring to grow and learn together, share our faith experience, and build community as we focus on the topic of viewing our faith as a pilgrimage. We’re offering two formats for meeting each week: In-person at Grace Monday nights: 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, and 5/20; and Virtual via Zoom: Tuesday or Thursday afternoons during the same weeks as above. For the Monday evening sessions, we will open at 6:30 pm for those who want to bring their own dinner and socialize, and then engage from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. Zoom timing TBD with participant input. There will be no fees or books to buy and preparation is light. We’ll be looking for five to ten participants for the in-person series and at least three for the virtual series. Please reach out to Julia McClung ([Julia.mcclung@gracealex.org](mailto:julia.mcclung@gracealex.org)) or Anne Boris (Anne.boris@gracealex.org) with any questions or to register. We would like to close registration by **April 7, 2024**. Look for more info in the April Grace Notes!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT

All are welcome Fridays in Lent as we walk the Stations of the Cross at 12 noon in the nave, followed by a short eucharistic service.

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

Adult forum is offered Sundays from 9:45-10:15 in the St. Mark room (2nd floor) or virtually via the 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.

March 17: *Unexpected Graces*, by parishioners, moderated by Mother Jenny Montgomery

March 24: *Palm Sunday – Intergenerational Event in Merrow Hall*, no separate adult forum

March 31: *Easter*, no adult forum

April 7: *Our Faithful Response to Christian Nationalism*, by Father Santi Rodriguez

April 14: *Seminarians at Grace: Ignacio Solano Gómez*, by Ignacio Solano Gómez and Mary Hix

April 21: *Praying the Labyrinth on Paper*, by Mindy van Wart

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Monday, March 18	<i>Betsy Bamford, Lucy Tschetter</i>
Tuesday, March 19	<i>Robby Schrum</i>
Thursday, March 21	<i>Mehdi Farzad, Chris Stuard, Paige Medley</i>
Saturday, March 23	<i>Mia Giacomo, Benjamin Kupczyk</i>
Sunday, March 24	<i>Jennifer Weger</i>



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!**

Holy Week & Easter Sunday @ Grace

*Nursery Care Provided

Palm Sunday, March 24

7:30 am - Holy Eucharist

8:45 am - La Santa Eucaristía con Procesión (*in Spanish*)*

9:00 am - Little Church with Eucharist*

9:30 am - Palm Cross Activity for all ages*

10:30 am - Festival Eucharist with Procession*
(Livestreamed)

No 5 pm Service on Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist, Monday March 25

7:00 pm - Contemplative Eucharist
from Enriching Our Worship

Holy Eucharist, Tuesday March 26

7:00 pm - Contemplative Eucharist
from Enriching Our Worship

Choral Tenebrae, Wednesday, March 27

7:00 pm - Choral Tenebrae lead by our choir
and Dr. Alain Truche, Director of Music
(Livestreamed)

Maundy Thursday, March 28

7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Festival Eucharist
with foot-washing and stripping of the altar
(Livestreamed)

Prayer Watch follows until Midnight

Good Friday, March 29

7:00 am - Liturgy of the Day (Livestreamed)

12:00 - 1:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (Livestreamed)

1:00 - 1:30 pm - Silence / Music (Livestreamed)

1:30 - 3:00 pm - Liturgy of the Day (Livestreamed)

5:00 pm - Children & Family Service

7:00 pm - Via Crucis (*in Spanish*)

Liturgy of the Day

Holy Saturday, March 30

9:00 am - Holy Saturday Liturgy of the Day

Easter Vigil with Bishop Shand Saturday, March 30

8:00 pm - Easter Vigil with Confirmations*
(Livestreamed)

Agape potluck meal will follow in the Auditorium

Easter Sunday, March 31

6:00 am - Sunrise Service

8:45 am - La Santa Eucaristía (*in Spanish*)*

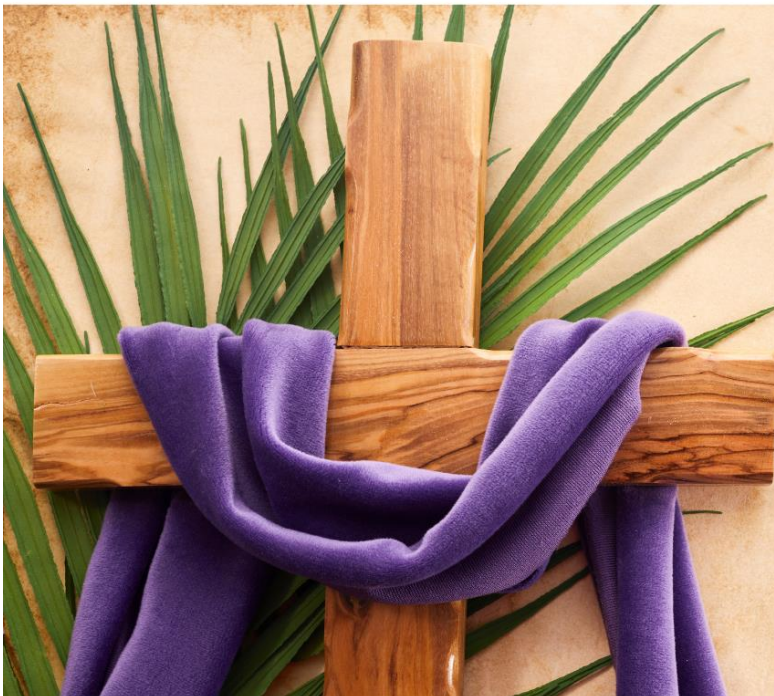
9:00 am - Little Church with Eucharist*

9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt *

10:30 am - Festival Eucharist* (Livestreamed)

Festive prelude starts at 10 AM

No 5 pm Service on Easter



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Easter Is Coming!

Celebrate with a flower dedication.



The Altar Guild invites you to help make Grace Church beautiful with seasonal decoration. If you wish to contribute electronically, please access the form by scanning the QR code on the right with your smartphone and be sure to select “Flowers for Easter or Christmas” from the Altar Flowers drop down menu.



To donate via check- fill out the form below, cut out, and enclose donation. These forms may be dropped in the Sunday offering or sent directly to the church office. Please note ‘Easter Flowers’ on the check memo line. **If you wish to have your dedication listed in the Easter bulletins, the office must receive this form and payment (or you must submit electronically) by 4 pm Sunday, March 24th.** Questions? Contact Chad Eckles, Altar Guild Flower Chair, at chad.eckles@gracealex.org.



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Given by (print exactly as you want name(s) to appear):

Glimmers of Grace

2024 Lenten Series Grace Church Alexandria

Schedule
Change!

"Glimmers of Grace"

Final Two Sessions Moved to Mondays!

Simple Supper served 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Youth & Adult Program 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

(activities for Children will be offered simultaneously)

Session One – February 21: Glimmers of the Past Fifty Years

A timeline of Grace Church from 1974 – 2024 will be created; participants are encouraged to bring photos and to record the date they became members as well as celebrations such as baptisms, confirmations, and weddings; other significant milestones will be added.



Session Two – February 28: Sacramental Grace

Participants will be asked to share their baptismal stories as we ground ourselves in the outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace known to us in Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist as well as Unction and Reconciliation.

Session Three – March 6: The Grace of Sacred Conversations – Part I

Guidelines for Mutuality will be introduced and participants invited to reflect on the years 2021-2023.

Session Four – March 11: The Grace of Sacred Conversations – Part II

Guidelines for Mutuality will be reviewed as the conversation continues about the events that transpired in September 2023.

Session Five – March 18: The Grace of Sacred Conversations – Part III

This session is an opportunity to name any elephants that remain in the room and begin to imagine a way forward. What more needs to be said? What is left undone? Where do we go from here? What would help?



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.

We pray for:

- **Parishioners:** Virginia, Michael, Lisa, Lina, Mario, Tina, Hector, Conway, Amorita, Caz & family, Debbie, Amber, Wendy, Kelly, Elle, John, Carl, Jeannie, Sigrid, Ed, Clara, Larry, Susie, Otto, Susan, Charles, Cleveland, Colin, Jennifer, Barbara, Joanne, Lisa, John, Holly.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Audrey, Charlie, Elesa, Mary Ann, Marilyn, Cynthia, Reg, Don, James.
- **Family & friends:** Morgan, Barbara, Becky, Maggie, Joel, Anthony, Mark, Klaus, Roger, Nancy, Dave & Mimi, Sharon, Peter, Cindy, Jody, Anne, Scott, Jean, Ida, Eileen & Dylan; Christine, Lisa, Elena, Al, Leslie, Elizabeth, Jhana, Alan, Cordelia, Allison, Ada, Cooper, Marge, Elizabeth, Bert, Jay, Clare, Betsy, Patrick.
- **Members of our staff:** Mother Jenny, Father Santiago, Mother Emma, Father Ignacio, Noah, Durango, Alain, Mary, Kevin, Madeline, Pedro, Amorita, Betsy, Jane, Addie.
- **Grace School:** Students & their families; for the staff, especially Patti, head of school.
- **Outreach partners:** ALIVE; Carpenter's Shelter; 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:** Charles Naginey, cousin of parishioner Lucy-Lee Reed; Brendan Horton, son-in-law of a friend of parishioner Anne McFadden; 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; StA Nicholas Smoot, USAF; Noah Woodiwiss; Christopher Corlett, US Foreign Service; 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:** Virginia Robinson; Julie Mills Cizek; Chris & Melissa Reed.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Bishop E. Mark Stevenson; Bishop Gayle E. Harris; Bishop James "Bud" Shand; Diocesan staff; Emmanuel - Brook Hill, Richmond; N. Farnham, Warsaw; St. Dunstan's, McLean; St. John's, Warsaw.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church in Wales; The Diocese of Costa Rica - Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; The Diocese of Coventry - The Church of England; The Diocese of Cuba - The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Cuiabet - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Cuernavaca - La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico; The Diocese of Cuttack - The Church of North India.

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, 3/17	7:30 am Holy Eucharist in English, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am Santa Eucaristía en español	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Auditorium	
	Children & Youth Formation Hour - 9:40 am		
	Adult Forum - 9:40 am	Saint Mark	
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite I	Nave / Livestream	
	Seminarian Lay Committee - 12:30 pm	Saint John	
	Girl Scouts - 3 pm	Saint Mark	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Youth Night Scavenger Hunt		Emma.Brice@gracealex.org	
Monday 3/18	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Simple Supper - 6 pm	Auditorium	
	Adult and Youth Lenten Program - 6:30-8:00 pm		
Tuesday, 3/19	Saint Joseph Feast Day Eucharist - 7 am	Nave	
	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Narthex	
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Vestry Meeting - 7:00 pm	Zoom	
Wednesday, 3/20	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Narthex	
	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121
	Bible Study on Isaiah - 7:00 pm	St. Mark	
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
Thursday, 3/21	Alanon - 8 pm	Saint Luke Room	
	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	12 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer	Nave, Lady Altar	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Handbell Choir - 6 pm	Malm Narthex	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	Choir Room	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
Friday, 3/22	Stations of the Cross - Noon	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
	Viacrucis & Cenita en español 7:00 pm	Nave & St. Mark	
Saturday, 3/23	Altar Guild Set up - 9 am	Nave & Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	Chrissie.crosby@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1 - 3 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org

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