



# Grace Episcopal Church

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 – 10:30 am

Festival Eucharist, Rite II



## 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](mailto:welcome@gracealex.org), so we can get to know you. We can also add you to our mailing list by request. We're glad to have you join with us in worshipping God in the beauty of holiness, something which is central to our identity at Grace. We hope you will join with us in sharing the love of God with this world that needs healing.

Assisted listening devices are available for use during worship. Please see an usher if you'd like to use one.



Please silence your cell phones during worship.

### Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

*Through + life-giving liturgical worship + joyful community + empowering others*

### Contacting Grace

Please feel free to contact our staff.

Our regular office hours are Monday to Thursday, 9 am – 3 pm and Fridays 9 am – 12 noon.

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### IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE?

Clergy and staff are available for pastoral care. Please call the church office at (703) 549-1980 if you're ill or need pastoral care. For emergencies after hours, please call the **After-hours Emergency Number: (703) 261-9079**, and the priest on call will assist you.

### HOME COMMUNION

Home Communion is available upon request for parishioners who desire this service by Eucharistic Visitors every Sunday. Home Communion will be in one form, Bread only. To request Home Communion, parishioners are asked to contact the Parish Office by telephone at 703-549-1980 no later than 12 pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday on which they would like to receive Home Communion.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER FESTIVAL EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

PRELUDE

Choral Prelude on "Liebster Jesu"

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Ritournello on "Liebster Jesu"

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

*The people stand.*

HYMN 182

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Truro

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

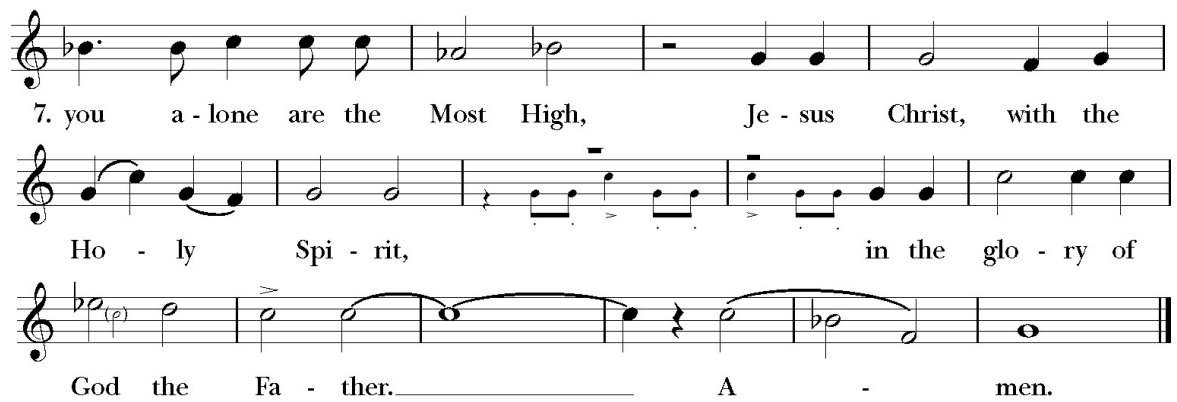
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

*Children ages 3 years – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

William Mathias, Hymnal S-278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For  
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:12-19

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

##### PSALM 4

*Anglican Chant (William Knyvett)*

*Sung by the choir.*

##### ***Cum invocarem***

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
 you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
 have mercy on me and hear my prayer.  
 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
 how long will you worship dumb idols  
 and run after false gods?"  
 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
 when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
 speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.  
 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
 and put your trust in the Lord.  
 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
 Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.  
 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
 more than when grain and wine and oil increase.  
 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
 for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-7

*Lector* A reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

## HYMN 440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

*Liebster Jesu*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

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

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people are seated.*

## SERMON

Father Ignacio Solano Gómez

*Silence is kept.*

## HOLY BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION

*Celebrant* The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Presenters* I present Emmy Flora Doyle to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Presenters* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full state of Christ?

*Presenters* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Presenters* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Presenters* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Presenters* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Presenters* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Presenters* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Presenters* I do.

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*The people stand.*

### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

#### THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Then the Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

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

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE BAPTISM

*Celebrant* Emmy Flora, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Priest* Emmy Flora, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

*Deacon* Emmy Flora, receive the light of Christ.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

#### THE PEACE

BCP, p. 308

*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

Come, Ye Faithful

R.S. Thatcher (1888-1957)

*Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought his Israel  
Into joy from sadness;*

*'Tis the Spring of Souls today,  
Christ hath burst His prison,  
And from three days sleep in death  
As a Sun hath risen.*

Now the Queen of seasons,  
bright with the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts,  
Comes its joy to render;

Comes to glad Jerusalem,  
Who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesus's Resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,  
Nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,  
Hold Thee as a mortal;

But today amidst the twelve  
Thou didst stand, bestowing  
That thy peace which evermore  
Passeth human knowing.

*The people stand and sing the hymn*

HYMN 492

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Finnian

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, p. 340

*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 every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have receive us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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

William Mathias, Hymnal S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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-low-ed 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.*

## 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 peace of God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and 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 205

Good Christians, all, rejoice and sing (v 1, 3-5)

*Gelobt sei Gott*

## THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on "Gelobt sei Gott"

*Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

*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>Deacon &amp; Preacher</i>	Father Ignacio Solano Gómez
<i>Subdeacon</i>	Chris Kupczyk
<i>Assisting &amp; Children's Chapel</i>	Mother Emma Brice
<i>Children's Chapel</i>	Noah Aukerman
<i>Lector</i>	Anne Boris
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Ushers</i>	John Boris, Diana Jarrett, Scott Knudsen, Colleen McArdelle
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Jay Legere, Sarah Schultz
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leader</i>	Kemp Williams

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF APRIL 14, 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 and  
by Chuck & Sherryl Dodd in thanksgiving for Emmy's baptism.

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

#### SPRING2ACTION 2024 IS APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 24<sup>TH</sup>!

The Grace Church Food Pantry will be participating in Alexandria's annual Spring2Action giving campaign, from Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. This event is an opportunity to raise funds to keep our doors open and continue to serve our neighbors in need. Just \$10 fills a bag of groceries and helps purchase other essentials, including much needed infant care items, personal hygiene, and cleaning products. Our goal this year is to raise at least \$10,000 to fill 1,000 bags. Scan the QR code to the right to make a difference in our community!



#### J2A SPRING FLOWER SALE!

Support Grace J2A Youth and beautify your home or give a lovely gift by purchasing spring flowers! Grown locally by Green Street Growers, you can choose from: a flat of ten 4.5" Potted Annuals (sun or shade) for \$50, a Hanging Boston Fern for \$28, or a Hanging Flower Basket (sun or shade) for \$25. Order by Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the QR code, or in person at coffee hour. Pickup will be in the Malm Narthex on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support of our youth!



### ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

#### ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

Adult forum is offered Sundays from 9:45-10:15 am in the St. Mark room (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 am. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

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

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

April 28: Haiti Micah Project: Saving Children, by Jim Snow and Sarah Désir

May 5: Family Ministries: What I've Learned in My First Year, by Mother Emma Brice

May 12: Discernment on the Internet: Spotting a Fake, by Scott Knudsen

#### SIGNING IN @ GRACE DURING WEEKDAYS

As a part of our ongoing commitment to safety, as of April 8<sup>th</sup> we now ask that all vendors, visitors, and parishioners sign in and sign out when at the church during the weekday hours of 9 am – 4 pm. The sign-in log will be located on the credenza outside of the church office. Signing in and out will allow us to know who is in the building at any given time in the event of an emergency. Signing in is not required when attending a service (i.e. Thursday noon service, funerals, special services, etc). Thank you!

#### COFFEE & CONVERSATION WITH THE VESTRY & MOTHER JENNY

Grace parishioners are invited to join us for a conversation during Coffee Hour Sunday, April 21st, after the 10:30 am service in the Merrow Hall Auditorium. An overview will be shared on the work the vestry will be doing to keep the process moving forward as well as details of the Affinity Group conversations being scheduled for May.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK *(continued)*

### NATIONAL REBUILDING DAY ALL TEAM MEETING

Grace joins many hundreds of other teams around the country this April 27th as we repair a single home. If this day of service appeals to you, please contact either John Berry at [kpbjab@yahoo.com](mailto:kpbjab@yahoo.com) or Cindy MacIntyre at [Cindymacrd@gmail.com](mailto:Cindymacrd@gmail.com). For those who have already signed up or are interested in joining us, please plan to attend the All Team Meeting on Sunday morning, April 21st, in the St. John Room, at 9:30 am.

### ALEXANDRIA REGION YOUTH GAME NIGHT, SUNDAY APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join in the Alexandria Region Youth Game Night, hosted at Grace! We will gather from 6:00 – 8:00 pm for dinner, games, and compline. Questions or want to know more? Email Mother Emma at [emma.brice@gracealex.org](mailto:emma.brice@gracealex.org)

### FIRST QUARTER 2024 GIVING STATEMENTS

Thanks to all of you for your continuing support for Grace Church and all of our ministries! First Quarter 2024 Giving Statements were **EMAILED** out **on April 10th**. To ensure you receive your statements, or how to find your statement online whenever you need it, use the following steps:

- 1) If the quarterly statement email wasn't in your inbox, first check your spam folder.
- 2) Confirm your email address in Breeze. If your email is incorrect or is not the address you prefer for email communications, please update the address in Breeze to ensure you receive future statements on a timely basis.
- 3) Good News! You can access your Giving Statement at any time through your Breeze account by doing the following: Navigate to **"My Profile"** and select **"Giving"** on the left-hand side. Then adjust the start and end date to reflect the desired time frame. Finally, click the dropdown arrow beside **"Download as Excel"** and select **"Print Statement."**

If you have any questions about your statement or need help accessing your statement online, please reach out to the finance office at [madeline.manaker@gracealex.org](mailto:madeline.manaker@gracealex.org) and [bookkeeper@gracealex.org](mailto:bookkeeper@gracealex.org).

### DONATE USED LAPTOPS TO SUPPORT OUR PARTNERS IN TANZANIA

The leaders of the Buguruni Anglican Health Centre are in need of laptops after an incident of theft has left them without the critical tools needed for their work and education. The neighboring St. Augustine Primary School, with 1,000 students and teachers, is now down to ten laptops. The fact that the computers are used combined with heat, constant moisture, thick dust, and lack of air-conditioning means the computers wear out quickly. If you have a laptop that you are able to donate, please email Henry Ziegler at [hdziegler@yahoo.com](mailto:hdziegler@yahoo.com). Please ensure the laptop is in working order and that you have removed all personal files/information.

## BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, April 14</b>	<i>Alex Cline</i>	
<b>Monday, April 15</b>	<i>Yasmin Hernandez, Mike Hughes</i>	
<b>Tuesday, April 16</b>	<i>Lisa Bellantoni, Khacki Berry</i>	
<b>Wednesday, April 17</b>	<i>Emma Brice, Laura Epifanovskaya, Molly Sim</i>	
<b>Thursday, April 18</b>	<i>Brian Foucart</i>	
<b>Saturday, April 20</b>	<i>Sasha Karamyshev</i>	
<b>Sunday, April 21</b>	<i>Landon Broome, Barbara Morris</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!**

## 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, Wendy, Conway, Amorita, Caz & family, Debbie, Amber, Kelly, Elle, John, Carl, Jeannie, Sigrid, Ed, Larry, Susie, Otto, Susan, Charles, Cleveland, Colin, Jennifer, Barbara, Joanne, Nancy, Jason.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Audrey, Charlie, Eles, Mary Ann, Marilyn, Cynthia, Reg, Don, James.
- **Family & friends:** Robert, Morgan, Barbara, Becky, Maggie, Joel, Anthony, Mark, Klaus, Charles, Roger, Nancy, Madison, Jack, Michael, Dave & Mimi, Sharon, Peter, Cindy, Anne, Scott, Jean, Ida, Eileen & Dylan, Virginia, Christine, Lisa, Elena, Al, Connie, Don, Leslie, Elizabeth, Ada, Cooper, Marge, Elizabeth, Bert, Jay, Clare, Betsy, Chuck, Mike, Jim, Patrick, Ashby, Troy.
- **Members of our staff:** Mother Jenny, Father Santiago, Mother Emma, Father Ignacio, Noah, Father Durango, Alain, Mary, Kevin, Madeline, Addie, Pedro, Amorita, Betsy, Charlotte.
- **Grace School:** Students & their families; for the staff, especially Patti, head of school.
- **Outreach & Justice partners:** ALIVE; Carpenter's Shelter; Casa Chirilagua; Christ Church Refugee & 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 & 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; Noah Woodiuss; 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:** Julie Mills Cizek; Chris & Melissa Reed, Connor Murphy.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Bishop E. Mark Stevenson; Bishop Gayle E. Harris; Bishop James "Bud" Shand; Diocesan staff; Holy Comforter, Richmond; Holy Cross, Dunn Loring; Episcopal High School, Alexandria; and St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Alexandria.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; The Diocese of Doko – The Church of Nigeria; The Diocese of Dominican Republic – The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Dornakal – The Church of South India; The Diocese of Down and Dromore & The Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough, The Church of Ireland; The Diocese of Duk – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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, 4/14	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	Amphitheater	
	Children & Youth Formation Hour – 9:40 am		
	Adult Forum – 9:40 am	Auditorium	
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave / Livestream	
	Girl Scouts Meeting – 3:30 pm		
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
Monday 4/15	Food Pantry Bagging – 4:30 – 6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby Area	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Reflecting on our Lives as Pilgrimages – 6:30 pm	St. Mark	<a href="mailto:Julia.mcclung@gracealex.org">Julia.mcclung@gracealex.org</a> <a href="mailto:Anne.boris@gracealex.org">Anne.boris@gracealex.org</a>
Tuesday, 4/16	Food Pantry Distribution – 6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby Area	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Vestry Meeting – 7 pm	Saint Mark	
Wednesday, 4/17	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) – 2 – 4 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby Area	<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, 4/18	12pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer	Nave, Lady Altar	
	Food Pantry Bagging – 4:30 – 6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby Area	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Chorister Rehearsal – 4:30 pm		<a href="mailto:Alain.Truche@gracealex.org">Alain.Truche@gracealex.org</a>
	Handbell Rehearsal – 6 pm	Malm Narthex	<a href="mailto:Alain.Truche@gracealex.org">Alain.Truche@gracealex.org</a>
	Choir Rehearsal – 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	<a href="mailto:Alain.Truche@gracealex.org">Alain.Truche@gracealex.org</a>
	Trust Meeting – 7 pm	St. Mark Room	
Friday, 4/19	Food Pantry Bagging – 3 – 5 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby Area	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 4/20	Altar Guild Set Up – 9 am	Nave & Sacristy	
	Bible Study – 10 am	Zoom	<a href="mailto:Chrissie.crosby@gracealex.org">Chrissie.crosby@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry Bagging – 1 – 3 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby Area	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>

## Get Social with Grace!

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