



Grace Episcopal Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 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, so we can get to know you. We can also add you to our mailing list by request. We're glad to have you join with us in worshipping God in the beauty of holiness, something which is central to our identity at Grace. We hope you will join with us in sharing the love of God with this world that needs healing.

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



Please silence your cell phones during worship.

Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

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

Contacting Grace

Please feel free to contact our staff.

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

HOME COMMUNION

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

FIFTH 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

Prelude on "Land of Rest"

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

The people stand.

HYMN 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Engelberg

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Children ages 3 years – 3rd grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.

GLORIA 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,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

*Sung by the choir.****Deus, Deus meus***

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

Lector A reading from the First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

HYMN 529

In Christ there is no East or West

McKee

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

SERMON

Noah Aukerman

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 Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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.**

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*My eyes for beauty pine,
My soul for Goddës grace:
No other care nor hope is mine,
to heaven I turn my face.*

My eyes for beauty pine

*One splendour thence is shed
From all the stars above:
'Tis named when Goddës name is
said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*And every gentle heart,
That burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
Of that celestial fire.*

The people stand and sing the hymn

HYMN 198

Thou hallowed chosen morn of praise

Mach's mit mir, Gott

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; But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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.

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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-lowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who tres-pass a-gainst us.



And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glo-ry,
 For ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-155



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

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 364

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

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the eucharist.

Please come forward to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers.

A full communion is made with the bread alone, but if you choose to receive the wine, you may either drink from the cup, or you may offer your wafer to the person holding the chalice, who will dip the bread in the wine for you.

If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; simply ask the priest.

If you do not wish to receive communion at the altar, please let an usher know, and communion can be brought to you in your pew.

HYMN 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

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 God of peace, 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 213

Come away to the skies

Middlebury

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 “Engelberg”

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

*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</i>	Father Durango Jenkins
<i>Subdeacon</i>	Stephanie Reed
<i>Preacher</i>	Noah Aukerman
<i>Assisting & Children’s Chapel</i>	Mother Emma Brice
<i>Children’s Chapel</i>	Father Ignacio Solano Gómez
<i>Lector</i>	Rushad Thomas
<i>Intercessor</i>	Jonathan Doelp
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Ushers</i>	Brad Bergmann & June Huber, John Hall, Colleen McArdele
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Alison Campbell, Vance Allen
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Kristine Hesse, Lucy-Lee Reed

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF APRIL 28, 2024

Announcement deadline is Monday at 12 pm. Announcements arriving after that time will be held for the following week. Please limit announcements to 75 words.

Email requests to announcements@gracealex.org.

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

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



NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

AFFINITY GROUPS

Based on what was learned in our Lenten Sacred Conversations, and with guidance from the Diocese, one of the next steps in Grace's discernment process is to hold a series of Affinity Group conversations in May. **Please review the listing below as additional groups have been added.** These conversations will focus on issues of trust, expectations and parish needs in the future. Your participation and responses will help guide the Vestry in their discernment of whether to invite Mother Anne to return as the Rector of Grace Church. The desire is to hear all voices so please make participation in one of these Affinity Groups a priority. The groups are:

- **La Gracia:** Friday, May 3, 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Auditorium
- **Newcomers in the last 3 - 4 years:** Saturday, May 4, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm - Auditorium
- **Youth & Parents of Youth 6th grade and up:** Saturday, May 4, 1:00 - 2:30 pm - Auditorium & St. John Room
- **Parents of Children:** Saturday, May 4, 3:00 - 4:30 pm - Auditorium
- **Senior Adults:** Monday, May 6, 1:30 - 2:30 pm - Goodwin House Alexandria
- **All Grace Group, Morning Option** (For parishioners who did not attend another group session): Saturday, May 11, 10:00 - 11:30 am - Auditorium
- **All Grace Group, Afternoon Option** (For parishioners who did not attend another group session): Saturday, May 11, 1:00 - 2:30 pm - Auditorium
- **Zoom for homebound members unable to attend in person:** Tuesday, May 7, 4:00 - 5:30 pm (link to come)
- **Vestry members from 2021 - Present:** Saturday, May 18, 9:00 - 10:30 am - Auditorium
- **Altar Guild:** Saturday May 18, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm - Auditorium
- **Choir:** Saturday, May 18, 1:30 - 3:00 pm - The St. Mark Room

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

The choir will present a choral evensong on Sunday May 19th at 5:00 pm preceded by a half-hour organ recital starting at 4:30 pm by Dr. Alain Truche, featuring Charles-Marie Widor's last organ symphony "Symphonie Romane". There will be a reception following the choral evensong in the Malm Narthex.

Please consider joining us for this choral lead prayer service. The choir will sing a beautiful arrangement of the chant "Adoro Te Devote" set to the hymn text "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me" written by Thomas T. Lynch, an English nonconformist minister and hymn-writer. They will also sing a setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Richard Shephard, a British composer who has written numerous sacred compositions and has become very popular amongst church musicians.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

Adult forum is offered Sundays from 9:45 - 10:15 am 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 am. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK *(CONTINUED)*

GLASS DOOR ACCESS CODE CHANGE

In keeping with best practices for safety and security of our parish, the access code for the glass doors at the tower entrance will change on Monday morning, April 29. Vestry Liaisons, as well Eric Waskowicz, our Junior Warden, will provide the code to adults who are involved in a ministry that requires access to the building outside of office hours or Sunday services.

Liaisons are: Children's Formation – Rushad Thomas; Youth Formation – Khacki 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 – Keith Davis; GES board members – Lauren Gustafson & Keith Davis. You may also call the church office at 703.549.1980, to make a request for receiving the code from the Jr. Warden or a Liaison. **Thank you!**

LA GRACIA INVITES ALL TO BINGO EVENT – SATURDAY, MAY 18 AT 3:00 PM

Join us for an afternoon of fun playing bingo on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 3:00 pm. We invite you to the Merrow Hall Auditorium for a family-friendly experience.

All proceeds will go directly to the Shrine Mont retreat scholarships, helping to keep this beautiful tradition alive! Each bingo card is priced at \$5. Enjoy delicious food available for purchase, ensuring you an afternoon full of flavor and fun for the whole family. Don't miss this chance to join La Gracia at an event that will make a difference! We look forward to seeing you on May 18.

ARE YOU A TEEN WANTING TO ATTEND OUR DIOCESAN CONVENTION IN NOVEMBER?

Our Alexandria Region of the VA Diocese is looking to nominate a Youth Delegate to attend the annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, to be held on November 7 - 9, 2024 at the Fredericksburg Convention Center. There is minimal prep and costs for the hotel are covered. You can learn more by scanning the QR code. If interested, please reach out to Mother Emma or Liz Rugaber. We need to know not later than May 1.



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 at the QR code, or in person at coffee hour. Pickup will be in the Malm Narthex on Sunday, May 12. Thank you for your support of our youth!



BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 28	<i>Donna Plunkett</i>
Monday, April 29	<i>Suzi Pease</i>
Wednesday, May 1	<i>Richard Wilmer</i>
Friday, May 3	<i>Dave Arnold</i>
Sunday, May 5	<i>David Shaver, Holland Sturmfelz</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.

- **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, Jason, George, Duke.
- **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, Jean, Linda.
- **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 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:** 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 (Beckford Parish), Woodstock; Grace & Holy Trinity, Richmond; Immanuel on the Hill, Alexandria; St. Andrew's (Beckford Parish), Mt. Jackson.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church of Bangladesh; The Diocese of Easton & The Diocese of Eau Claire - The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Central Ecuador - The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Edinburgh - The Scottish Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Edmonton - The Anglican Church of Canada; The Diocese of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich - The Church of England.

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EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 4/28	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	St. Mark Room	
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave / Livestream	
	Girl Scouts Meeting - 3 pm	St. Mark	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
Monday 4/29	Food Pantry Bagging - 4:30 - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Reflecting on our Lives as Pilgrimages - 6:30 pm	St. Mark	Julia.mcclung@gracealex.org Anne.boris@gracealex.org
Tuesday, 4/30	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 5/1	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 - 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 5/2	12pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer	Nave, Lady Altar	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 4:30 - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Chorister Rehearsal - 4:30 pm		Alain.Truche@gracealex.org
	Handbell Rehearsal - 6 pm	Malm Narthex	Alain.Truche@gracealex.org
Friday, 5/3	Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	Alain.Truche@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 5/4	Cenita - 7 pm	Nave and Auditorium	
	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Affinity Group: Newcomers - 11 - 12:30 pm	Auditorium	
	Affinity Group: Youth and Parents- 1 - 2:30 pm	Auditorium / St John	
	Affinity Group: Parents of Children - 3-4:30 pm	Auditorium	
	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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