



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 16, 2024 – 10:30 am
Choral Eucharist, Rite II



— Connecting @ Grace —

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WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are pleased to welcome you to Grace Church. If you are joining us for the first time, please send us a message at welcome@gracealex.org, so we can get to know you. We can also add you to our mailing list by request. We're glad to have you join with us in worshipping God in the beauty of holiness, something which is central to our identity at Grace. We hope you will join with us in sharing the love of God with this world that needs healing. Assisted listening devices are available for use during worship. Please see an usher if you'd like to use one.



Please silence your cell phones during worship.

Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

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

Contacting Grace

Please feel free to contact our staff.

Office hours during the summer (June 17th – August 30th): Monday – Thursday 9 am – 2 pm, Closed on Fridays.

Clergy are not in on Fridays during the summer.

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

PRELUDE

In a Quiet Mood
Let Us Break Bread Together

Florence Price (1887-1953)
Raymond Haan (b. 1938)

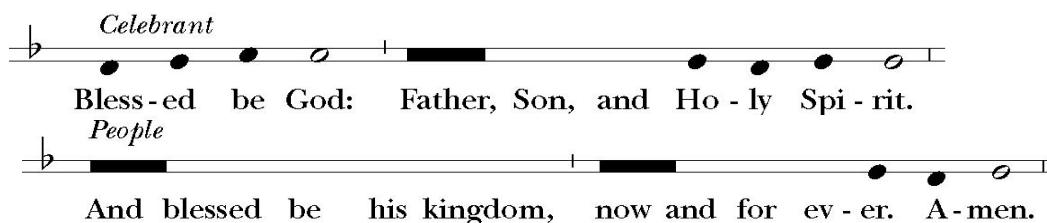
The people stand.

HYMN 421

All glory be to God on high

Allein Gott in der Höh

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION



Celebrant
Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.
People
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 355

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

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

SONG OF PRAISE HYMN 599

Lift Every Voice and Sing

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



It is a good thing to give thanks to the | Lord, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most | High;

To tell of your loving-kindness early in the | morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night | season;

On the psaltery, and on the | lyre, *
and to the melody of the | harp.

For you have made me glad by your acts, O | Lord; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your | hands.

The righteous shall flourish like a | palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of | Lebanon.

Those who are planted in the house of the | Lord *
shall flourish in the courts of our | God;

They shall still bear fruit in | old age; *
they shall be green and | succulent;

That they may show how upright the | Lord is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no | fault.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Lector A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

HYMN 532

How wondrous and great thy works

Old 104th

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Father Santiago Rodriguez

Silence is kept.

NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 326

We believe in one God,

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

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

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form II; BCP, p. 385

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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops, Mark and Gayle; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially for Strick Newsom, cousin of Khacki Berry, parishioner Joanne Davis, and parishioner Charlie Pease. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Celebrant

Almighty God, look graciously upon the people of Grace Church and mercifully accept the prayers we offer before you. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing. Guide the members of our Vestry, as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will. We pray for the life of our parish, that we may continue to be strengthened in our mission to *Love, Proclaim, and Serve God*. Bless us with mutual trust and respect, courage and foresight as you shepherd us in this journey. Grace us with continuous direction and inspire us toward genuine self-reflection. All this we ask as we walk in your ways to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

The people kneel. Silence may be kept.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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. _____

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and". The second staff continues with: "might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff continues with: "san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who". The fourth staff concludes with: "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____". There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) over the notes in the second, third, and fourth staves.

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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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 302

Father, we thank thee who hast planted

Rendez à Dieu

THE SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

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

The people stand or kneel.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All stand and sing the hymn.

CLOSING HYMN 598

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth

Mit Freuden zart

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Music Notes

"In Quiet Mood" is a contemplative piece by **Florence Price (1887-1953)**, a pioneering African American composer. Originally written for organ, the work showcases Price's signature style, which blends traditional forms with elements of blues and spirituals. The piece opens with a gentle melody in the lower register of the organ, creating a sense of intimacy and peace. Harmonies are rich and expressive, adding depth and complexity to the serene mood. "In Quiet Mood" is a beautiful example of Price's ability to evoke emotion through simple yet evocative music.

"Let Us Break Bread Together" is a soul-stirring spiritual with roots deep in the African American experience. Its simple melody carries a powerful message of unity and fellowship. Sharing a meal, symbolized by the breaking of bread, transcends the physical act to represent spiritual nourishment and connection with the divine. The hymn holds a special significance in Black churches, evoking both the shared Christian tradition of communion and the covert resistance songs used during the perilous journey to freedom on the Underground Railroad. This enduring spiritual continues to resonate today, reminding us of the power of shared experience and the strength found in community.

Raymon H. Haan (b. 1938) has published extensively with many American firms. Though most of his music is for organ, choir, and handbells, he has also published solo music for such instruments as trumpet, flute, viola, cello, and piano. His arrangement of "Let Us Break Bread Together" begins quietly and lush with the organ string sounds. It gradually builds up to a dynamic peak, but ends quietly again.

Charles Callahan (1951-2023) was well known as an award-winning composer, organist, choral conductor, pianist, and teacher—with over 300 works in print for organ, piano, chorus, solo voice, chamber ensemble and orchestra. He was a graduate of The Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. His arrangement of the two spirituals "Go Down Moses" and "I Want To Be Ready" starts with a fanfare, then presents both spirituals in turn and ends with the fanfare from the beginning.

"Go Down Moses" is a powerful African American spiritual that tells the story of the Israelites' escape from slavery in Egypt. It draws inspiration from the Book of Exodus, where God instructs Moses to demand Pharaoh release the Israelites. The lyrics express the yearning for freedom, both for the Israelites fleeing Egypt and for enslaved people in America. The song became an anthem for many seeking liberation, and its references to the Jordan River, a symbol of freedom in spirituals, resonated with those seeking escape on the Underground Railroad. Feared for its message, "Go Down Moses" was even outlawed by some enslavers.

The spiritual "I Want to Be Ready," also known as "Walk in Jerusalem," is a song filled with hope for the afterlife. It draws imagery from the Book of Revelation, describing a heavenly Jerusalem with streets of gold. The lyrics express a longing to be prepared for this glorious destination. The repeated refrain, "I want to be ready," reflects a yearning for spiritual purity and a life lived in accordance with God's will. This spiritual served as a source of comfort for enslaved people facing hardship, offering a vision of a future free from suffering.

"There is a Balm in Gilead" is a powerful African American spiritual rooted in the Old Testament. The title references a verse from the Book of Jeremiah, where a prophet laments the lack of healing for God's people.

The spiritual itself reinterprets this balm as a metaphor for spiritual healing, specifically through faith in Jesus Christ. It offers comfort and hope to those who are struggling or feel burdened by sin. The song is a well-known expression of resilience and faith in the African American spiritual tradition.

Robert Lau's arrangement is for mixed voices with treble and lower voices taking turns singing the melody. **Robert C. Lau** (b. 1943) is a distinguished organist, choirmaster, composer, and educator. He has served as Organist/Choirmaster at Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania for over 25 years. Dr. Lau is a prolific composer with over 500 published choral and keyboard works. He has received numerous awards for his compositions, including 15 Special Awards from ASCAP.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Mother Emma Brice
<i>Preacher</i>	Father Santiago Rodriguez
<i>Assisting</i>	Mother Jenny Montgomery
<i>Lector</i>	Bill Eckel
<i>Intercessor</i>	Mary Hix
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Bill Malone
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Ushers</i>	Brad Bergmann & June Huber, Colleen McArdelle, Mary Stewart
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Geoffrey Whitlock, Vance Allen
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	John Barker, Eleanor Reed

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF JUNE 16, 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 and by
Bill Malone** In loving memory of **John Malone**.

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

FATHER SANTIAGO AT GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Father Santiago will be attending General Convention 81 in Louisville, KY, from June 21-28. General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church, and it convenes every three years as a bicameral legislature comprising the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops, with deputies and bishops representing each diocese. We invite you to join us in prayer for General Convention as it undertakes the important tasks of electing a new Presiding Bishop and a new President of the House of Deputies, and setting forth the work of the Church: Good and Gracious God, bless with your grace and presence the bishops, clergy, and laity assembled in your name at General Convention 81. Grant them an appreciative memory for our tradition, gratitude for the work you have given us to do, and a strong, clear vision of the Church of the future. Amen.

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER SCHEDULE REMINDER & JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY CLOSURE

As previously communicated, the church office will move to our Summer Schedule starting this Monday, June 17th. The office will be open 9 am - 2 pm Monday - Thursday and closed on Fridays. This schedule remains in place through the end of August. The church office will be closed this Wednesday, June 19th for the Juneteenth holiday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

ALL PARISH CONVERSATION WITH MOTHER JENNY AND MARY HIX ON JUNE 23RD

On Sunday, June 23 from Noon-12:45 pm, we will gather in the Auditorium following 10:30 am worship for another check-in conversation. Mother Jenny will talk about opportunities for healing and reconciliation over the summer and Mary Hix will give a progress report on the work of the vestry during this time of discernment. Time will be allocated for questions. Hope you can join us.

SUMMER TRAVELS AND CHURCH VISITS

Summer is here, and it's time to start vacationing! If you plan on traveling this summer and visit churches while you are away - Episcopal or otherwise - Father Santiago would love to hear about your experiences. Share what you enjoyed about visiting these churches and, if possible, bring back a bulletin. This will help us learn how other communities are inviting, welcoming, and connecting people to God and one another. We are praying for safe and relaxing travels for you and yours. Enjoy your summer adventures!

WELCOME TO SUMMER AND RELAXED COFFEE HOURS!

Our Sunday after 10:30 service coffee hours are a welcome opportunity to visit, catch up, and get to know fellow parishioners. Beverages will be served, and volunteers are needed to set those up before church and help clean up after visiting ends. Servings of various sweet/savory treats will be "pot luck." If you have something to share, please bring it ready to serve. Volunteers can sign up in Merrow Hall starting on June 9. The first couple of weeks members of Fellowship will do a short (10 minutes!!) how-to for anyone interested. Questions or offers to help?? Email or text Lynn Rohrs 405-269-3885 Weaverlynn47@gmail.com.

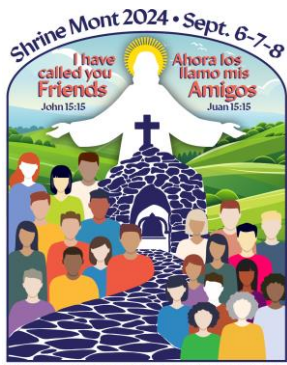
ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

SING IN THE SUMMER CHOIR!

From Sunday June 2nd until the last Sunday in August, there will be the summer choir. If you would like to sing one or more of those Sundays, come to the choir room (St. Cecilia room) at 9:30 AM on Sunday to learn the day's anthem and psalm (Simplified Anglican Chant). No need to worry about vesting. During the summer, the choir does not vest. If you don't have the time to commit to choir during the program year, this is a perfect opportunity for you to have fun singing with no strings attached.

JOIN US FOR A SUMMER OF STORIES WITH FATHER SANTIAGO

This June, dive into the movie *The Holdovers* (2023) and gather on Monday, June 17th at 7:00 pm in the St. Mark's Room to discuss this intriguing film. Watch it at your convenience, bring your own dinner, and enjoy the provided drinks and dessert. Then, in July, immerse yourself in *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. We'll meet on Monday, July 15th at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium for a lively book discussion. Don't miss out on these exciting events - mark your calendars for a summer of great stories and delightful company. Invite a friend or family member.



Grace Episcopal & Iglesia La Gracia

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR SHRINE MONT!

Mark your calendars for Shrine Mont 2024: September 6th – 8th! Registration opened last week at the parish-wide picnic. New this year- our online registration form on Breeze can be completed regardless of payment type! Registration payment will be accepted online through Breeze and Tithely or by check. Rates for Shrine Mont reflect two nights and include food and lodging. The rates for 2024 are \$277 for an Adult Single, \$221 for an Adult Double, \$115 for children age 8-13, and \$90 for children age 4-7 (children under the age of 3 attend for free). Scan the QR code to register! We hope to see everyone at Shrine Mont this year!



HAITI MICAH PROJECT ANNUAL CAMPAIGN!

The Grace Church annual Haiti Micah Project Campaign kicked off last Sunday in honor of Mother's Day (5/12) and will continue through Labor Day (9/12). This important mission provides feeding and education programs to children in Mirebalais. The need is significant due to the current unrest and resulting hardship. An annual sponsorship for one child is \$415 (\$35 per month). A donation of any amount will make a difference. To donate, please write a check to Grace Church referencing "Haiti Micah Project" in the memo line, or select "Haiti Micah Project" to designate your contribution in Tithely or Breeze. Contact Jen Pease at jennifer.pease@gracealex.org for questions about giving through Grace and visit <https://haiti-micah.org> for more information on this important mission.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 16	Alexa Perez
Monday, June 17	Roxana Gamboa-Amaya, Katie Hayden Sarey Hayden, Shannon Kelly
Tuesday, June 18	Patricia Burch, Katie Madigan, Sally Stone
Thursday, June 20	Cindy Diehl, Otto Wolff
Friday, June 21	Tim Dodd, Joshua Keyser
Saturday, June 22	John Boris, Rachel Rushing



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, Duke, Lisa, Vylma, Val & Clare, Amy.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Audrey, Charlie, Elesa, Mary Ann, Marilyn, Cynthia, Reg, Don, James.
- **Family & friends:** Barbara, Becky, Maggie, Joel, Anthony, Mark, Klaus, Charles, Roger, Nancy, Madison, Jack, Michael, Dave & Mimi, Sharon, Peter, Cindy, Anne, Scott, Jean, Eileen & Dylan, Virginia, Christine, Lisa, Elena, Al, Connie, Don, Leslie, Elizabeth, Ada, Cooper, Marge, Elizabeth, Bert, Clare, Betsy, Chuck, Mike, Jim, Patrick, Ashby, Troy, Jean, Ada, Gen, Santos, Dick, Danny, Theda Anne and daughters Kristin and Nicole.
- **Members of our staff:** Mother Jenny, Father Santiago, Mother Emma, Alain, Mary, Kevin, Madeline, Addie, Pedro, Amorita, Betsy, Jane.
- **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 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:** Joanne Davis, parishioner; Strick Newsom, cousin of Khacki Berry; Charlie Pease, parishioner; 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; 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; Diocesan staff; Pohick, Lorton.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Iglesia Anglicana de Chile; The Diocese of Gahini & The Diocese of Gasabo - Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; The Diocese of Gambella - The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria; The Diocese of Gambia - The Church of the Province of West Africa; The Diocese of Garissa - The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Gboko - The Church of Nigeria.

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EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 6/16	7:30 am Holy Eucharist in English, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am Santa Eucaristía <i>en español</i>	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	9:30 Summer Choir Rehearsal	St. Cecilia Room	Alain.Truche@gracealex.org
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave / Livestream	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
Monday 6/17	Food Pantry Bagging - 4:30 - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Summer of Stories with Father Santiago 7:00 pm	St. Mark Room	
Tuesday, 6/18	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 6/19	Church Office Closed for Juneteenth	Church Office	
	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, 6/20	Food Pantry Bagging - 4:30 - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Friday, 6/21	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 6/22	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, 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