



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

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



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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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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.

SIXTH 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

Prelude

Gaston Litaize (1909-1991)

The people stand.


HYMN 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio


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.

GLORIA S-280

Powell



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty - 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.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Lector A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

God did not make death, And he does not delight in the death of the living.

For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.

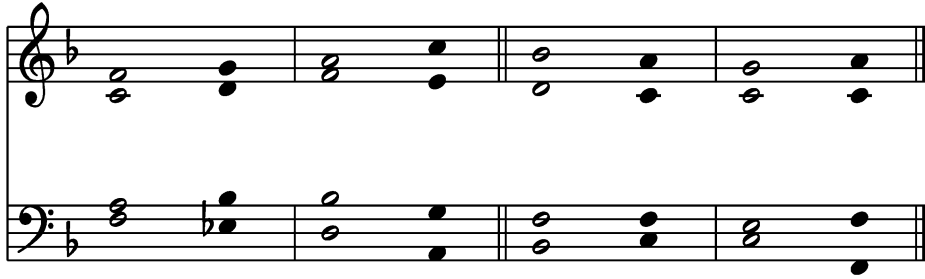
For righteousness is immortal.

God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have | lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies | triumph over me.
O Lord my God, I | cried out to you, *
and you restored me to | health.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the | dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the | grave.
Sing to the Lord, you | servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his | holiness.

For his wrath endures but the | twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a | lifetime.
Weeping may spend the | night, *
but joy comes in the | morning.

While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be dis | turbed. *
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the | mountains."
Then you hid your | face, *
and I was filled with | fear.

I cried to you, O | Lord; *
I pleaded with the | Lord, saying,
"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the | Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your | faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and have | mercy upon me; *
O Lord, be my | helper."
You have turned my wailing into | dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with | joy.

(2nd half) Therefore my heart sings to you without | ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for | ever.

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

As you excel in everything~ in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you~ so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something~ now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has~ not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

HYMN 707

Take my life, and let it be

Hollingside

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 5:21-43

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

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

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Mother Emma Brice

Silence is kept.

BCP, p. 326

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form II; BCP, p. 385

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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop-Elect Sean Rowe; 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. 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 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

Consecration

Frederick Chatfield (b. 1950)

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as Thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will, and make it Thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee.*

The people stand and sing the hymn

HYMN 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP, p. 361

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And also 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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S-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._____

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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-owed 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.

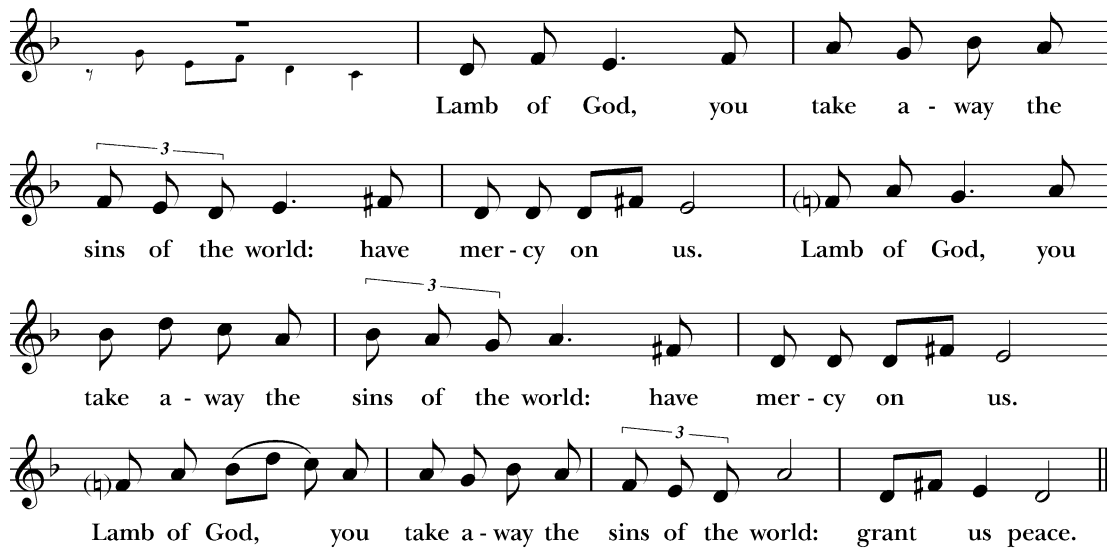


For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glo-ry,
For ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-163



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 LEVAS II 189

Great is thy faithfulness

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 411

O bless the Lord, my soul!

St. Thomas (Williams)

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

St. Denio

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

*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

Gaston Litaize (1909–1991), a French composer and organist, wrote the “Douze Pièces pour Grand Orgue” (Twelve Pieces for Grand Organ) between 1931 and 1937. These pieces showcase his mastery of the French organ tradition and remain significant contributions to the repertoire.

The Prélude exhibits expressive simplicity and restrained elegance. The use of modal harmonies creates a sense of meditative reverence. The piece unfolds with a gentle melody that gradually builds in intensity.

Frederick Chatfield (b. 1950), a published composer, served as Director of Music and Organist of Christ United Methodist Church in Kettering, Ohio, a position he held for thirty years (1986-2016). He is the same composer of the lovely anthem “Have you heard God’s voice?” that the choir sang last Sunday. Chatfield’s Consecration is a lovely, compelling setting of Frances Havergal’s hymn-text “Take my life and let it be” found in our hymnal (#707).

Gerald Near (b. 1942) is an American composer known for his organ, choral, and church music. His chorale preludes are captivating pieces that explore various hymn tunes and Gregorian chant melodies. The setting on the hymn tune “St. Denio” is found in his Choraleworks Set 2 written in 1995. It is based on the Welsh melody and set to the text “Immortal, invisible, God only wise” in our hymnal (#423). An initial harmonized first phrase of the Welsh tune leads to a faster section, itself by the second phrase of the tune. This section contains more running notes. Finally, after some harmonic shifts, the last two phrases of the tune appear in longer note values and end with a glorious coda.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

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| <i>Celebrant</i> | Father Santiago Rodriguez |
| <i>Preacher</i> | Mother Emma Brice |
| <i>Assisting</i> | Father Pierce Klemmt |
| <i>Lector</i> | Bill Eckel |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | Khacki Berry |
| <i>Music Director</i> | Dr. Alain Truche |
| <i>Ushers</i> | Bill Eckel, Scott Knudsen, Colleen McArdelle, Evan Robinson |
| <i>Live Stream Crew</i> | Geoffrey Whitlock, Sarah Schultz |
| <i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i> | Alison Campbell, Beth Yancey |

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON JULY 4TH

The church office will be closed on July 4th for the Independence Day holiday.

SUMMER VESPERS TO BLESS THE SPACE BETWEEN US

Creating space for reconciliation and healing, summer vesper services will be held on Mondays July 22, July 29 and August 5 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Malm Narthex. In these quiet simple services Mother Jenny will lead us in prayer, reflection, sharing and blessing. Please come, for to bless is to pray. And to pray is to invite God's presence to be among us, between us, and in us, as we move forward together as Grace Church.

HEALING EUCHARIST

A Public Service of Healing will be offered on Monday, August 12 at 7:00 pm in the Nave. All are invited to attend this special service of healing and breaking bread together as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist.

WEBSITE REFRESH UPDATE

Our refreshed website is scheduled to go live on July 9th. Our goal is that the information on the site is easily navigable for both visitors and parishioners while having a clean look. We are very thankful for the team comprised of staff, clergy, and parishioners that reviewed the site in depth and provided helpful feedback for enhancements. We'll continue adjusting as needed to ensure the site is useful for all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT TODAY- JUNE 30TH, 9:40 – 10:20 AM

Come early on Sunday, June 30th to collaborate across all ages on a service project. We will be drawing pictures and writing notes to local senior residents, and many hands make light work! To volunteer to help set up and break down this service project, please contact Mother Emma (emma.brice@gracealex.org).

JULY 4TH EUCHARIST, 10:00 AM

Join us for a celebration of Independence Day with our July 4th Eucharist at 10:00 am in the nave. Bring your family and friends as we gather in unity, gratitude, and prayer for our nation. A simple livestream will also be available.

SUMMER OF STORIES WITH FATHER SANTIAGO

Looking for a thrilling adventure with captivating characters? Our upcoming session of the Summer of Stories is perfect for you. Dive into the captivating world of The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles, the renowned author of A Gentleman in Moscow. Mark your calendars for Monday, July 15th at 7 pm in the St. Mark Room. Engage in a lively discussion about the book while enjoying your own dinner and indulging in complimentary drinks and dessert. Feel free to bring along a friend or family member. See you there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 9:00 AM - NOON

Please join us for a Parish Clean-Up Day on Saturday, August 17th, from 9:00 am to noon. Parish crews will be giving Grace's grounds a thorough cleaning - both indoors and outdoors. There's a task perfect for everyone! Help us make our facility shine for all to enjoy. Plenty of coffee and snacks will be provided. To sign up to help, please contact Father Santiago or Junior Warden Eric Waskowicz at ericwaskowicz@gmail.com.

JOIN THE FUN AT OUR FOOD PANTRY: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

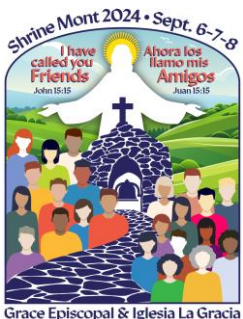
Are you looking for a rewarding way to make a difference in our community? Come and be a part of something special at our food pantry! We're on the lookout for enthusiastic volunteers who are excited to connect with and support our neighbors during food pantry distribution. You'll have the chance to meet and help amazing people in our neighborhood, providing essential support to those in need. Spanish speakers and youth volunteers, your skills are in high demand! For more information and to get involved, reach out to Kristine Hesse at kristine.hesse@gracealex.org or Jen Pease at jennifer.pease@gracealex.org. Join us and make a tangible impact in our community!

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.



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 in May 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

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| Sunday, June 30 | Sara Dubsky, Carlos Mejia-Gonzalez |
| Tuesday, July 2 | Lily Braza, Camille Davis, Sherryl Dodd |
| Friday, July 5 | Summer Jones |



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, Peck, Duke, Lisa, Vylma, Val & Claire, June.
- **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.
- **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:** 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; and all those participating in The Episcopal Church's General Convention.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; The Diocese of Gogrial – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Goma – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; The Diocese of Gombe – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Good Shepherd – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola; The Diocese of Grafton – The Anglican Church of Australia; The Diocese of Grahamstown – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

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

EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

| DATE | EVENT | LOCATION | CONTACT / INFO* |
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| Sunday, 6/30 | 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 | |
| | 9:30 Summer Choir Rehearsal | St. Cecilia Room | Alain.Truche@gracealex.org |
| | Intergenerational Service Project, 9:40-10:20 am | | Emma.Brice@gracealex.org |
| | 10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II | Nave / Livestream | |
| | 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite I | Nave | |
| Monday 7/1 | Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm | 1 st floor Lobby Area | Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org |
| Tuesday, 7/2 | Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm | 1 st floor Lobby Area | Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org |
| Wednesday, 7/3 | 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, 7/4 | Church Office Closed- July 4 th Holiday | Church Office | |
| | Independence Day Eucharist - 10 am | Nave | |
| | Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm | 1 st floor Lobby Area | Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org |
| Friday, 7/5 | Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm | 1 st floor Lobby Area | Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org |
| | Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm | | |
| Saturday, 7/6 | 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 |