

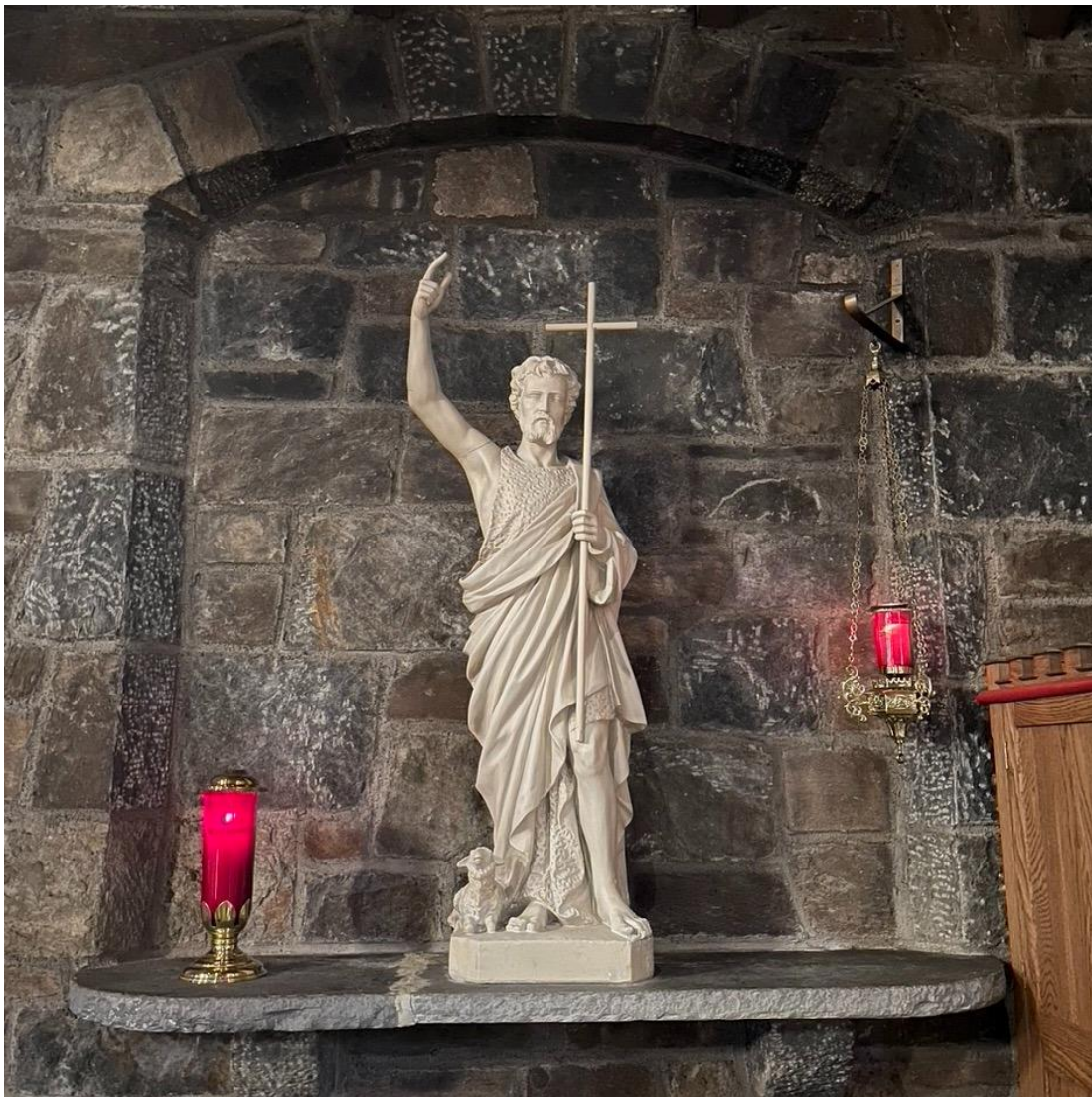


# Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024 – 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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### Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

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

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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.

EIGHTH 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

Cathédrales from *Pièces de Fantaisie*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

*The people stand.*

HYMN 372

Praise to the living God

Leoni

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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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-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.

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#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

Amos 7:7-15

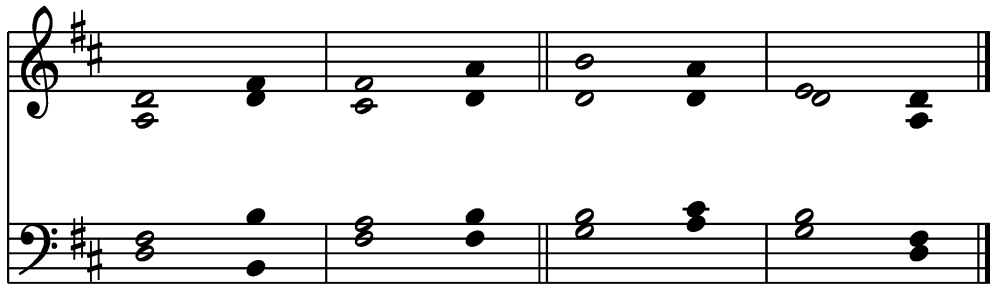
*Lector* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos.

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' " And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



I will listen to what the Lord God is | saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their | hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who | fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our | land.

Mercy and truth have met to | gether; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each | other.

Truth shall spring up from the | earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from | heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant pros | perity, \*  
and our land will yield its | increase.

Righteousness shall go be | fore him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his | feet.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

*Lector* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

HYMN 294

Baptized in water

*Point Loma*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

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

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people are seated.*

SERMON

Mother Jenny Montgomery

*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 Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Presiding Bishop-Elect, Sean, 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

Ave Verum Corpus

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

*Latin text :*

*Ave verum corpus, natum  
de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine:  
cuius latus perforatum  
fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
esto nobis prægustatum  
in mortis examine. Amen*

*English translation:*

*Hail, true Body, born  
of the Virgin Mary,  
truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side  
flowed water and blood:*

*Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]  
in the trial of death! Amen.*

*The people stand and sing the hymn*

HYMN 601

O day of God, draw nigh

Saint Michael

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP, p. 361

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* 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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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-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 WLP 742

Loving Spirit

Omni Die

## 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

May the blessing of the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, make you holy and blameless before him in love and rich in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. 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 492

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Finnian

## 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

Louis Vierne composed the piece “Cathédrales” as part of his “Pièces de Fantaisie,” Suite No. 4, Op. 55. This majestic composition showcases the extreme dynamic ranges of the organ, effectively portraying both the cavernous nature of Gothic transepts and high vaulted ceilings, as well as the more intimate, mysterious nooks and crannies of seldom-visited side chapels. Vierne, who tragically died at the organ console during his 1750th recital, left behind an enduring legacy of inventive and original organ compositions. The piece “Cathédrales” is a testament to his creative genius and ability to evoke the grandeur and spirituality of sacred spaces.

**Louis Vierne (1870–1937)** was a French organist and composer. Despite being nearly blind from birth, he displayed remarkable musical talent. His career was marked by challenges, including illness, blindness, and personal losses. Vierne served as the organist of Notre-Dame de Paris from 1900 until his death. His focus was on organ music, and he composed six organ symphonies along with a Messe solennelle for choir and two organs. As a concert organist, he toured extensively in Europe and the United States. Notably, his students included renowned musicians such as Nadia Boulanger and Maurice Duruflé.

Camille Saint-Saëns composed six settings of the Ave Verum text. The version in E-flat major for SATB choir was published in 1865. It is a beautiful and contemplative piece that reflects on the suffering and sacrifice of Christ, whose pierced side flowed with water and blood. The hymn invites us to find hope even in the trial of death.

**Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)** was a French composer, organist, conductor, and pianist of the Romantic era. His best-known works include the Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, the Second Piano Concerto, the First Cello Concerto, Danse macabre, the opera Samson and Delilah, the Third Violin Concerto, the Third (“Organ”) Symphony, and The Carnival of the Animals. As a musical prodigy, he made his concert debut at the age of ten. Saint-Saëns held a teaching post at the École de Musique Classique et Religieuse in Paris, influencing composers like Gabriel Fauré and Maurice Ravel. His compositions spanned various genres, and he remained committed to classical structures while occasionally incorporating neoclassical elements. Saint-Saëns's *Prelude and Fugue in E-flat Major* is part of a set of three preludes and fugues written for organ in 1894. The third prelude, a toccata, features rapid and virtuosic passages alongside a slower, more lyrical theme played by the pedals. In contrast, the fugue presents a majestic subject in a driving 3/4 meter, which is then developed with clarity and logic, building to a powerful conclusion. This work showcases both Saint-Saëns's skill for intricate counterpoint in the fugue and his gift for creating exciting and energetic music in the prelude.

## SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Father Santiago Rodriguez
<i>Preacher</i>	Mother Jenny Montgomery
<i>Lector</i>	Bill Eckel
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Stephanie Reed, John Thompson
<i>Intercessor</i>	Mindy Van Wart
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Ushers</i>	Brad Bergmann, John Boris, Diana Jarrett, Evan Robinson
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Jay Legere, Steve Lovell
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Kristine Hesse, Cindy MacIntyre

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF JULY 14, 2024

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

Email requests to [announcements@gracealex.org](mailto:announcements@gracealex.org).

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

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

### GRACE VESTRY UPDATE

The Grace Vestry met on July 9. Following a brief business meeting the Vestry went into Executive session to review a summary of the two conversations that took place between The Rev. Shirley Smith Graham, Mother Anne Turner and Mary Hix. These conversations are a part of the ongoing discernment process recommended by Bishop Stevenson. The next step in the discernment will be a Vestry conversation with Mother Anne. The purpose of this conversation is to determine if a mutual interest exists for Mother Anne to be called as Grace's next rector. The Vestry discussed the objective and format for the meeting with Mother Anne, which will be in mid-August. The Vestry meeting began, was interspersed and ended in prayer. We continue to ask for the prayers of the parish as the discernment continues.

### STICKY NOTE WALL AT COFFEE HOUR

Starting this Sunday, July 14th, we are introducing a fun experiment during our coffee hour. In the auditorium, you'll find a sticky note wall where we invite you to share a word, phrase, image, or encounter from that morning's worship that you want to keep in mind for the week ahead. Each week, we'll also feature a new, engaging question for you to consider. This initiative is designed to foster moments of reflection and conversation during our coffee hour. For more information, contact Father Santiago Rodriguez or Mindy Van Wart.

### HELP NEEDED - LARGE FOOD DONATION DELIVERY INCOMING ON SATURDAY, JULY 20!

The Church of Latter-Day Saints has pallets worth of food to donate to our food pantry at Grace, and we need help unloading the truck at Grace! If you are available to help on Saturday, July 20th, for about an hour around 12:00/1:00 pm, email Father Santiago Rodriguez at [santiago.rodriguez@gracealex.org](mailto:santiago.rodriguez@gracealex.org). Thank you for your help as we receive this generous gift!

### FINDING AND SEEKING NEW ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

Soon, Donna Hall will be commissioned as an Altar Guild member after completing a comprehensive course of training. Congratulations to Donna! We will be starting a new training class this fall and are looking for five new members. The Altar Guild is open to all men and women of Grace Church! If you are interested, please contact Eleanor Reed at [eleanor.reed@gracealex.org](mailto:eleanor.reed@gracealex.org), or leave your name and contact information with the crew leader in the sacristy after the service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

### SUMMER OF STORIES WITH FATHER SANTIAGO

If you're 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 tomorrow Monday, July 15th, at 7:00 pm in the St. Mark's 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)

### SUNDAY, JULY 21ST - SUNDAY AT COFFEE HOUR

Who doesn't love a refreshing scoop of ice cream paired with Sunday church? Join us outside in the amphitheater after church on Sunday, July 21st for a special outdoor coffee hour, complete with - you guessed it - ICE CREAM!

### SUMMER VESPERS TO BLESS THE SPACE BETWEEN US

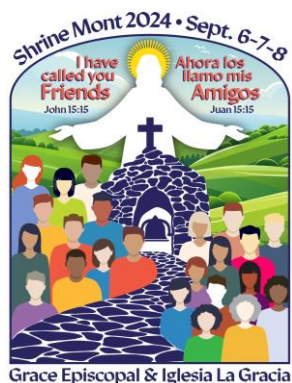
Creating space for reconciliation and healing, summer vesper services will be held on Mondays July 22, July 29 and August 5 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Malm Narthex. In these quiet simple services Mother Jenny will lead us in prayer, reflection, sharing and blessing. Please come, for to bless is to 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.

### 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](mailto:kristine.hesse@gracealex.org) or Jen Pease at [jennifer.pease@gracealex.org](mailto:jennifer.pease@gracealex.org). Join us and make a tangible impact in our community!



### 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](mailto: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

Monday, July 15	Lina Dobbs
Tuesday, July 16	Karlene Kelly, Chris Sanford
Thursday, July 18	Chrissie Crosby, John Hall, David Murphy, Ruth Schrott, Celia Schultz
Saturday, July 20	Reba Winstead



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, Bob, Betsy.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Audrey, Charlie, Elesya, 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, Lew, Cathie.
- **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; Diocese of Virginia Conference Centers: Shrine Mont, Orkney Springs and Roslyn, Richmond
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church of Ireland; The Diocese of Central Gulf Coast – The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Gusau – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Guyana – The Church in the Province of the West Indies; The Diocese of Gwagwalada – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Haiti – The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Hanuato'o – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

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

## EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 7/14	7:30 am Holy Eucharist in English, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am Santa Eucaristía en español	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	9:30 Summer Choir Rehearsal	St. Cecilia Room	<a href="mailto:Alain.Truche@gracealex.org">Alain.Truche@gracealex.org</a>
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave / Livestream	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
Monday 7/15	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Summer of Stories - 7:00 pm	St. Mark Room	<a href="mailto:Santiago.Rodriguez@gracealex.org">Santiago.Rodriguez@gracealex.org</a>
Tuesday, 7/16	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Wednesday, 7/17	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	<a href="mailto:Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org">Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org</a>
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 7/18	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Friday, 7/19	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 7/20	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	<a href="mailto:Chrissie.crosby@gracealex.org">Chrissie.crosby@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1 - 3 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>