



# Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024 – 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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## WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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

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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.

NINTH 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

Adagio from *Symphonie no. 6*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

*The people stand.*

HYMN 616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvöglein*

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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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

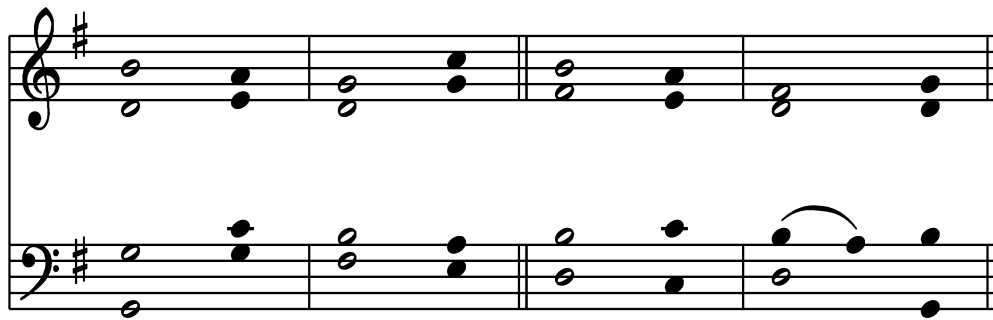
Jeremiah 23:1-6

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

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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



Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)

The LORD is my | shepherd; \*  
 I shall not be in | want.  
 He makes me lie down in green | pastures \*  
 and leads me beside still | waters.  
 He revives my | soul \*  
 and guides me along right pathways for his | Name's sake.  
 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
 I shall fear no | evil; \*  
 for you are with me;  
 your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.  
 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me; \*  
 you have anointed my head with oil,  
 and my cup is running | over.  
 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my | life, \*  
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for | ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

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

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

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

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people are seated.*

SERMON

Mother Emma Brice

*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.**

PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

BCP, p. 823

*All*

**Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Dear Lord and Father  
 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
 forgive our foolish ways;  
 reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
 in purer lives thy service find,  
 in deeper reverence, praise.  
 In simple trust like theirs who heard  
 beside the Syrian sea  
 the gracious calling of the Lord,  
 let us, like them, without a word  
 rise up and follow thee.  
 Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
 till all our strivings cease;  
 take from our souls the strain and stress,  
 and let our ordered lives confess  
 the beauty of thy peace.  
 Breathe through the heats of our desire  
 thy coolness and thy balm;  
 let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
 speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
 O still, small voice of calm!

*Charles H.H. Parry (1848-1918)*

*The people stand and sing the hymn*

HYMN 375

Give praise and glory unto God

*Du Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ*


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP, p. 361

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
The Lord be with you.	And al - so with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
Lift up your hearts.	We lift them to the Lord.




*Celebrant*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*



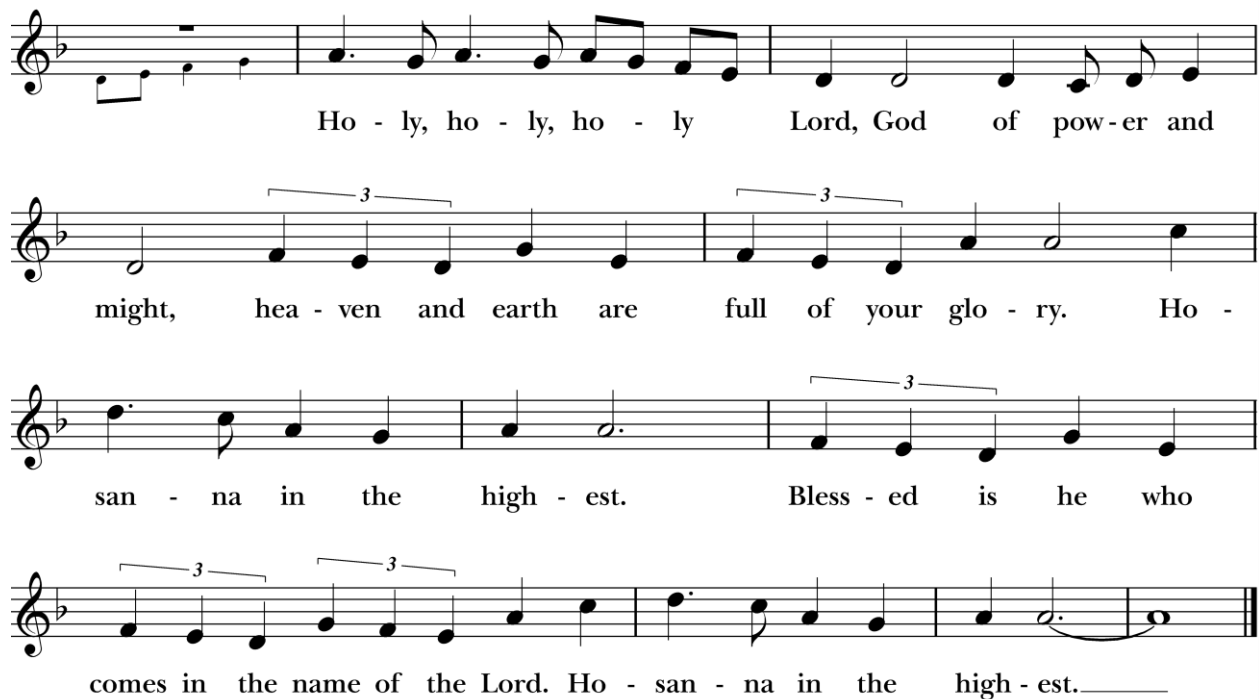
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*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-lowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en.  
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who tres-pass a- gainst us.  
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glo-ry,  
For ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-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 693

Just as I am, without one plea

Woodworth

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 708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Sicilian Mariners

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

The *Adagio*, the second movement of Charles-Marie Widor's Symphony No. 6 in G minor (written between 1876 and 1878), offers a welcome contrast to the opening *Allegro's* grandeur. It serves as a tranquil island within the larger, more dramatic structure of the symphony.

**Widor (1844-1937)**, a master of the organ, utilizes the instrument's vast tonal palette to create a sense of peace and introspection. The music unfolds slowly, with long, flowing melodies that often build and then recede, creating a wave-like effect. The harmonies are rich and chromatic, adding depth and complexity to the serene atmosphere. This movement is a testament to Widor's skill in crafting expressive music for the organ. The *Adagio* provides a moment of solace and reflection before the symphony continues its energetic journey.

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" is a hymn with words taken from a longer poem, "The Brewing of Soma" by American Quaker poet John Greenleaf Whittier. The adaptation was made by Garrett Horder in his 1884 Congregational Hymns. The hymn's text expresses themes of repentance, yearning for spiritual guidance, and the beauty of tranquility.

Hubert Parry originally wrote the music for what became Repton in 1888 for the contralto aria 'Long since in Egypt's plenteous land' in his oratorio *Judith*. In 1924 George Gilbert Stocks, director of music at Repton School, set it to 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind' in a supplement of tunes for use in the school chapel. The arrangement for organ and choir into a hymn-anthem is by H.A. Chambers.

Parry's music beautifully complements these themes. The melody is introspective and flowing, mirroring the yearning for inner peace in the lyrics. The repeated final line in each stanza reinforces the core message. The setting is particularly effective in its dynamic range, often building to a powerful declaration of faith before subsiding to a place of quiet contemplation.

The *Intermezzo*, the third movement of **Charles-Marie Widor's** Symphony No. 6 in G minor, bursts onto the scene with a playful and energetic character. A stark contrast to the serene *Adagio* that precedes it, the *Intermezzo* functions much like a scherzo in a symphonic work.

Widor infuses the movement with a lively sense of motion. The music is fast-paced, often featuring rapid passagework and quick shifts in dynamics. The melody is bright and scherzando-like, full of playful twists and turns. The use of contrasting timbres on the organ adds to the movement's effervescent quality.

While shorter than the surrounding movements, the *Intermezzo* serves a vital role in the symphony's structure. Its contrasting character provides a refreshing break before the more lyrical *Cantabile* and the grand *Finale*.

## SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

*Celebrant*

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*Preacher*

Mother Emma Brice

*Assisting*

Father Santiago Rodriguez

*Lector*

Haywood Torrence

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF JULY 21, 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, by Rebecca Prosser in loving memory of John Hayes, and by Caroline Shaver in memory of Brian Foderero.

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

### TODAY, 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 OF STORIES CONTINUES

The Summer of Stories with Father Santiago continues in August with the critically acclaimed film "The Farewell" (2019). Watch the film and then join us on Monday, August 26th, at 7:00 pm in the St. Mark's Room for a discussion on this heartfelt and humorous exploration of cultural identity, family bonds, and the diverse ways we cope with loss. Bring your own dinner and indulge in complimentary drinks and dessert. Don't miss this opportunity to engage in a lively conversation and share insights with fellow movie enthusiasts. Friends and family are welcome - so spread the word and make it a memorable evening! See you there!

## 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

This summer, 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.

### 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.

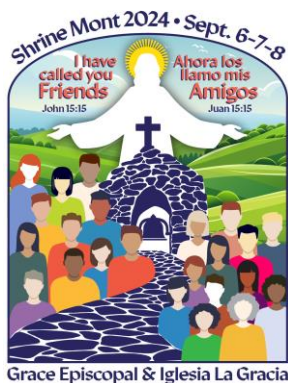
## ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

### 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.

### 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 is open. 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 22	Carl Eckel, Barry Rosman,
Tuesday, July 23	Vance Allen, Reagan Cline, Robert Moody,
Wednesday, July 24	Chris Caputo, Mike Jones,
Thursday, July 25	Jean Reed
Saturday, July 27	Kevin Hamilton
Sunday, July 28	Annie Eason, Julia McClung, Jane Weaver



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, Bob, Betsy.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Audrey, 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, 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.
- **Those who are traveling:** Brad Bergmann and June Huber; Karla Merritt.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Bishop E. Mark Stevenson; Bishop Gayle E. Harris; Diocesan staff; Members of Racial Reconciliation/Outreach/Mission/Creation Care committees and all those for whom they labor.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; the Diocese of Harare - The Church of the Province of Central Africa; the Diocese of Hawaii - The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Hereford - The Church of England; The Diocese of Southern Highlands - The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Highveld - the Anglican Church of Southern Africa; The Diocese of Eastern Himalayas - The Church of North India (United).

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*
<b>Sunday, 7/21</b>	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 II	Nave	
<b>Monday 7/22</b>	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 Vespers - 7:00 - 8:00 pm	Nave	
<b>Tuesday, 7/23</b>	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
<b>Wednesday, 7/24</b>	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	
<b>Thursday, 7/25</b>	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>
<b>Friday, 7/26</b>	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		
<b>Saturday, 7/27</b>	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>