



# Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024 – 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite II



*This week's gospel reading highlights the miracle of feeding the large crowd. We are grateful for our own miracle: a generous food donation to the Grace food pantry last Saturday! Thank you to everyone who helped receive this donation and to all who support our Food Pantry efforts through volunteering and donations of funds and food items.*

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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](mailto: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

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*Clergy are not in on Fridays during the summer.*

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

### HOME COMMUNION

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

TENTH 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

Cantabile

César Franck (1822-1890)

*The people stand.*


HYMN 51

We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting

Decatur Place


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.

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

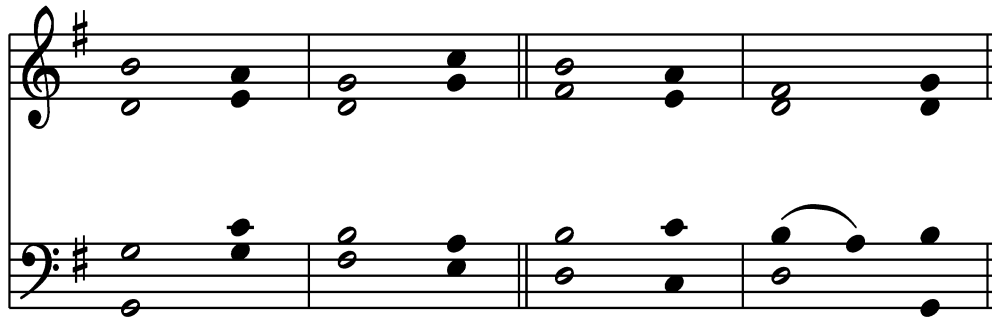
2 Kings 4:42-44

*Lector* A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left." He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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



Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)

10 All your works praise you, O | Lord, \*  
and your faithful servants | bless you.  
11 They make known the glory of your | kingdom \*  
and speak of your | power;

12 That the peoples may know of your | power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your | kingdom.  
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting | kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all | ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his | words \*  
and merciful in all his | deeds.  
15 The Lord upholds all those who | fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are | bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O | Lord, \*  
and you give them their food in due | season.  
17 You open wide your | hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living | creature.

18 The Lord is righteous in all his | ways \*  
and loving in all his | works.  
19 The Lord is near to those who call up-| on him, \*  
to all who call upon him | faithfully.

#### THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21

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

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

HYMN 404

We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord

Old 124<sup>th</sup>

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

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

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people are seated.*

SERMON

Father Ross Kane

*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.**

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

*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

*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

Panis Angelicus

César Franck

*Text in Latin:*  
*Panis angelicus*  
*Fit panis hominum*  
*Dat panis coelicus*  
*Figuris terminum*  
*O res mirabilis*  
*Manducat dominum*  
*Pauper, pauper*  
*Servus et humilis*

*English translation:*  
*May the Bread of Angels*  
*Become bread for mankind;*  
*The Bread of Heaven puts*  
*All foreshadowings to an end;*  
*Oh, thing miraculous!*  
*The body of the Lord will nourish*  
*the poor, the poor,*  
*the servile, and the humble.*

*The people stand and sing the hymn*

HYMN 472

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion

Donne secours





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 WLP 760

O wheat whose crushing was for bread

New Life

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 414

God, my King, thy might confessing

Stuttgart

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

VOLUNTARY

Hornpipe from *Water Music*

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

*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

Composed in 1878, **César Franck's** *Cantabile* is a brief gem for organ. Part of a three-movement set, it offers a moment of calm contemplation amidst the grandeur of the other pieces.

The music unfolds in three sections. A gentle melody, first presented in the high register, unfolds with a sense of peace. A central section offers a playful canon, with the melody imitated between the right hand and pedals. Finally, the opening theme returns, transformed and serene, offering a peaceful conclusion. **César Franck** (1822-1890) was a Belgian-French composer, organist, and teacher who left a lasting mark on French music.

Born a prodigy, Franck displayed exceptional talent at a young age. He began his musical journey in Belgium but found his true home in Paris. There, he became the organist at the famed Saint-Clotilde Basilica, a post he held for decades.

Franck's compositions embraced the Romantic era, blending French lyricism with the structural innovations of German composers like Beethoven and Wagner. While initially composing fewer works due to his organist duties, his later years saw a surge in creativity.

He became a revered professor at the Paris Conservatoire, influencing a generation of musicians like Vincent d'Indy and Gabriel Pierné. Today, Franck is remembered for his orchestral, chamber, and organ works, many of which have become staples of the classical repertoire.

*Panis Angelicus* (Latin for "Bread of Angels" or "Angelic Bread") is a setting of the penultimate strophe of the hymn *Sacris solemniis*, written by Saint Thomas Aquinas for the Feast of Corpus Christi. It is one of the most popular and well-known pieces of sacred music, and has been performed and recorded by countless artists.

Franck's setting of *Panis Angelicus* is originally for solo tenor, harp, cello, and organ. Today's version is for two-part choir and organ. It is a beautiful and moving piece of music, characterized by its soaring melody, rich harmonies, and deep spirituality. The music is expressive of the text, which speaks of the Eucharist as the "Bread of Angels" that comes down from heaven to nourish our souls.

The *Hornpipe* from **Handel's** *Water Music* is a burst of energetic fun. Composed for a royal celebration on the River Thames, it injects a lively dance into the orchestral suite.

The *Hornpipe* is a specific type of jig, a lively folk dance with hopping steps. Handel captures this spirit perfectly with a bouncy melody and a fast tempo.

The music is simple yet effective, with a repeated rhythmic pattern that keeps the feet tapping. This short movement offers a delightful contrast to the other, more flowing sections of *Water Music*. It's a reminder of Handel's ability to entertain with both grandeur and lighthearted charm.

**George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)** was a German-born British composer who dominated the Baroque musical scene.

Born in Halle, Germany, Handel displayed musical talent at a young age. Despite his father's wishes for a different career path, Handel's passion for music prevailed. He honed his skills in Germany and Italy, absorbing the influences of both countries' musical styles.

Handel's career wasn't without challenges. He faced competition from other composers and financial difficulties. Yet, he remained a prolific composer, creating orchestral works like *Water Music* and *Music for the Royal Fireworks*, along with concertos, chamber music, and anthems.

By the time of his death in London in 1759, Handel was a revered and wealthy figure. He left behind a vast musical legacy, influencing generations of composers and securing his place as one of the Baroque era's greatest musical giants.

## SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Father Santiago Rodriguez
<i>Preacher</i>	Father Ross Kane
<i>Assisting</i>	Mother Jenny Montgomery
<i>Lector</i>	Anne Boris
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Mindy Van Wart
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<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Ushers</i>	John Boris, Chuck & Sherryl Dodd, Diana Jarrett
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Eleanor Reed, Vance Allen
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Sherryl Dodd, Beth Yancey

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF JULY 28, 2024

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

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

**The Altar Flowers for today are given to the glory of God and by  
Rebecca Prosser in memory of Kristin Leigh Sabath.**

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 discernment process on Grace Church's next rector—as recommended by Bishop Stevenson—continues. In follow-up to the two conversations that took place between The Rev. Shirley Smith Graham, Mother Anne Turner and Mary Hix, the Vestry will now meet with Mother Anne in mid-August. The objective of this is to understand God's active presence over the past year through conversations on renewed relationships, trust and reconciliation, and addressing leadership needs. We ask for the prayers of the parish for discernment.

### WELCOME NEW GRACE NOTES TEAM MEMBERS

As mentioned in the July/August Grace Notes issue, Diana Jarrett and Joyce Ames stepped down after fulfilling their two-year commitment to the magazine. We are excited to announce that we have three new team members joining the Grace Notes team to keep the excellent work that Diana and Joyce have done going into the future. Chrissie Crosby and Kemp Williams are the new co-editors and Teresa Preston joins as proofreader. Welcome to the new team!

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR CHARLIE PEASE - AUGUST 3RD

We will celebrate the life of Charlie Pease on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:00 pm. Following the service, a reception will follow in the Merrow Hall Auditorium. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to the Grace Food Pantry. If you are unable to join in person, live streaming will be available.

### INTERMENT SERVICE FOR CARL FISHER - SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

As previously announced, Carl D. Fisher, former Grace Church parishioner, died on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. A celebration of life was held in Gardiner, Maine in May and a service followed by interment in our Grace Columbarium will be held here at Grace in the nave on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

### SUMMER OF STORIES CONTINUES

The Summer of Stories with Father Santiago continues in August with the critically acclaimed film "CODA" (2021). Join us on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 enjoy complimentary drinks and dessert. Don't miss this opportunity to engage in a lively conversation and share insights with fellow movie enthusiasts. Looking ahead, the book we will discuss in September is "The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride, on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Friends and family are welcome to join. Invite a friend or family member. See you there!

### ELECTION SEASON DEVOTIONALS

In this critical time for our nation, the intensity of the election cycle can take a toll on us all. To help you stay grounded, the clergy will be offering bi-monthly devotionals over the next three and a half months. These will provide moments of reflection and support, integrating faith and a commitment to justice. We hope these devotionals will encourage you on your journey. The first election devotional is now available on the Grace website, [www.GraceAlex.org](http://www.GraceAlex.org) (click on the scrolling banner on the home page).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

### 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.

### HEALING EUCHARIST - AUGUST 12TH

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.

### 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.

### FINDING AND SEEKING NEW ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

We're 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 interested, please contact Eleanor Reed ([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.

### ARE YOU REGISTERED TO JOIN US FOR SHRINE MONT?

Shrine Mont 2024 is September 6th - 8th! **The deadline to register is August 18<sup>th</sup>.** 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 Rates: \$277 for an Adult Single, \$221 for an Adult Double, \$115 for children ages 8-13, and \$90 for children ages 4-7 (children under the age of 3 attend for free). For those that are coming on Thursday, the additional charge for Thursday Night is \$94.85 for a Single Room or \$122.55 for a Double Room. 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

Sunday, July 28	Annie Eason, Julia McClung, Jane Weaver
Tuesday, July 30	Emma Imphong
Wednesday, July 31	Stephanie Reed
Thursday, August 1	Spencer Foucart, Emily Graves
Friday, August 2	Heather Hurley, Wendell Thomas



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.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Audrey, Eles, Mary Ann, Marilyn, Cynthia, Reg, Don, James.
- **Those who are traveling:** Karla Merritt.
- **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; The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion and all Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Lay Leaders.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East; The Diocese of Ho - The Church of the Province of West Africa; The Diocese of Hokkaido - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; The Diocese of Honduras - The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Hong Kong Island - Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; The Diocese of the Horn of Africa - The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria; The Diocese of Hpa-an - The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

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, 7/28	7:30 am Holy Eucharist in English, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am Santa Eucaristía en español	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	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	
Monday 7/29	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	Malm Narthex	
Tuesday, 7/30	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, 7/31	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, 8/1	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, 8/2	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, 8/3	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>
	Funeral for Charlie Pease - 1 pm	Nave, MH Auditorium	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1 - 3 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>