



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 2024 – 10:30 am
Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



Please silence your cell phones during worship.

Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

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

Contacting Grace

Please feel free to contact our staff.

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

Clergy are not in on Fridays during the summer.

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HOME COMMUNION

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

TWELFTH 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

Variations sur un thème de Jannequin

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

The people stand.


HYMN 514

To thee, O Comforter divine

St. Bartholomew's

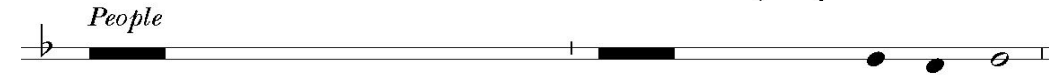
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant



Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People



And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 355

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

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

GLORIA S-280

Powell



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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

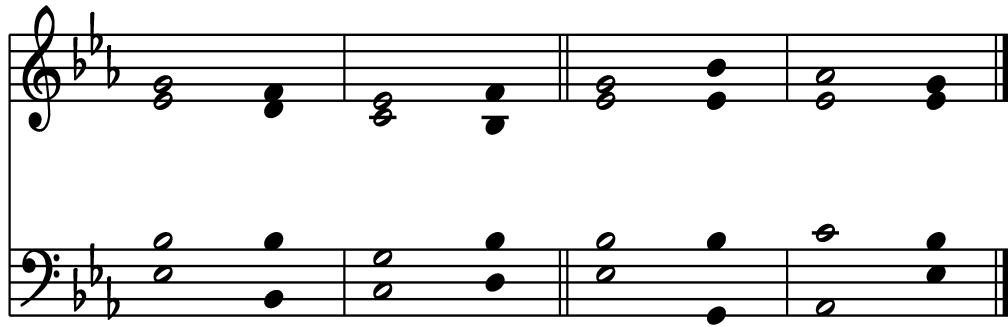
THE FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:4-8

Lector A reading from the First Book of Kings.

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**



Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

- 1 I will bless the LORD at | all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my | mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the | LORD; *
let the humble hear and re-| joice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the | LORD; *
let us exalt his Name to-| gether.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he | answered me *
and delivered me out of | all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be | radiant, *
and let not your faces be a-| shamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD | heard me *
and saved me from | all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who | fear him, *
and he will de-| liver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is | good; *
happy are they who | trust in him!

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

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

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

HYMN 581

Where charity and love prevail

Cheshire

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:35, 41-51

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Priest 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

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

The people stand and sing the hymn

HYMN LEVAS 146

Break the bread of life

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP, p. 361

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

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-163

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



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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 335

I am the bread of 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 346

Completed, Lord, the Holy Mysteries

Song 4

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Litanies

Jehan Alain

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

Jehan Alain (1911-1940) was a remarkable French organist, composer, and soldier. Born into a family of musicians, he inherited his love for music from his father, Albert Alain—an organist, composer, and amateur organ builder. Alain's compositions reflect a fascinating blend of influences: the earlier musical language of Claude Debussy, contemporary elements from Olivier Messiaen, an interest in far-eastern music and philosophy (acquired at the Exposition coloniale internationale), a revival of baroque styles, and even hints of jazz.

Jehan Alain's Variations sur un thème de Clément Jannequin (Variations on a Theme by Clément Jannequin) is a captivating work for organ. Composed in 1937, it showcases Alain's innovative approach to composition and his ability to blend historical influences with contemporary techniques.

Alain takes a sixteenth-century chanson by Clément Jannequin as his starting point. Jannequin was a French composer known for his chansons (vocal pieces), and Alain's choice of this theme reflects his interest in historical music. The piece consists of a set of variations based on Jannequin's theme. Alain explores various textures, harmonies, and rhythmic patterns throughout the work. Each variation offers a fresh perspective on the original material. Alain doesn't merely stick to traditional variations. Instead, he employs techniques like retrograde (playing the theme backward) and inversion (playing it upside down). These elements add complexity and intrigue to the composition.

Alain composed this piece during the interwar period in France, a time of artistic experimentation and shifting musical paradigms. His ability to blend historical references with contemporary techniques exemplifies his unique voice as a composer.

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) was an influential English composer who left an indelible mark on 20th-century music. Born on October 12, 1872, in Down Ampney, Gloucestershire, England, he is best known for his orchestral compositions, operas, ballets, and vocal pieces.

Taken from Psalm 34: 8, the communion anthem *O taste and see* was commissioned from Vaughan Williams for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and was first sung at Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953 at the point in the service where the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh advanced to the steps of the altar for the administration of bread and wine. A simple, modal miniature, set in G major, the anthem is in two short parts, each headed with the innocent invocation of a haunting solo treble.

Jehan Alain's Litanies is a powerful and evocative work for solo organ, composed in 1937. Despite its brevity, it leaves a lasting impact. The work begins with a visceral theme—a solo statement—that recurs incessantly throughout. This theme takes on various guises: sometimes harmonically complex, sometimes combined with a counter-melody, but always insistent. Alain wrote the following words at the top of the piece: "When the Christian soul no longer finds new words in its distress to implore God's mercy, it repeats ceaselessly and with a vehement faith the same invocation." This inexorable theme represents the ascent of faith beyond reason. The final sonority—a poignant A-flat minor superimposed on E-flat minor—expresses intense emotion beyond the realm of words. Alain's lack of harmonic resolution captures the distress and faith that defy explanation.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

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Mother Jenny Montgomery

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Alison Campbell, Kemp Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 11, 2024

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

Email requests to announcements@gracealex.org.

The Altar Flowers for today are given to the glory of God and by Lorna Worley in Thanksgiving for Ken Stone on his birthday.

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

VESTRY UPDATE FROM MARY HIX, SENIOR WARDEN

In June Mother Jenny and I joined in a Parish Conversation to give information about the ongoing discernment process. Following that meeting I followed up with a letter to the parish containing the information given at the meeting. Now, almost two months later, I write to update you about the events that have taken place since June.

In June, Bishop Stevenson met with Mother Anne and together they agreed that she would like to proceed in mutual discernment with the Grace Vestry. The discernment is to determine if the Grace Vestry or Mother Anne desire to be in a ministerial relationship again. Bishop Stevenson appointed the Rev Shirley Graham Smith to facilitate conversations between the Grace Vestry and Mother Anne.

In late June and early July, Mother Shirley, Mother Anne and I met twice. The conversations provided an opportunity to inform Mother Anne about events at Grace in the past year, and to hear about Mother Anne's journey during this time. Now the entire Grace Vestry will meet with Mother Anne in mid-August. In multiple meetings the Vestry has continued to reflect on the information gleaned from the Affinity groups and to carefully plan the upcoming conversation with Mother Anne.

Additional Vestry meetings are scheduled in August to reflect on the meeting with Mother Anne. The timetable for decision making is fluid, while the intent is to listen to the Holy Spirit's guidance about timing and outcome.

Mother Jenny's ministry at Grace will end on August 25 and we will welcome the Rev. Abbott Bailey as our Bridge Rector for six weeks beginning September 1. By the conclusion of Mother Abbott's ministry at Grace in mid-October, we hope to know if Mother Anne will be returning as rector, or if Grace will be calling an Interim Rector to serve while a search for a new rector occurs.

Please contact me or other Vestry members with your questions. Your prayers and kindness are sustaining our intent to be faithful discerners.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO JOIN US FOR SHRINE MONT?

Shrine Mont 2024 is September 6th - 8th and **The deadline to register is just two weeks away on August 18th**! Our online registration form on Breeze can be completed regardless of payment type (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 ages 8-13, and \$90 for children ages 4-7 (children under the age of 3 attend for free). The additional charge for a Thursday night arrival is \$94.85 per person for a Double Room or \$122.55 for a Single Room. Scan the QR code to register, or talk to our lead organizers, Patricia and Carlos Arboleda! We hope to see everyone at Shrine Mont this year!



REMINDER- 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.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

ALL-PARISH CONVERSATION

As Mother Jenny's tenure as Priest Locum Tenens concludes, an All-Parish Conversation with her and Mary Hix, Senior Warden, will follow 10:30am worship on Sunday, August 25. Any vestry updates will be shared, next steps moving forward reviewed and our time with Mother Jenny celebrated. All are invited to attend!

SHRINE MONT CARDS ARE COMING

Every year at Shrine Mont, parishioners sign cards to our College Students, Military and Diplomats serving abroad. If you are a student or family member, it would be very helpful if you would provide updated names, addresses and emails to nancy.robinson@gracealex.org to avoid those nagging phone calls and messages from me later in the month. I can't keep track of everyone without your help! Thank you.

THE PROGRAM YEAR IS COMING - REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH TODAY!

Godly Play, Rite-13, J2A, and EYC all return September 22nd! If you have kids of any age, please fill out a form for each child so that we can learn how to best support them in the year ahead! This form is necessary for participation in Sunday School, Youth Night, and other parish-sponsored events for children and youth. Even if you completed a form last year, we need an updated one from 2024-25. Scan the QR code to access the form or contact Mother Emma.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE - AUGUST 18TH, 2024

On Sunday, August 18th, at both the 9:00 a.m. Little Church service and the 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist service, Grace will offer a blessing for all students, teachers, and staff going back to school this fall. You are welcome to bring your backpack to church for the blessing, but it is not required. You can receive a Grace Church backpack tag either way!

We will also collect donations of backpacks and school supplies that will be distributed through our Food Pantry to local families. The list of items you can donate is below. You can purchase as many items as you would like, but often it works great if you purchase a backpack and fill it with school supplies. Reminder: Only new items please, and donations are due by August 18th.

Large middle & high school backpacks (minimum size 13" x 18" x 8") - no wheels, please	Markers (broad-tip, 8 ct.)
Regular size elementary backpacks (minimum size 12" x 16" x 6") - no wheels, please	Markers (thin-tip, 10 ct.)
Ball point pens (blue or black)	2 Pencils
Binders (1" - 2")	Pencil Sharpeners
Colored Pencils (12 ct.)	Pink Wedge Erasers (latex-free)
Composition Books (college & wide-ruled)	Plastic Folders (with brads)
Crayons (24 ct.)	Plastic Supply Boxes (8" x 5")
Dry Erase Markers	Blunt-Tip Safety Scissors
Glue Bottles	Pointed Safety Scissors
Glue Sticks	Sticky Notes
Lined Index Cards (3" x 5")	Spiral Notebooks (college & wide-ruled)
Loose-Leaf Paper (college)	Subject Dividers for Binders
	Yellow Highlighters
	Zippered Pencil Pouches (for 3-ring binders)

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS OUT OF THE OFFICE AUGUST 12TH – 25TH.

Our Director of Operations, Kevin Hamilton, will be out of the office beginning Monday, August 12th and will return Monday, August 26th. During this time, Kevin will not be checking voicemail or email as to provide him the time and space for rest and relaxation. All building related issues should be relayed to our Junior Warden, Eric Waskowicz, (ericwaskowicz@gmail.com). Please contact Mother Jenny or other clergy if you have emergency needs. The after-hours emergency number, monitored by the clergy person on call, is (703) 261-9079. The office will have minimal volunteer coverage during this time, usually 10 - 1. Parishioners are encouraged to call ahead before stopping by to ensure the office will be open.

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!

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 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 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 23rd. 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 (click on the scrolling banner on the home page).

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.

HAITI MICAH PROJECT ANNUAL CAMPAIGN!

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

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Monday, August 12	Violet Woodiwiss
Tuesday, August 13	Peter Schrum
Thursday, August 15	Catherine Voces
Sunday, August 18	Isaac Reyes



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, Bill.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Elesa, Mary Ann, 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, Kelvin.
- **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; Altar and Flower Guilds, Choirs, Ushers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Readers.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Anglican Church of Korea; Idah - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Idaho - The Episcopal Church; Ideato - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Idoani - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Ife - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Ife East - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

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

EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 8/11	7:30 am Holy Eucharist in English, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am Santa Eucaristía <i>en español</i>	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	9:30 Summer Choir Rehearsal	St. Cecilia Room	Alain.Truche@gracealex.org
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave / Livestream	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday 8/12	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Healing Eucharist - 7:00 - 8:00 pm	Nave	
Tuesday, 8/13	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 8/14	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
Thursday, 8/15	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 8/15	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Friday, 8/16	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 8/17	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Parish Clean Up - 9 am - noon		Eric.waskowicz@gmail.com
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	Chrissie.crosby@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1 - 3 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org