



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 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.

(Mother Jenny holds office hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, and half-day on Wednesdays.)

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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.

THIRTEENTH 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 on 'Laudate Dominum'

Kenneth Lowenberg (b. 1939)

The people stand.


HYMN 432

O praise ye the Lord!

Laudate Dominum

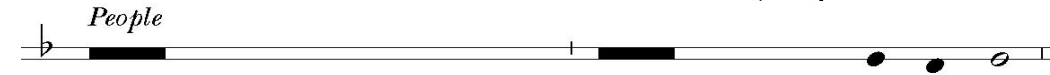
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

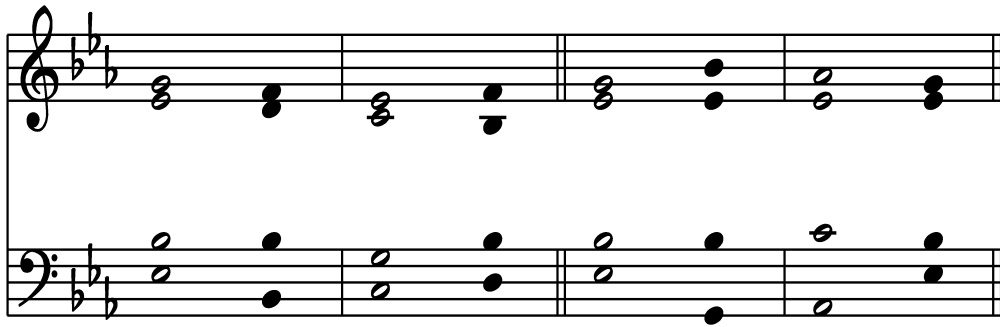
THE FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 9:1-6

Lector A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

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



Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his | saints, *
for those who fear him lack | nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer | hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is | good.

11 Come, children, and | listen to me; *
I will teach you the fear of the | LORD.

12 Who among you loves | life *
and desires long life to enjoy pros-| perity?

13 Keep your tongue from | evil-speaking *
and your lips from lying | words.

14 Turn from evil and do | good; *
seek peace and | pursue it.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:15-20

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

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

HYMN 488

Be thou my vision

Slane

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

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

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

Jesus said, "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." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my

blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated.

SERMON

Father Santiago Rodriguez

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

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 musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of seven lines of music. The first line contains the first two phrases. The second line contains the next two phrases. The third line contains the next two phrases, with a triplet of eighth notes over the words 'tres-pass a-gainst us'. The fourth line contains the final phrase. The fifth line contains the first two phrases. The sixth line contains the next two phrases. The seventh line contains the final phrase. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

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.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of one flat (F). It consists of three lines of music. The first line contains the first phrase. The second line contains the second phrase, with a triplet of eighth notes over the words 'sins of the world: have mer - cy on us'. The third line contains the third phrase, with a triplet of eighth notes over the words 'take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us'. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.



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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 328

Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

Song 46

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 527

Singing songs of expectation

Tony Botel

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Tony Botel

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

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

Kenneth Lowenberg (b. 1939) was born and raised in the Chicago area. He attended Northwestern University (B Mus Ed), the Univ. of Southern California (M Mus in Composition), and the College of Church Musicians at Washington Cathedral (FCCM), and has earned his AAGO and FAGO degrees from the American Guild of Organists. He is Minister of Music Emeritus at Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, having retired in August, 2006, after 38 years of service. There he headed a large music program including the concert series, Chevy Chase Concerts. His Chevy Chase Handbell

Ringers have enjoyed playing in the White House, the Kennedy Center, on local TV and National Public Radio, and his Chancel Choir has sung at Washington Cathedral. Ken's choral, organ, and handbell compositions (some of which have been commissioned) are published by GIA, AGEHR, Selah, Hinshaw, Hope, Art Masters Studios, Inc., H.W. Gray/Belwin/Warner, Lorenz, and MorningStar.

The prelude this morning is based on the hymn tune by Hubert Parry 'Laudate Dominum' and comprises of eight variations: Introduction - Hymn - Bridge, Bicinium (duet), Cantilene, Intermezzo, Capriccio, Nocturne, Fugue, and Toccata.

John Abdenour (b. 1962), B. A., B. Mus., J.D., sang as a boy in the choir of St. Paul's Cathedral in Detroit and began organ study at the cathedral. He subsequently received degrees in Organ Performance and American History from Oberlin College. John is the Director of Music at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Fairfield, CT. He is a member of the Association of Anglican Musicians and has served as Dean of the Fairfield-West Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and has served as a faculty member of the Bridgeport AGO Pipe Organ Encounter.

His setting of the communion text Bread of the World by Reginal Heber (1783-1826) is for unison choir. The simple melody is paired with a peaceful accompaniment on the string sounds of the organ.

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972) is a highly imaginative and creative American concert organist and composer. His performances, improvisations, and compositions have garnered acclaim. As a prolific composer, many of his works have received critical acclaim. His compositions span solo organ, choral, and orchestral genres and are published by several reputable houses. Currently, he serves as the Director of Music and Organist at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota, and maintains an active recital schedule.

His organ setting on the hymn tune 'Ton Y Botel' also called 'Ebenezer' begins with an introduction. The tune is then presented on a large solo reed punctuated with chords. A march-like bridge leads to an imitative section based on the introductory material. The pedal takes over the melody and leads to a new section where Miller inverts the opening melodic material. New keys are explored and leads to a restatement of the main melody played again on a large reed. The piece ends with thick chords over a pedal tone.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant

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Chuck & Sherryl Dodd, Colleen McArdelle

Alison Campbell, Mary Shaver

John Barker, Cindy MacIntyre

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 18, 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 the fifth birthday of
Ava Canizalez and the birth of her brother, Adam Manuel Canizalez.

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

PARISH PIZZA DINNER & FELLOWSHIP – AUGUST 27TH

All are welcome to join us in a parish pizza dinner and fellowship night hosted by the Sunday School families on Tuesday, August 27th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm! We will meet at the picnic tables by the playground (rain location: Merrow Hall). Pizza will be provided, feel free to bring a side or dessert to share! Let us know you're coming by scanning the QR code.



ARE YOU REGISTERED TO JOIN US FOR SHRINE MONT? DEADLINE TO REGISTER TODAY!

Shrine Mont 2024 is September 6th – 8th and The deadline to register is today, 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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

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 second election devotional is now available on the Grace website, www.GraceAlex.org (click on the scrolling banner on the home page).

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.

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!

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

Sunday, August 18	Isaac Reyes
Friday, August 23	Keith Giacomo, Clifton Killian
Saturday, August 24	Jack Hennigan
Sunday, August 25	Hudson Chiow, Kristen Woodiwiss



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, Ellie, Cameron.
- **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; Students, Faculty, and Administrators at Diocesan Church Schools: Christchurch, Saluda; St. Catherine's, Richmond; St. Christopher's, Richmond; St. Margaret's, Tappahannock; St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, Alexandria; and Stuart Hall, Staunton.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Iowa, The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Iran, The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East; The Diocese of Irele Ese-Odo, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Isi Mbano, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Isiala Ngwa, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Isiala-Ngwa South, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

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EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 8/18	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 8/19	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, 8/20	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 8/21	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	
	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 8/22	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Friday, 8/23	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 8/24	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	Chrissie.crosby@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1 - 3 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org