



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 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.

FOURTEENTH 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

Munich

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

The people stand.


HYMN 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Cum Rhondda

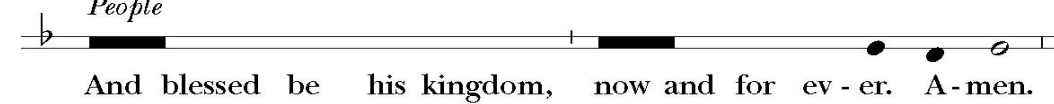
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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

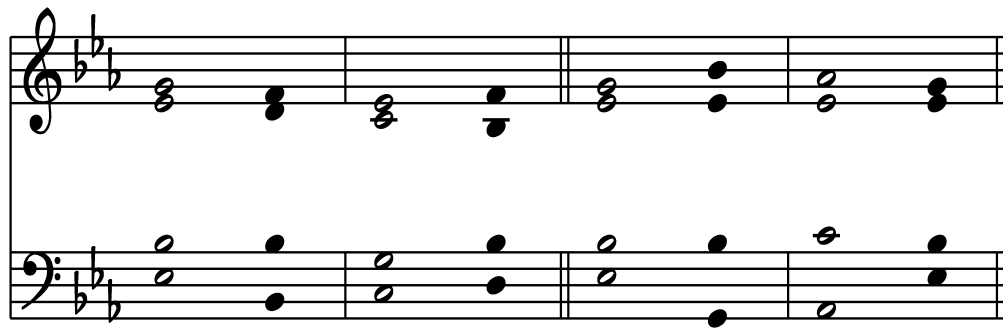
THE FIRST LESSON

Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Lector A reading from the Book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

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



Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

- 15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the | righteous, *
and his ears are open to their | cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against those who do | evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the | earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD | hears them *
and delivers them from all their | troubles.
- 18 The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are | crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the | righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them | all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his | bones; *
not one of them shall be | broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the | wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be | punished.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his | servants, *
and none will be punished who | trust in him.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-20

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

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

HYMN 440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Liebster Jesu

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:56-69

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

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

Jesus said, "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." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Mother Jenny Montgomery

Silence is kept.

NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 326

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

**by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form II; BCP, p. 385

In the course of silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Presiding Bishop-Elect, Sean, our Bishops, Mark and Gayle; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Carol Herzog. 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.

LEAVE TAKING PRAYERS

Mother Jenny: On October 30, 2023 I began serving as your Priest Locum Tenens. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities. My tenure as Priest Locum Tenens ends this day, whereupon, I will be returning to live full-time in Richmond, do some traveling and enjoy life with Joe.

Therefore, do you, the people of Grace Episcopal Church Alexandria, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

All: We do.

Then the Minister may express thanksgiving for the time of the tenure, with its joys and sorrows, and state hopes for the future of the congregation.

The departing Minister and the congregation then say together the following prayer:

O God, you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these past ten months.

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through this time of transition, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

Now, we pray, be with Mother Jenny as she leaves and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. 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

The True and Living Bread

David Blackwell (b. 1961)

*I bow before you, all my sin confessed,
to hear again the words of love you said;
and at your table, as your honored guest,
I take and eat the true and living bread.*

*So in remembrance of your life laid down
I come to praise you for you grace divine;
saved by your cross, and subject to your crown,
strengthened for service by this bread and wine.*

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-lowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who tres-pass a-gainst us.

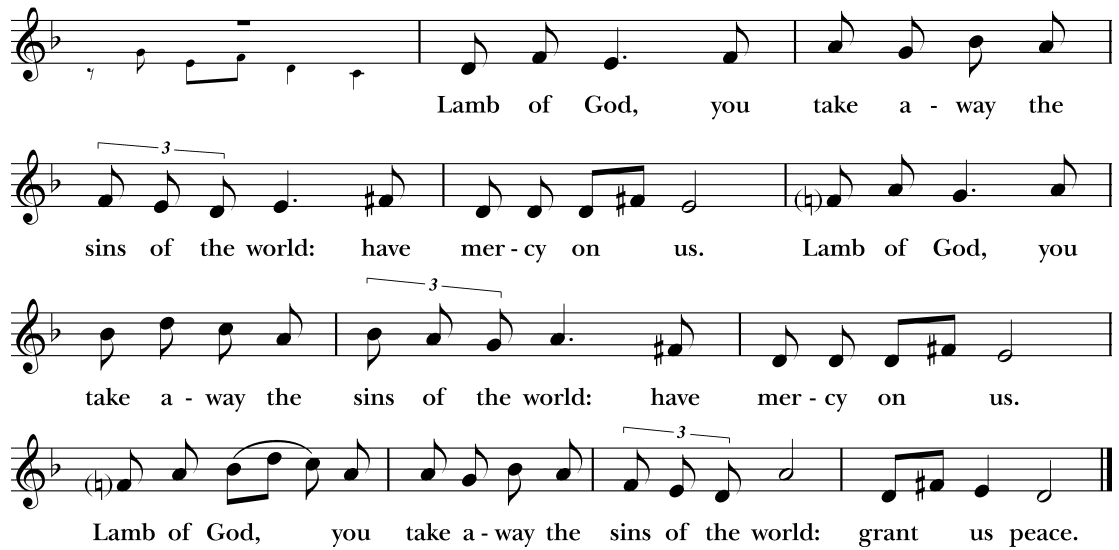


And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glo-ry,
 For ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-163



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

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 364

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the eucharist. Please come forward to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers. A full communion is made with the bread alone, but if you choose to receive the wine, you may either drink from the cup, or you may offer your wafer to the person holding the chalice, who will dip the bread in the wine for you.

If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; simply ask the priest.

If you do not wish to receive communion at the altar, please let an usher know, and communion can be brought to you in your pew.

HYMN 633

Word of God, come down on earth

Mt. St. Alban NCA

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 632

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Munich

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Tocatta in G Major, BuxWV 165

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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

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 of the hymn tune 'Munich' starts with a free-flowing melody. The tune proper is then played in the pedals (feet) accompanied by the manuals (hands). The introductory melody comes back and leads into a minor version of the melody. The tune makes a new appearance played in the left hand accompanied by a countermelody, and the piece ends quietly with a brief coda based on the opening material.

The True and Living Bread is a choral anthem composed by David Blackwell, with text by Timothy Dudley-Smith. This piece, written in 2007, is characterized by its flowing melody and reflective lyrics, which emphasize themes of reverence and spiritual nourishment.

David Blackwell (b. 1961) is an accomplished composer and arranger, known for his contributions to educational, choral, and organ music. His works are widely performed and published in both the UK and the US.

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707) was one of the most important composers of organ music before Johann Sebastian Bach. He was born in Denmark and considered himself a Dane, but spent the last 39 years of his life as organist of St. Mary's Church in Lübeck, Germany, where he became arguably the most famous organist of his era. No story attests to his fame more than that of Bach walking hundreds of kilometers to hear this master play.

The Toccata in G Major, BuxWV 165 was probably conceived for a stringed keyboard instrument, because much of its material revolves around arpeggiated chords. Nonetheless, this piece works very successfully on the organ. The opening free section of this Toccata is followed by a fugue. The single fugue dissolves not into a completely free section but into a quasi-ostinato passage, with the repeated pattern varying between six and eight beats. Irregularities such as this are a mark of the stylus phantasticus widely used during the baroque period of North German organ writing.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 25, 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 in thanksgiving for the life of Frank Waskowicz by his family, and by the people of Grace Church in thanksgiving for our time with Mother Jenny Montgomery, Priest Locum Tenens, who inspired us to renew our faith in the space between.

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

AN UPDATE FROM MARY HIX, SENIOR WARDEN

The Grace Church Vestry met with Mother Anne Turner and Mother Shirley Smith Graham (Diocese of Virginia Transitions Minister) at Virginia Theological Seminary on Tuesday, August 13. The meeting was a step forward in the mutual discernment process prescribed by Bishop Stevenson for Grace Vestry and Mother Anne. The Vestry carefully planned the meeting, which began with worship, review of Guidelines for Sacred Conversations at Grace Church, a time to share updates from Vestry members about ourselves and for Mother Anne to do the same. Questions and conversation about renewed relationship, trust and reconciliation and leadership followed, all with the intent of exploring God's active presence in the lives of Grace Church and Mother Anne during the past year. All present at the meeting understood that no decisions would be made that evening regarding Grace Church's next rector, and that the intent of the conversations was to gather information to further the mutual discernment process. The uncertainty about how the meeting might evolve quickly disappeared; all were thoughtful, honest, and relaxed. The Vestry will continue to hold regular meetings in the coming weeks, trusting in God's guidance about the decisions before us. Your prayers power and encourage the Vestry.

INTRODUCING MOTHER ABBOTT

Grace Church welcomes the Rev. Stephanie Abbott Bailey as our Bridge Rector beginning September 3 and serving until October 15. Mother Abbott is a graduate of Yale Divinity School and holds a Masters of Public Administration from George Washington University. For 10 years she was the rector of St. Andrew's Church in Richmond. More recently she has served as the Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of California, the Diocese of Virginia and on the Diocesan Staff in the Diocese of Western New York & Northwestern Pennsylvania. She will come to Grace after serving as Bridge Rector at Christ Church, Alexandria during the rector's sabbatical. Mother Abbott will live in Alexandria and serve full-time during the 6 week period as Grace's Bridge Rector. She will join us for the Shrine Mont weekend and we look forward to welcoming her then.

WORSHIP @ GRACE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

During Shrine Mont Parish Weekend, there will be one 10:30 am worship service held at Grace Church on Sunday, September 8th. The Rev. Rosemari Sullivan will be the celebrant and preacher. John "Chappy" Stowe will be the organist. This service will be live-streamed. Regular worship services, as well as nursery care and Sunday School, resume on Sunday, September 15th.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF JOINING ONE OF OUR THREE MUSIC GROUPS?

It's almost September, and that means weekly rehearsals are resuming.

Grace Parish Choir (Adult)

Starts Thursday Sept. 12th

Choristers (Youth)

Starts Wednesday Sept. 11th

Bell Ensemble

Starts Thursday Sept. 12th

For more information, please visit <https://gracealex.org/worship/music>

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

GRACE EPISCOPAL SCHOOL UPDATE

As announced earlier this summer, Patti Culbreth, Head of School, had intended for the 2024-2025 school year to be her final year at Grace with retirement plans to follow. However, with her treatment for breast cancer and now a recent diagnosis of her husband having pancreatic cancer, the School Board Chair has agreed to release Patti from her original plan and appoint Amanda Hungerford as Interim Head of School to begin immediately. Patti will serve remotely as a consultant to Amanda and the rest of the administrative team as needed. As she leaves Patti writes, "I have the utmost confidence in Amanda's leadership and the amazing skills of our administrative team, faculty and staff. I am so sorry to leave Grace in this sudden way, but I thank you for understanding my need to be with my family. I ask for your continued prayers and for your support of Amanda and the Grace team." Please keep Patti and her family in your prayers, along with Amanda Hungerford and the entire GES community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

ALL-PARISH CONVERSATION – TODAY!

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!

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.



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.



SUMMER OF STORIES CONTINUES TOMORROW

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!

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).

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 25	Hudson Chiow, Kristen Woodiwiss
Tuesday, August 27	Lane Barker, Evelyn Woodiwiss
Wednesday, August 28	Mary Shaver
Friday, August 30	Stephen Lovell
Saturday, August 31	Susan Hayuchok, Grant Miller, Amorita Quintanilla, Timothy Willard



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, Ellie, Cameron, David, Colin & Landon.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Eles, 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, Ellen, Thomas, Todd, Marvin.
- **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:** Carol Herzog; 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; Sunday School teachers, Youth leaders, and Adult Christian Formation leaders.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico; The Diocese of Iljebu-North - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Iljesa North East - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Iljesha North - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Iljumu - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Ika - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Ikara - 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, 8/25	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	
	All Parish Conversation, after the 10:30 service		
Monday 8/26	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Summer of Stories - 7:00 pm	St. Mark's Room	
Tuesday, 8/27	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	5:00 pm Parish Pizza & Fellowship Dinner	Playground	Emma.Brice@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 8/28	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, 8/29	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Friday, 8/30	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 8/31	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