



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 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.

Our regular office hours are Monday to Thursday 9 am - 3 pm, and Fridays 9 am - 12 noon.

(Mother Emma is out of the office on Mondays and Father Santi is out of the office on Fridays)

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

HOME COMMUNION

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

FIFTEENTH 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

From Concerto in B-flat Major, op. 4, no. 2
 I. A Tempo ordinario e staccato
 II. Allegro

G.F. Händel (1685-1759)

The people stand.


HYMN 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

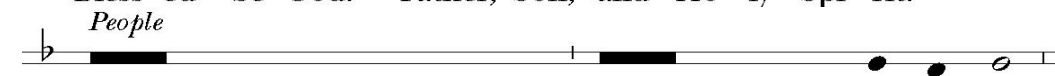
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.

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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

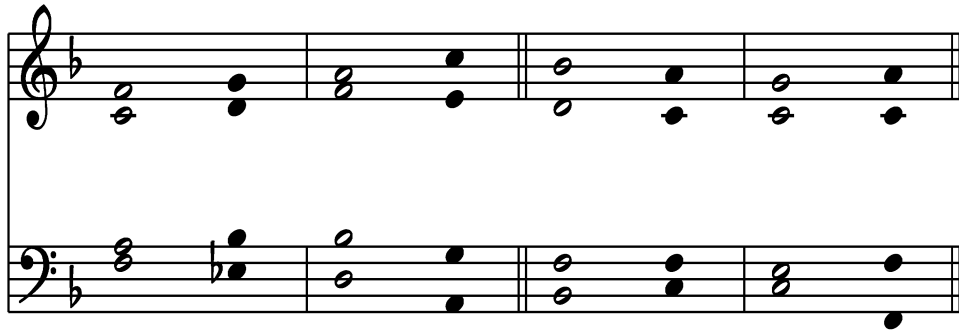
Lector A reading from the Song of Solomon.

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the | king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled | writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of | men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for | ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and | ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate in- | iquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has a- | nointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your | fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and | cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you | glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the | court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of | Ophir.

THE SECOND LESSON

James 1:17-27

Lector A reading from the Letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

HYMN 628

Help us, O Lord, to learn

St. Ethelwald

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Father Santiago Rodriguez

Silence is kept.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES

Priest The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Presenter I present Lewis Augustin Lellenberg to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The priest asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Priest

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Priest Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Sponsors I renounce them.

Priest Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Sponsors I renounce them.

Priest Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Sponsors I renounce them.

Priest Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Sponsors I do.

Priest Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Sponsors I do.

Priest Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Sponsors I do.

The priest addresses the congregation, saying:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The people stand.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Priest Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Priest Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Then the Priest says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Priest touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Priest Lewis Augustin, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

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; Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S-129

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

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

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

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

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

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

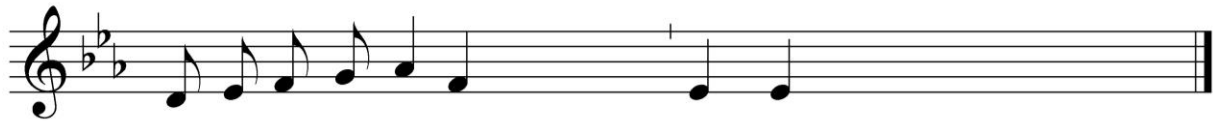
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-losed 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 659

O Master, let me walk with thee

De Tar

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 541

Come, labor on

Ora Labora

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

From *Concerto in B-flat Major, op. 4, no. 2*

G.F. Händel

IV. Allegro, ma non presto

At the end of liturgy today, one of the priests will be available at the Lady Altar for prayers for healing.

Please allow quiet and privacy for those seeking prayer.

Music Notes

The Organ Concertos Op.4 and Op.7 by **George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)** were originally composed as musical interludes to be performed during the intervals of the Oratorios. Handel chose to write for the organ, an instrument hitherto relegated to the liturgical service, to emancipate it and have it take on a new character, more brilliant and appealing to the public. From the scores it is clear that these concertos do not have to be played on a large instrument, as they only sporadically require the use of the pedalboard, which therefore made the concertos also performable on the harpsichord.

The Organ Concerto op. 4, no. 2 is arranged for the organ alone by Herman Keller (1885-1967), a German church musician and musicologist, where the louder parts are the ‘orchestra’ and the softer parts are the ‘organ.’

Consider is an idyllic, sumptuous setting of a text by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894), an English writer of romantic, devotional and children's poems. She also wrote the words of two Christmas carols well known in Britain: "In the Bleak Midwinter" and "Love Came Down at Christmas."

Roland Martin (b. 1955), and American composer, is a member of the music faculty of The Buffalo Seminary, Daemen College, and the University at Buffalo. He is organist and Director of Music at St. Joseph University Church, Buffalo and the founder and director of Speculum Musicae, an ensemble for early music, and Music Director of the Freudig Singers of Western New York.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant

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Jonathan Doelp

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Mindy Van Wart, Stephanie Reed

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Dr. Alain Truche

Ushers

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Live Stream Crew

Eleanor Reed, Vance Allen

Altar Guild Crew Leaders

John Barker, Nancy Robinson

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 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 Jean & Lucy-Lee Reed on the occasion of their 64th wedding anniversary by Chris, Melissa, and Michael Reed

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

CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND.

The church office will be closed on Monday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, September 3rd at 9 am.

CHURCH OFFICE RETURNS TO REGULAR SCHEDULE

The Church Office returns to our regular schedule this coming week which is Monday - Thursday 9 am - 3 pm and Fridays 9 am - Noon. However, we will be closed this Monday for Labor Day.

FOYER GROUP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Would you like to get to know fellow Grace members in a smaller setting? Sign up for Foyers! Foyers are groups of +/-8 church members who come together for a meal once a month over the next year, for a total of four to five meals. Members take turns hosting in their home or at Grace or organizing at a local restaurant. Couples and singles are welcomed. More information can be found at the QR code. Signups will be open through September 29th.



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

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; 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.

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)

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>

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.

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.

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).

HAITI MICAH PROJECT ANNUAL CAMPAIGN ENDS THIS WEEKEND!

The Grace Church annual Haiti Micah Project Campaign kicked off in May in honor of Mother's Day (5/12) and will end this weekend on Labor Day (9/2). 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, September 1	Cleveland Eason, Teresa Preston, Lorna Worley
Tuesday, September 3	Lilian Hernandez Caseres
Friday, September 6	Blythe Su Davis
Saturday, September 7	Colin Broome, Cathy Puskar



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, Duke, Lisa, Vylma, June, Ellie, Cameron.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Eles, Mary Ann, Cynthia, Reg, Don, Susan, 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, Todd, Calvin, Nikki, Michael, Frank, Patti & Joe, Claudia.
- **Members of our staff:** Mother Abbott, Father Santiago, Mother Emma, Alain, Mary, Kevin, Madeline, Addie, Pedro, Amorita, Betsy, Jane.
- **Grace School:** Students & their families; for the staff, especially Amanda, interim 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; 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; Diocesan Campus Ministries: The University Fellowship at University of Virginia, Charlottesville; Pace Center at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond; The House at University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg; Canterbury at James Madison University, Bridgewater College, and Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg; and Arise at George Mason University, Fairfax.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Iglesia Anglicana de la Región Central de America; The Diocese of Ezo - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Falsalabad - The Church of Pakistan (United); The Diocese of False Bay - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; The Diocese of Flanarantsoa - The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; The Diocese of Florida - The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Central Florida - The Episcopal Church.

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, 9/1	7:30 am Holy Eucharist in English, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am Santa Eucaristía en español	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	9:30 Summer Choir Rehearsal	St. Cecilia Room	Alain.Truche@gracealex.org
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave / Livestream	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday 9/2	Labor Day Holiday- <i>Church Offices Closed</i>	Church Offices	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday, 9/3	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 9/4	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, 9/5	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Friday, 9/6	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
	Shrine Mont Parish Weekend	Shrine Mont	
Saturday, 9/7	Shrine Mont Parish Weekend	Shrine Mont	
	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