



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Founders' Day
September 29, 2024 – 10:30 am
Festival Eucharist, Rite I



Founders' Day 2024

Celebrated on the final Sunday of September, Founders' Day serves as an opportunity to mark the anniversary of Grace Episcopal Church's founding in 1855, to reflect on the church's past, and to look forward to its future.

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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.

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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.

FOUNDERS DAY
FESTIVAL EUCHARIST, RITE I

Children 3 months until 3 years are welcome in the nursery. Please ask an usher to direct you.

PRELUDE

from *The Fairy Queen*

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

First Act Tune: Jig

Chaconne

The people stand.


HYMN 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

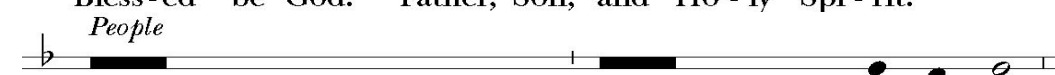
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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. 323

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

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

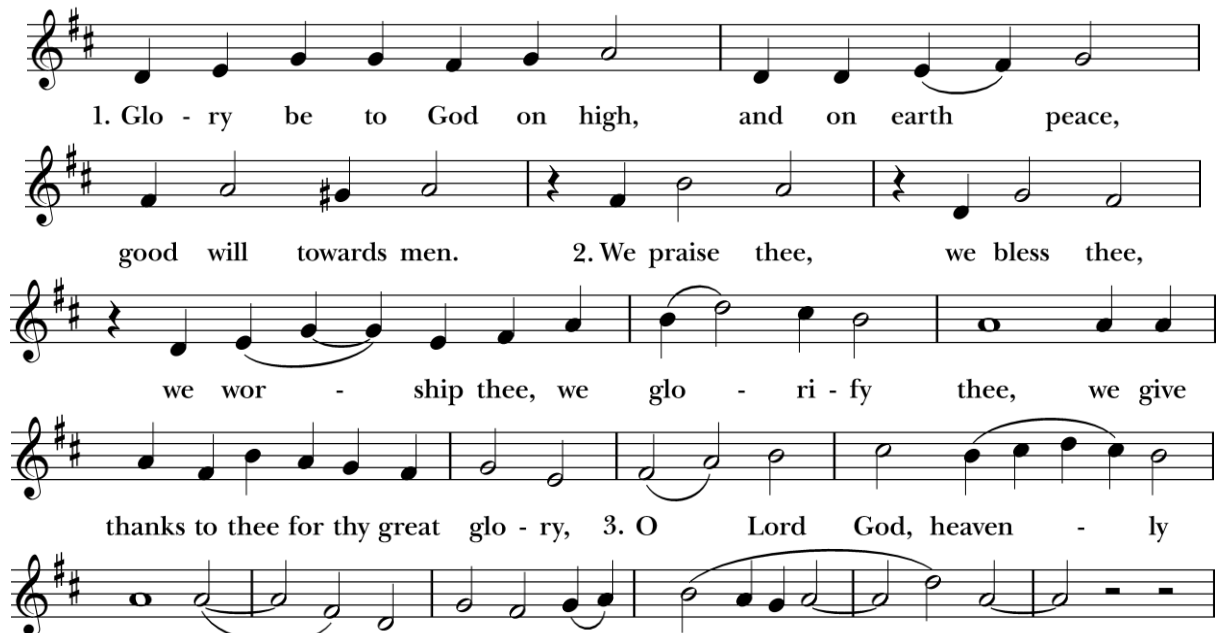
BCP, p. 324

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S-202

Healey Willan



1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
King, God the Fa-ther Al - might - y.

4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;

5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —

A - - - - - men.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1881-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 28:10-17

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

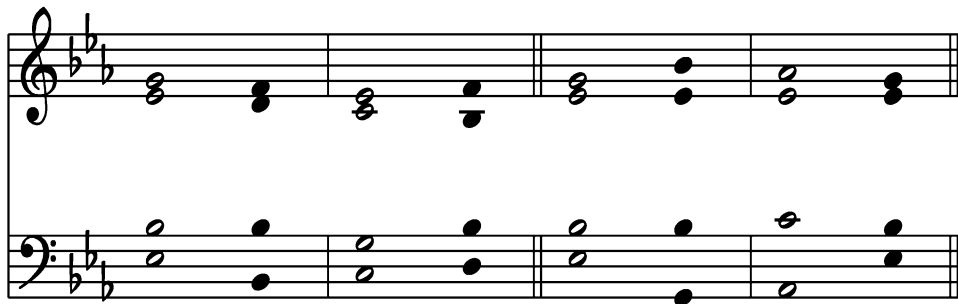
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84:1-8

Simplified Anglican Chant, S411

Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of | hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living | God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her | young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my | God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your | house! *
they will always be praising | you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in | you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' | way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of | springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of | water.
- 6 They will climb from height to | height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in | Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of | Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O | God; *
and look upon the face of you're a- | nointed.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:1-5,9-10

Lector A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

HYMN 665

All my hope on God is founded

Michael

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:12-16

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, ‘It is written, “My house shall be called a house of prayer”; but you are making it a den of robbers.’

The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David’, they became angry and said to him, ‘Do you hear what these are saying?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Yes; have you never read, “Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?”’

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The people are seated.

SERMON

Mother Abbott Bailey

Silence is kept.

NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 326

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form II; BCP, p. 385

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

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

Silence

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

Silence

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

Silence

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

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Celebrant

Almighty God, look graciously upon the people of Grace Church and mercifully accept the prayers we offer before you. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing. Guide the members of our Vestry, as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will. We pray for the life of our parish, that we may continue to be strengthened in our mission to *Love, Proclaim, and Serve God*. Bless us with mutual trust and respect, courage and foresight as you shepherd us in this journey. Grace us with continuous direction and inspire us toward genuine self-reflection. All this we ask as we walk in your ways to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

All

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 330

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The people are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

We love the place, O God

Paul Leddington Wright (b. 1951)

*We love the place, O God, wherein thine honour dwells;
The joy of thine abode all earthly joy excels.*

*We love the house of prayer, wherein thy servants meet;
And thou, O Lord, art there thy chosen flock to greet.*

*We love thine altar, Lord; Oh, what on earth so dear?
For there in faith adored, we find thy presence near.*

*We love the word of life, the word that tells of peace,
Of comfort in the strife, and joys that never cease.*

*We love to sing below for mercies freely giv'n;
But oh, we long to know the triumph-song of heav'n!*

*Lord Jesus, give us grace on earth to love thee more,
In heav'n to see thy face, and with thy saints adore.*

The people stand and sing the hymn

HYMN 51

We the Lord's People

Decatur Place

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP, p. 340

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

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

Celebrant
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People
It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; through Jesus Christ our great High Priest; in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before thee a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in thy sight. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S-114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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-158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

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.

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

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

All stand and sing the hymn.

CLOSING HYMN

Gracious God you call your people

*Commissioned by Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia
for its 150th Anniversary Celebration, 2005*

1 Gra - cious God, you call your peo - ple to your Ta - ble through your
 2 Word In - car - nate, dwell - ing with us, shar - ing hu - man joy and
 3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, life - be - stow - er, po - tent wind and ur - gent
 4 Tri - une God, di - verse, u - ni - ted, source of true com - mu - ni -

Word: sum - mon us through all our sen - ses, let our hearts and minds be
 pain, heal - ing, bless - ing, dy - ing, ris - ing, mak - ing all things new a -
 flame, may your gifts and fruits bring bless - ing to all those who bear Christ's
 ty, from whose shared im - plant - ed im - age comes all hu - man dig - ni -

stirred. Root us in th'a - pos - tles' teach - ing, joined in fel - low - ship and
 gain: still pro - claim your Good News through us in life's dai - ly give and
 name. Guard us from the snares of ev - il, but when on sin's path we
 ty: help us guide the plow of jus - tice well and right - ly, deep and

prayers, yet, like bread that breaks to feed us, give us faith that risks and dares.
 take; help us love and serve our neigh - bor with your grace and for your sake.
 stray, give us grace to turn, re - pent - ant, back to God's life - giv - ing way.
 true, carv - ing room for peace to flou - rish, op' - ning hearts to grace a - new.

Tune: *RUSTINGTON*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)
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THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Toccata in G Major

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

*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.*

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	Mother Abbott Bailey
Deacon	Father Santiago Rodriguez
Subdeacon	Nancy Robinson
Assisting & Children's Chapel	Mother Emma Brice
Lector	Rushad Thomas
Intercessor	Mary Hix
Music Director	Dr. Alain Truche
Acolytes	Paul Rugaber, Joey Portillo, Annie Eason, Victoria Portillo, Ellen Rugaber, Brynn Miller
Ushers	John Boris, Diana Jarrett, Cindy MacIntyre, Laura Weidenfeld
Live Stream Crew	Geoffrey Whitlock, Vance Allen
Altar Guild Crew Leaders	Kristine Hesse, Alison Campbell

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 29, 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,
in loving memory of Cathy Thompson by Larry Thompson,
and in honor of Mallini Gumti's birthday.

Interested in dedicating Altar Flowers for a particular Sunday in loving memory of someone or in thanksgiving? Scan the QR Code on the right with your smart phone to access the form.



NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

WE'RE CELEBRATING FOUNDERS DAY TODAY!

Today we celebrate Founders' Day, the anniversary of our parish, at all services. All are invited to the festive coffee hour after the 10:30 am Festival Eucharist.

A MESSAGE FROM SARAH SCHULTZ, VESTRY REGISTER

This year's Shrine Mont theme recalled the words of Jesus in John 15:15: *I have called you friends (Ahora los llamamos mis amigos)*. The welcome letter reminded us that *Just as friends walk together, support one another, and grow in understanding, we too will journey through moments of reflection, conversation, and shared experiences*. As we celebrate Founders' Day, we carry these friendships with us—with Jesus, with one another, and with all those that have been friends of Grace since 1948 and before. Your Vestry continues its process of mutual discernment, buoyed by the friendships we experience and see throughout Grace. We encourage you to participate fully in the life of our parish in the days to come, so that the future friends of Grace will know and feel our love.

SEMINARIAN UPDATE

This Sunday we welcome Noah Aukerman and Father Ignacio Solano Gómez back to Grace/La Gracia for the coming year as they finish their studies at VTS. They will be joining us primarily on Sundays to assist with our many wonderful and varied services while continuing their formation toward ordination to the priesthood. Though this will not be a formal Contextual Ministry placement, we trust it will be enriching for us all. If you have any questions, please be in touch with Mother Abbott, and please welcome Father Ignacio and Noah back in beautiful Grace/La Gracia fashion!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCTOBER 6TH!

Bring your dogs, cats, and other family pets for the annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 6th at 4 pm. All pets will receive special prayers and blessings from our clergy in the Saint Francis Garden, which is located outside of the glass doors near the parking lot. If your pet does not do well around other animals, you can also bring a photo of the pet. Photos of pets who have died during the past year are also welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

FOYER GROUP REGISTRATION CLOSES TODAY!

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 using the QR code. Signups will be open through today, September 29th.



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

ADULT FORUM CONTINUES!

Adult forum is offered Sundays 9:40-10:15 in the St. Mark room (2nd floor) or virtually via Zoom link sent in the Sunday morning email. Tea and coffee are available just outside the St. Mark Room from 9:30. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

September 29: How I Came To Grace, by Ben Kong, Ted Prosser, Caroline Shaver, Laura Weidenfeld, and others who may wish to share.

October 6: Grace at Work: Food and Faith, by Cindy MacIntyre and Sarah Schultz

October 13: Grace at Work: Show Me You're a Christian Without Telling Me You're a Christian, by Julia McClung

October 20: Grace at Work: Service is My Business, by Donna Hall and Elizabeth Legere

October 27: Grace at Work: Healing, by Henry and Priscilla Ziegler

November 3: Grace at Work: Welcoming the Stranger, by Jennifer Ibanez Whitlock and Fr. Santi Rodriguez

November 10: Grace at Work: 43 Years as a Scientist, by Bill Eckel

November 17: Grace at Work: Healing Therapy, by Hannah Sternberg and Mindy Van Wart

November 24: Creation Care: Next Steps at Grace, by Eric Waskowicz

FEAST OF SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS - MONDAY 9/30 AT 7:30 AM

Join us on Monday, September 30th to mark the Feast of Saint Michael and all Angels (Michaelmas) at 7:30 am for Holy Eucharist. We will go out for breakfast after the service for anyone who is interested!

SECOND SUNDAY SUPPERS

Grace Church families invite you and your family to come together for dinner on the 2nd Sunday of every month. The kids can run around and play, the parents can connect, and best of all - you don't have to plan and cook dinner! The next supper will be October 13th from 5:00 - 7:00pm on the Grace Playground. Save the date for future Second Sunday Suppers on November 10th, December 8th, January 12th, February 9th, March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, and June 8th.

STAND WITH OUR YOUTH & FAMILIES - TODAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 3:15 PM.

Emma Brice and our VOICE core team invite you to participate in this impactful event as we unite the community to address youth and family behavioral health during National Suicide Prevention Month. Join us for a powerful and informative assembly focused on youth and family behavioral health in Fairfax County and Northern Virginia. This event will bring together those directly impacted and over 1,000 individuals, including youth, families, workers, faith leaders, foundations, healthcare, law enforcement, and educators, to take aim at addressing pressing issues in the community. The event will be held at Fairfax High School on September 29th at 3:15 pm. Bring a friend or neighbor who cares! RSVP at the QR code or via the VOICE website (voice-va.org). Contact John Hall for more information.



SAVE THE DATE: POTLUCK DINNER & LISTENING SESSION - OCT. 13, 6 - 8PM

Did you know that VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community & Engagement) is involved in region-wide listening sessions? The Grace/la Gracia team of VOICE leaders wants to hear from you as they listen for new concerns. Come and share your concerns for our community and the surrounding areas. Please join us for a potluck dinner and listening session on October 13, from 6-8pm. We will eat, play a game, hear some stories, and listen to you. More details to come but mark your calendars for this event. For more information, contact Mother Emma Brice, John Hall or Jennifer Eckel.

SEEKING CHURCH PHOTOS!

We are gathering old photos of Grace Church and its events from the past seven decades. If you have pictures of our church community in fellowship, service, or worship, we would love to include them in our collection and to share them on social media. Please send digital copies to Father Santiago. Thank you for helping us preserve and share our church's history!

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

FALL INQUIRERS' CLASS: DIVE DEEPER INTO THE EUCHARIST

New to Grace? Curious about the Episcopal Church or exploring the Christian faith? Begin your spiritual journey with our Inquirers' Class, a 6-week series designed for anyone eager to learn more about our liturgical worship. Whether you're a newcomer or a lifelong Episcopalian, this class offers a unique opportunity to explore the historical roots, spirituality and theological significance of the Eucharist. In a safe, small group setting, we'll journey together through dynamic discussions, where every question is welcomed and valued. The class meets on Mondays –October 14, 21, 28, and November 4, 11, 18 – from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Feel free to join us for any or all sessions! For more information, please reach out to Father Santiago Rodriguez. We look forward to walking this path with you!

WOMEN AND GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

Women and girls of all ages are invited for an intergenerational bible study that focuses on women in the Bible! This will be a 6-week series occurring in tandem in the Fall Inquirer's Class. We will gather in-person on Mondays –October 14, 21, 28, and November 4, 11, 18 – from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Together we will pray, study scripture, and build a community of support that spans across ages. If you want to know more about women in the Bible and to know women at Grace Church more deeply, this series is for you! For more information or to sign up, please email Mother Emma Brice.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Tuesday, October 1	<i>Kate Lorentz</i>
Wednesday, October 2	<i>George Harrigan</i>
Friday, October 4	<i>Ruth Corlett</i>
Saturday, October 5	<i>Sheng Davis, Danny Kiepora</i>
Sunday, October 6	<i>Anne Berry, June Huber</i>



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, Anne, Charles, Cleveland, Colin, Jennifer, Barbara, Duke, Lisa, June, Claudine, Igor.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Elesa, Mary Ann, Cynthia, Reg, Don, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette.
- **Family & friends:** Barbara, Maggie, Joel, Anthony, Mark, Klaus, Charles, Roger, Nancy, Madison, Jack, Michael, Dave & Mimi, Sharon, Peter, Cindy, Anne, Scott, Jean, Eileen & Dylan, Virginia, Christine, Elena, Al, Connie, Don, Leslie, Elizabeth, Ada, Don, Cooper, Marge, Elizabeth, Bert, Clare, Betsy, Chuck, Mike, Jim, Renee, Patrick, Ashby, Troy, Ada, Gen, Dick, Danny, Lew, Cathie, Cameron, Ellen, Michael, Frank, Patti & Joe, Claudia, Amy.
- **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; 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; Erika Olander.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Bishop E. Mark Stevenson; Bishop Gayle E. Harris; Diocesan staff; St. Luke's, Simeon, Charlottesville; The Falls Church, Falls Church; Trinity Fredericksburg
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church of Pakistan (United); The Diocese of Rio de Janeiro, Ingreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; The Diocese of Jebba, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Jerusalem; The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East; The Diocese of San Joaquin, The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Johannesburg, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; The Diocese of Jos, 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, 9/29	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	
	9:40 - 10:15 Sunday School and Adult Forum	Various Locations	
	10:30 am Festival Eucharist, Rite I	Nave / Livestream	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday 9/30	7:30 am Feast of St Michael and All Angels	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
October, 10/1	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 10/2	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, 10/3	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Friday, 10/4	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 10/5	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am		cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1 - 3 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org