



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2024 – 10:30 am
Choral Eucharist, Rite II



Shrine Mont Retreat Weekend

— Connecting @ Grace —

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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.

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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.

SIXTEENTH 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

Verses on Old 113th

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

The people stand.


HYMN 429

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

Old 113th


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 us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23

Lector A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion, *
 which cannot be moved, but stands fast for | ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Je- | rusalem; *
 so does the LORD stand round about his people,
 from this time forth for ever- | more.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the | just, *
 so that the just shall not put their hands to | evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are | good *
 and to those who are true of | heart.
- (2nd half) 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
 the LORD will lead them away with the | evildoers; *
 but peace be upon | Israel.

THE SECOND LESSON

James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

Lector A reading from the Letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.[For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.] What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Rosemari Sullivan

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 people kneel. Silence may be kept.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.
Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

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 VOLUNTARY

Cantilene

Florence Price (1887-1953)

The people stand and sing the hymn

HYMN 375

Give praise and glory unto God

Du Lebensbrot

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues.

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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,

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

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



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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 364

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

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

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

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

HYMN WLP 773

Heal me, hands of Jesus

Sharpe

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 567

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

St. Matthew

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Grand Choeur

Théodore Salomé (1834-1896)

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

Jan Pieterszoon was a lifelong resident of Amsterdam, adopting the surname Sweelinck after he became an adult. At the Oude Kerk he succeeded his father as organist—even after becoming Calvinist, Amsterdam chose to support organists to play the city’s historic instruments before services and during weekdays. His compositions and improvisations became widely known during his lifetime, attracting a steady stream of students including some from neighboring Germany.

Florence Beatrice Price had a distinguished career as a musician in Chicago from 1927 until her death. She was the first female Black composer to have a work performed by a major orchestra, the Chicago Symphony. She was a close colleague of composer Margaret Bonds, and also worked closely with Langston Hughes and Marion Anderson.

Théodore Salomé served as choir organist at Église de la Saint-Trinité in Paris from the time of the church’s dedication in 1867 until his death. During this time he was close friends with parishioners Charles Gounod and Georges Bizet, and became a close colleague of the church’s organist titulaire Alexandre Guilmant. Salomé dedicated a number of compositions to British and Americans, many of whom who traveled to Paris to study with Guilmant.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Rosemari Sullivan

Lector

Teresa Preston

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Jane Rosman, Stephanie Reed

Guest Organist

John Stowe

Ushers

Diana Jarrett, Scott Knudsen

Live Stream Crew

Stephen Lovell

Altar Guild Crew Leaders

Kristine Hesse, Alison Campbell

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 8, 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.

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

INTRODUCING MOTHER ABBOTT

Grace Church welcomed the Rev. Stephanie Abbott Bailey as our Bridge Rector on September 3. Mother Abbott will serve until October 15. Mother Abbott is a graduate of Yale Divinity School and holds a Masters of Public Administration from The 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 and the Diocese of Virginia and as Interim COO of the Partnership Diocese of Western New York & Northwestern Pennsylvania. She will come to Grace after serving as Supply Vicar 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 is joining us for the Shrine Mont weekend; we look forward to welcoming her at Grace upon her return.

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Due to our Shrine Mont Parish weekend, coffee hour will not be held after the 10:30 am service at Grace today. We look forward to coffee hour returning next Sunday, September 15, after the 10:30 service.

ALPACAPALOOZA & FORMATION OPEN HOUSE - SUNDAY, SEPT 15TH, 9:30-10:20AM

Did someone say alpacas??? Join us for another festive launch of the family ministries program year, complete with petting zoo animals, bubbles, breakfast burritos, and all sorts of fun for families of all ages and stages! Our amazing Sunday School Teachers and Youth Sponsors will be there so that you can meet your child's teacher before the first regular week of Sunday School on September 22nd. Come meet the families of Grace Church and learn about the exciting year ahead!

FINAL CHAPTER OF THE SUMMER OF STORIES: JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER!

Our Summer of Stories with Father Santiago wraps up this September with an exciting discussion of James McBride's captivating novel, *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*. We invite you to join us on Monday, September 23rd, at 7:00 pm in the St. Mark's Room for a conversation of this poignant and powerful exploration of the human spirit's resilience. Bring your own dinner, and we'll provide complimentary drinks and dessert. Whether you're a longtime reader or new to the book, this is a perfect opportunity to dive deep into the story and share your insights with fellow book lovers. Friends and family are warmly welcome - don't miss out on this final summer gathering! We look forward to seeing you there.

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!

UPCOMING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES RETREAT WITH FATHER SANTIAGO

Father Santiago will co-lead a Spiritual Practices retreat at the Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD, October 25-27. His portion of the retreat will focus on The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, a transformative approach to Ignatian spirituality that helps us find God in everyday life. For more information, please contact Father Santiago. To register, visit Claggett Center Events via the QR code.



NEW 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

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.



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.



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>

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).

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Monday, September 9	Michael Reed
Tuesday, September 10	Luke Border, Ronald Wishart
Saturday, September 14	Keaton Brathwaite, Parker Brathwaite, Emery Serke
Sunday, September 15	Jay O'Malley



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, Elesa, 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, Ellen, Todd, 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; Meade Memorial, Alexandria; Wicomico Parish, Wicomico.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma); The Diocese of Ilesa, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Ilesa South West, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of North East India, The Church of North India (United); The Diocese of Northern Indiana, The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Indianapolis, The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Inhambane, Ingreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola.

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EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 9/8	Shrine Mont Parish Weekend	Shrine Mont	
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave / Livestream	
Monday 9/10	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday, 9/11	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 9/12	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, 9/13	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Friday, 9/14	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 9/15	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1 - 3 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org