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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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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

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

PRELUDE Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Éphanie (*Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany*) Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Elegy Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)
The people stand

HYMN 7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies Ratisbon

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 WLP 900 John Rutter

Glo-ry to God in the high-est,—
— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,
(senza Ped. ad lib.)

heav'n-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship

(Ped.)

you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. —

(♩ = ♩. of preceding - same beat as before, not slower) Fa - ther, —

Lord Je - sus Christ, — on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, —
Fa - ther, —

(♩ = ♩. of preceding - same beat as before, not slower) Fa - ther, —

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For
Fa - ther: re - ceive
Fa - ther: re - ceive

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, _____

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. _____

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 62:1-5

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 36:5-10

Anglican Chant by John Goss

Sung by the choir.

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O Lord.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Lector A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the Gospel Procession.

Hymn 532

How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!

Old 104th

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

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

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Mother Emma Brice

Silence is kept.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

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 Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Keith Garner, *family member of parishioners Matthew and Amilcar Viator* and Lizz Bell Trammell, *family member of parishioners Chuck and Sherryl Dodd*, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

All

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

BCP, p. 820

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom, in your Name, we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, let not our trust in you fail; all which we ask 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

Christ is the World's True Light

W.K. Stanton (1891-1978)

*Christ is the world's true light,
Its Captain of salvation,
The Day-star clear and bright
Of every soul and nation;
New life, new hope awakes,
Where'er all own Christ's sway;
Freedom her bondage breaks,
And night is turned to day.*

*In Christ all races meet,
Their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete,
From sunrise to its setting:
When Christ is throned as Lord,
All shall forsake their fear,
To ploughshare bear the sword,
To pruning-hook the spear.*

*One Lord, in one great Name
Unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame
That hinder to enthrone thee;
The world has waited long,
Has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong,
Come, Prince of Peace, and reign.*

The people stand and sing the hymn

HYMN 138

All praise to you, O Lord

Carlisle

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, p. 367

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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 every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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

Hymnal S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-lowed be thy name,
 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en.
 Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,
 As we forgive those who tres-pass a-gainst us.
 And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glo-ry,
 For ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.
 Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
 give us your peace, give us your 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.

HYMN LEVAS 106

Take My Hand, Precious Lord
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s favorite hymn

Maitland

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

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and 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 371

Thou, whose almighty word

Moscow

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Fugue in F Major, BWV 540

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*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

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875–1912) was an English composer and conductor, best known for his work in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Of mixed African and English heritage, Coleridge-Taylor gained significant recognition for his symphonic and choral compositions, particularly his cantata *Hiawatha's Wedding Feast* (1898), inspired by Longfellow's *The Song of Hiawatha*. The piece garnered widespread success and made him a prominent figure in both the British classical music scene and the larger world of African heritage music. Coleridge-Taylor's music is often marked by its lush melodies, rhythmic vitality, and fusion of English classical traditions with African influences. Despite facing racial prejudice, he achieved fame internationally, with performances in the U.S. and collaborations with African American musicians. His legacy continues to inspire both classical and popular musicians today. *Elegy* is from a set of three short pieces and features a beautiful melody softly accompanied. It is well-suited as a remembrance piece for the observance of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The text to the anthem "Christ is the World's True Light" was written by George Wallace Briggs, who was born at Kirkby in Northamptonshire, England, on Dec. 14, 1875. This song is a hymn of praise to Christ as the light of the world. Stanza 1 focuses on Christ as the light. Stanza 2 focuses on Christ as the peacemaker. Stanza 3 focuses on Christ as the uniter. **W.K Stanton (1891-1978)** was an English organist, educationalist, and composer of sacred music. Stanton composed mostly choral music, including almost 50 hymn tunes and numerous choral anthems, several of which have become standard church choir fare. The Fugue in F Major, BWV 540 is the fugue pair of the Toccata and Fugue in F Major, BWV 540 written by **J.S. Bach (1685-1750)** when he was in Weimar. The Fugue is filled with chromaticism and dissonances. Two fugue subjects are exposed in separate sections and then combined in a moment of contrapuntal majesty. Notice the way the foot pedals in the depths of the organ drop out for an extended period, allowing the higher voices to meander freely, and then return with titanic power. Listen for the moment in the final bars when the opening falling chromatic fugue subject enters in the mighty bass line of the pedals. Infiltrating the DNA of the entire piece, Bach's subject is a persistent, unrelenting power which cannot be ignored. - Timothy Judd

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Father Santaigo Rodriguez
<i>Deacon & Preacher</i>	Mother Emma Brice
<i>Children's Chapel</i>	Mother Anne Turner
<i>Lector</i>	Teresa Preston
<i>Intercessor</i>	Bill Eckel
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Noah Aukerman, Bill Malone
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Ushers</i>	Mary Hix, Colleen McArdelle, Evan Robinson, John Boris
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Geoffrey Whitlock, Stephen Lovell
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Cindy MacIntyre, Eleanor Reed

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF JANUARY 19, 2025

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 Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TOMORROW, MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. KING DAY

The office will close Monday in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and reopen Tuesday at 9 am.

UPCOMING FEAST DAY EUCHARISTS

We invite you to celebrate the upcoming Feast Day Eucharists, held at the Lady Altar in the nave. These special services, lasting about 30 minutes, provide an opportunity for prayer and reflection. Join us for the Conversion of Saint Paul on Saturday, January 25, at 8:30 am and the Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle on Monday, February 24, at 6:00 pm. We look forward to sharing these feast day celebrations with you.

INOVA SEEKING SPIRITUAL CARE VOLUNTEERS

Inova's Alexandria and Mount Vernon Hospital Volunteer Chaplain programs are inviting people of all faith traditions to join their team to help provide spiritual and emotional support to a diverse population of patients and family members. Lay or ordained members are welcome to apply. A thorough orientation and training are provided, along with regular ongoing education opportunities. We are seeking Compassionate, emotionally healthy individuals; Openness to supporting people of diverse spiritual, ethnic, lifestyle backgrounds (*Proselytizing, witnessing or attempting to convert are never permitted*); Comfortable working with computers; Commitment of four hours per week. (*Daytime/weekday only. No evening/weekend options at this time.*) Email us with questions and/or to request an application. Mount Vernon- email refia.tonguc@inova.org. Alexandria- email William.Tweedley@inova.org. Application deadline is 2/15/25.

EPISCOPAL RESPONSE EFFORTS TO LOS ANGELES WILDFIRES

Grace Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with partners to support people affected by the Southern California wildfires. The [Wildfire Response Fund](#) is an important tool for responding to immediate needs and supporting long-term recovery. Please contribute to Episcopal Relief & Development's [Wildfire Response Fund](#) to support these efforts via the QR code.



FAMILY SUPER BOWL PARTY FEBRUARY 9TH

Join us on Sunday, February 9th at 6:00 pm to watch the first half of the Super Bowl! You can purchase hoagies for your family through the EYC Hoagie Fundraiser (see announcement below). Bring a side/dessert to share, and enjoy the fellowship and the game! We will have the game on the new and amazing BIG screen in the auditorium. Please bring a camp chair for comfort.

EYC HOAGIE FUNDRAISER FEBRUARY 9TH

Why cook on Super Bowl Sunday? Let the Grace Church youth prepare a hoagie feast for you! Send your orders to Rich Kelly or talk to one of our EYC youth - they will be at the Annual Meeting to take your orders! Make sure to specify meat or vegetarian (special orders available upon request!) The cost is \$7 per hoagie, but donations are always welcome too. Pay at pickup on Sunday, February 9th. Hoagies will be under the photo wall off the parking lot entrance glass doors. All proceeds benefit the EYC!

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

Adult forum is offered Sundays 9:40 -10:15 am 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.

January 19: *Understanding Current Housing Insecurity in Alexandria*, by Lynn Rohrs and Noah Aukerman

January 26: ANNUAL MEETING - NO ADULT FORUM OR SUNDAY SCHOOL

February 2: *Candlemas and a Theology of Family Life*, by Fr. Santiago Rodriguez

February 9: TBD

February 16: TBD

February 23: *Grace at Work: Ethical Journalism*, by Chris Rugaber

March 2: National Rebuilding Day: *Grace Working*, by Cindy MacIntyre and John Berry

YOUTH NIGHT LASER TAG - JANUARY 19TH, 6:00-8:00 PM

A beloved tradition of the Grace Church youth is back this month! Join us for a night of laser tag fun on January 19th from 6-8 pm. Please eat dinner before coming and bring a full water bottle (there is not a water fountain there). Let us know if you're coming or bringing a friend by RSVPing here. Reach out to Mother Emma for more details. Scan the QR code to sign up!



PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION DAY - MORNING PRAYER

Grace Episcopal Church will mark Inauguration Day and an intentional time of prayer on the day itself. We invite you to join us for Morning Prayer on Monday, January 20th, at 9:00 am in the nave, as we lift our hearts in prayer for our nation. Together, we will pray for wisdom to guide our new President, and for God to keep this nation under his care, and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES IN JANUARY: EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY

It's impossible to be spiritually mature, while remaining emotionally immature. Explore how emotional health is vital to spiritual maturity with *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Peter Scazzero. Father Santiago Rodriguez will lead a three-part series on Mondays: January 13th, 20th, and 27th. We will gather in the St. Mark's Room at 7:00 pm. Together, we'll dive into the book's transformative insights on spiritual growth, emotional intelligence, and the path toward integration. All are welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH!

Grace Church will hold our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26th at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium. With our theme of “A Year of Grace,” the meeting will occur within the framework of a Eucharistic service. **There will be no 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., or 5 p.m. services that day.** Please note, this is an in-person meeting with no livestream or zoom component.

The meeting will include highlights of parish ministry over the past year as well as the election of 5 candidates for 3-year terms. Information on Vestry candidates will be sent via email the week before the meeting. The Canons of the Diocese do not allow proxy or absentee voting. In accordance with Diocesan canons, all adult communicants (those age 16 and older) who are in good standing in Grace Church may vote in the Annual Meeting. Childcare is available in the nursery (infants – toddlers). Childrens' Chapel will be held during a portion of the meeting (preschool – elementary) with children returning after the Peace to share in Eucharist. A time of fellowship follows for all ages.

ANNUAL MEETING FELLOWSHIP DONATIONS

The Fellowship committee would welcome any food donations for the fellowship time with refreshments for all ages. Please bring your savory or sweet brunch finger foods, breads, fruit, etc. to the Merrow Hall kitchen on Sunday, January 26th from 8:45-10:15 before the service/meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

MORNING PRAYER RESUMES

Beginning on January 28th, the clergy will resume saying Morning Prayer together Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to join this short (20-30 minute) service in the Malm Narthex.

GET READY FOR THE GRACE CHILI BOWL FEBRUARY 2ND!

Put your chef's hat on! The famed Grace Chili Bowl returns Sunday, February 2nd at 5:30 p.m. The annual chili cook-off and fundraiser is a highlight of Grace's social calendar. Bring your appetites and your dollar bills to vote for your favorites. Admission is \$5 and includes all the chili you can eat! Interested in forming a team to compete? Please contact Robby Schrum (robert.schrum@gmail.com) or Father Santiago Rodriguez (santiago.rodriquez@gracealex.org).

CALL FOR ADULT FORUM PRESENTERS

We are still scheduling Adult Forum presenters for 2025. We would like to hear from more people in our "Grace at Work" series, where people talk about how they live out their faith in their work lives; there will be an opportunity in the spring to share meaningful books; and new topic suggestions are also welcome. If you have an idea of something you'd like to present, or something you 'd like someone else to present, please contact Anne Clift Boris.

A 2025 PLEDGE UPDATE

Pledges are vital to our planning and preparation for the coming year, specifically in the area of budget creation. Our Pledge Goal for 2025 is \$850,000. Thanks to your generosity, **as of January 6th, we have received 128 pledges totaling \$740,838.40.** If you have any questions or didn't receive the initial mailing with information and a pledge card, please contact giving@gracealex.org with your name and address so we can ensure you receive the materials. You may so make your pledge online via the Grace website, www.gracealex.org. 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, Charles, Cleveland, Colin, Jennifer, Barbara, Duke, Lisa, Igor, David & Joanie, Anne, Mary Ann, Jan, Phil & Sharon, Sherryl & Chuck, Joey, Matthew & Amilcar.
- **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, Nancy, Madison, Jack, Michael, Dave & Mimi, Sharon, Peter, Cyndy, 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, Patti & Joe, Claudia, Amy, Bill, Markita, Theresa, Judy & Bryan, Rob, Sherry, Amanda & Kurt, Mike & Silvia, Al, Pearl, Heather.
- **Members of our staff:** Addie, Alain, Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, Kevin, Madeline, Mary, Pedro, Father Santiago.
- **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:** Keith Garner, *family member of parishioners Matthew and Amilcar Viator*; Lizz Bell Trammell, *family member of parishioners Chuck and Sherryl Dodd*; 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; Erika Olander; 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:** Chris & Melissa Reed; Owen Malone & Miles Malone.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Bishop E. Mark Stevenson; Bishop Gayle E. Harris; Diocesan staff; Grace, The Plains; Grace Memorial, Port Republic; St. John's, Columbia.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church of the Province of the West Indies; The Diocese of Lesotho, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; The Diocese of Lexington - The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Liberia, The Church of the Province of West Africa; The Diocese of Lichfield, The Church of England; The Diocese of Lincoln, The Church of England; The Diocese of Litoral Ecuador, The Episcopal Church.

You can fill out a [Prayer Request Form](#) on our Website or email your request to prayers@gracealex.org

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Monday, January 20	Constantine Epifanovskya
Wednesday, January 22	Bill Eckel, Ana Kiepora, Chris Kupczyk, Sandra Wishart
Thursday, January 23	Nat Ames, Fernando Espinoza, Suzanne O'Malley
Friday, January 24	Emily Lopez, Brennen Ruff, Jonathan Ruff, Charles Winstead
Sunday, January 26	Barbara McCaffrey



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!*

EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 1/19	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am La Santa Eucaristía	La Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Auditorium	
	9:40 - 10:15 Sunday School and Adult Forum	Various Locations	
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave / Livestream	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday 1/20	Church Office Closed- MLK Jr. Day	Church Office	
	Inauguration Day Morning Prayer - 9:00 am	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	"Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" 7:00 pm	St. Mark's Room	Santiago.rodriguez@gracealex.org
Tuesday 1/21	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 1/22	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, 1/23	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6 pm	Malm Narthex	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
Friday, 1/24	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 1/25	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1 - 3 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org