



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 5, 2025 – 10:30 am

Festival Eucharist, Rite I



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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

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST, RITE I

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

PRELUDE

Inward Light

Margaret Sandresky (b. 1921)

INTROIT

Unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his Name shall be called Angel of mighty Counsel.

O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvelous things. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his Name shall be called Angel of mighty Counsel.

The people stand.

HYMN 118

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

Star in the East

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

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

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

William Mathias, Hymnal S-202

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 - mighty - 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.

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84:1-8

Simplified Anglican Chant, S-411

Sung by all.

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.

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the Gospel Procession.

GRADUAL

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God: O be joyful in God all ye lands. The Lord hath declared his salvation. In the sight of the heathen hath he openly showed his righteousness.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. A hallowed day that dawned upon the earth; come, ye nations and worship the Lord: for on this day a great light hath descended upon the earth. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

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

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

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Father Santiago Rodriguez

Silence is kept.

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 I; BCP, p. 383

The Leader and People pray responsively

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Bishops, Mark and Gayle, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the city of Alexandria, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Celebrant

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 331

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

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; thou hast laid the foundations of the round world and all that therein is: righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

For I Went with the Multitude

Peter Aston (1938-2013)

For I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God, in the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among such as keep holy day. Alleluia. Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why art thou so disquieted within me? Put thy trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance. Alleluia. (Psalm 42:4-7)

The people stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN 98

Unto us a boy is born!

Puer nobis nascitur

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP, p. 340

Musical notation for the first line of the Eucharistic Prayer II. It features two staves: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are: The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Musical notation for the second line of the Eucharistic Prayer II. It features two staves: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are: Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Musical notation for the third line of the Eucharistic Prayer II. It features one staff: 'Celebrant'. The lyrics are: Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

Musical notation for the fourth line of the Eucharistic Prayer II. It features one staff: 'People'. The lyrics are: 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. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

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 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

Christmastide Fraction

Cantor, then All:

Al- le- lu - ia! Al- le- lu - ia!

Cantor: The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
 He was with God in the beginning and dwelt among us.
All: Alleluia. Alleluia.

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.

COMMUNION GRADUAL

Be joyful O daughter of Sion, sing praises, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy king cometh; he is righteous and having salvation.

HYMN 247

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child

Coventry Carol

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

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; 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 92

On this day earth shall ring

Personent hodie

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY

Recessional on 'Personent Hodie'

Rebeca Groom Te Velde (b. 1956)

*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

Peter Aston (1938–2013) was a British composer and conductor known for his contributions to contemporary choral and orchestral music. He was particularly recognized for his choral works, which often combined traditional forms with modern harmonic language. Aston's music is characterized by its emotional depth, intricate textures, and spiritual resonance. He served as a professor of music and was involved with several prominent music institutions, including the University of East Anglia. Aston's works, which span a wide range of genres, have been performed internationally, showcasing his significant influence in the world of contemporary British music. His anthem “For I went with the multitude” is based on Psalm 42:4-7 and makes great use of repetition of the word ‘Alleluia.’

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Mother Anne Michele Turner
<i>Deacon & Preacher</i>	Father Santiago Rodriguez
<i>Subdeacon</i>	Chris Kupczyk
<i>Lector</i>	Bill Eckel
<i>Intercessor</i>	June Huber
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Ushers</i>	Brad Bergmann & June Huber, John Hall, Evan Robinson
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Eleanor Reed, Vance Allen
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Kristine Hesse, Cindy MacIntyre

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF JANUARY 5, 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

TAKE DOWN CREW HELP NEEDED

Please join the Altar Guild to remove the decorations we've enjoyed in the church through Christmastide. We will do our work on Monday, January 6th at 6 p.m. We would love help with climbing ladders to remove the roping and wreaths, removing the trees, wrapping up the creche, and all that made the church beautiful for Christmas. Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact Alison Campbell.

STAFF WORKDAYS

The office will be closed on Tuesday, January 14th and Wednesday, January 15th, for staff off-site workdays.

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.

GRATITUDE FOR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Our Christmastide services were the work of many devoted individuals: choirs, lectors, eucharistic ministers, Altar Guild, Saint Isidore Guild, and more. We give thanks to God for their devotion and the beauty of holiness shown in their efforts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

ADULT FORUM DECEMBER - JANUARY 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 am. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required. After our Christmas break December 22-29, we will resume on January 5.

January 5: Reflecting on the Gifts of the Wise, by Fr. Santiago Rodriguez

January 12: Grace at Work: Teaching, by Eleanor Reed

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

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

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY WITH WISE MEN AND INCENSE - JANUARY 5TH AT 5:00 PM

The feast of the Epiphany officially ends the "twelve days of Christmas." In the Western churches (including the Episcopal Church), Epiphany celebrates the arrival of the Wise Men from the East to the Christ Child in Bethlehem. Join us on Sunday, January 5th at 5:00 pm for a Bilingual Festival Eucharist to celebrate the Epiphany and the Three Kings. The service will be followed by a light reception hosted by La Gracia.

BUDGET FORUM SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH

This year's forum on the Annual Budget will take place on Sunday, January 12th. The forum will be held in the auditorium immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service.

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

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 December 27th, we have received 120 pledges totaling \$715,744.** 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. Visit the Grace website (www.GraceAlex.org) if you would like to make your pledge online. Click the red "give" button at the top of the home page to find the 2025 Pledge Form / Formulario de compromiso de 2025. **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, Igor, David & Joanie, Anne, Mary Ann.
- **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:** 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; St. Martin's, Richmond.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church in Wales; The Diocese of Lagos, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Lagos Mainland, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Lagos West, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Lahore, The Church of Pakistan (United); The Diocese of Lainya, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese on the Lake, 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

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Tuesday, January 7 Breen Byrnes, Sydney Toler
 Thursday, January 9 Kevin Hernandez
 Friday, January 10 Sara Waskowicz



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, 1/5	7:30 am Holy Eucharist in English, Rite I	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 I	Nave / Livestream	
	5:00 pm Bilingual Festival Eucharist, Rite I	Nave / Livestream	
Monday 1/6	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday 1/7	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 1/8	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, 1/9	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
Friday, 1/10	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 1/11	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