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February 16, 2025 – 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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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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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.

SIXTH 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

Prelude on 'Jesus Shall Reign'

Aaron Shows (b. 1989)

The people stand.


HYMN 544

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Duke Street


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

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

Anglican Chant by Gerre Hancock

Sung by the choir.

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the Gospel Procession.

Hymn 195

Jesus lives! thy terrors now

Mowsley

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

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

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Noah Aukerman, *Seminarian*

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form VI; BCP, p. 392

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, 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.

Celebrant

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, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence may be kept.

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

BCP, p. 332

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 ANTHEM

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

*The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be,
Compared with Christ the Apple Tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel,
By faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see,
In Jesus Christ the Appletree.*

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the Appletree.

I'm weary with my former toil -
Here I will sit and rest awhile,
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the Appletree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the Appletree.

The people stand and sing the hymn
O for a thousand tongues to sing

HYMN 493

Azmon

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, p. 367

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And also 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;

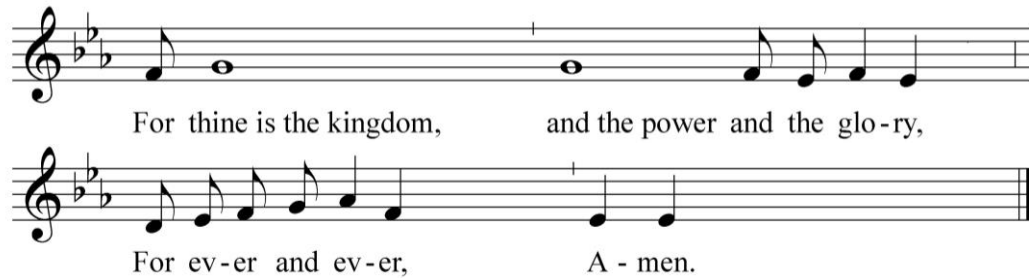
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite 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-owed 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 WLP 773

Heal me, hands of Jesus

Sharpe

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 537

Christ for the world we sing!

Moscow

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Jubilate

Fela Sowande (1905-1987)

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

Aaron Shows (b.1989) is a Los Angeles-based composer, organist, and pianist originally from Montgomery, Alabama. With a musical background spanning 25 years, his influences draw from many centuries and styles, from the traditional Baroque era through contemporary genres such as jazz, folk/bluegrass, rock, and also with a particular interest in the evolving forms of film and television music. His prelude on 'Jesus Shall Reign' is surprisingly calm and songlike. The piece starts with a countermelody. The hymn tune DUKE STREET is not heard until a lengthy introduction. The middle section sets the tune to a waltz and leads to the return of the introduction material, the main melody, and a brief coda.

"Jesus Christ the Apple Tree" arranged by **Alan Bullard** sets the traditional text to the traditional English folk melody "O Waly Waly" to explore the theme of Christ as the source of spiritual nourishment and eternal life. The text, taken from a 17th-century hymn, compares Jesus to the apple tree, a symbol of sweetness, sustenance, and divine love. Bullard is a British composer, known mainly for his choral and educational music. His compositions are regularly performed and broadcast worldwide, and they appear on a number of CDs.

Fela. Sowande was born in Nigeria and became a US citizen in 1977. His organ compositions show a strong Nigerian influence, as well as Western style. In the book, "Nigerian Art Music," Bode Omojola observes: "Fela Sowande is undoubtedly the father of modern Nigerian Art Music." In "Jubilate" Sowande makes use of ostinato, a persistently repeated melodic and/or rhythmic pattern, an influence from his home country.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Mother Anne Turner
<i>Preacher</i>	Noah Aukerman
<i>Assisting & Children's Chapel</i>	Mother Emma Brice
<i>Lector</i>	Mary Stewart
<i>Intercessor</i>	June Huber
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Chris Kupczyk
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Ushers</i>	Brad Bergmann & June Huber, Scott Knudsen, Mary Stewart
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Geoffrey Whitlock, Vance Allen
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Eleanor Reed, Beth Yancey

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025

Announcement deadline is Monday at 12:00 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 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

The church office will close on Monday, February 17th for Presidents Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 18th at 9:00 am.

INQUIRER'S CLASS – FOR SEEKERS AND RETURNERS

New to Grace? Curious about the Episcopal Church or the Christian faith? Join our Inquirers' Class, a five-week introduction held on Wednesday evenings as part of the Lenten Series. In a welcoming small-group setting, we explore the church's history, worship, and mission, creating space for questions and discovery. The capstone event to this class for many is baptism, confirmation, reception from another Christian tradition, or reaffirmation of your baptismal vows. A simple dinner is served from 5:45 to 6:30 pm, followed by class from 6:30 to 7:15 pm and Compline from 7:15 to 7:30 pm. Join us for any or all sessions - everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Father Santiago Rodriguez at santiago.rodriguez@gracealex.org.

LENTEN MEDITATION: FINDING YOUR FAITH THROUGH FLOWERS - MARCH 8TH, 10AM – 2PM

Join Chad Eckles on this spiritual journey through the art of flower arrangements. Come learn the tips and tricks to create incredible expressions of who you are. The day will consist of a presentation and the chance to arrange your own masterpiece. All proceeds will go to the Flower Fund to ensure our sanctuary is adorned with beautiful flowers all year round. You can register by scanning the QR code on your right with your Smart Phone. The cost is \$100 per person with all proceeds going to the Flower Fund. Given the hands-on time, a total of 15 slots are available. Please reach out to Chad at cke1986@gmail.com with any questions.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH JOINS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM LAWSUIT

The national Episcopal Church has joined other multifaith plaintiffs in a religious freedom lawsuit challenging ICE enforcement actions in churches. Scan the QR code to learn more.



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

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 February 10th, we have received 138 pledges totaling \$763,398. 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 make your pledge online via the Grace website, www.gracealex.org. Thank you!

DEEPENING COMMITMENT TAUGHT BY MOTHER ANNE

Do you want to enrich your faith but wonder how? Would you like to feel more connected in community? Join Mother Anne for a class on Christian commitment on Wednesday February 19th at 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Saint Mark Room. Our study will include both the Bible and outside readings. RSVP to anne.turner@gracealex.org to receive the readings in advance; you are welcome to join even if you have not replied.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

CALLING GRACE BOOK LOVERS

Discover "Books that Bring Hope" at the adult forum on March 16th. Whether presenting or listening for new titles to replenish your reading list, come explore books that brought peace and inspired hope this year. If you'd like to participate by presenting, please let Mary Stewart or Anne Boris know.

UPCOMING FEAST DAY EUCHARIST – FEBRUARY 24TH

We invite you to celebrate the upcoming Feast Day Eucharist, 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 Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle on Monday, February 24th, at 6:00 pm. We look forward to sharing this feast day celebration with you.

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.

February 16th: Grace at Work: Love in the Law Library, by Jennifer Eckel

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

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

March 9th: Spiritual Imagination, by Mother Anne Turner

March 16th: Books That Bring Hope, by Mary Stewart and parishioners

March 23rd: Restoration of the Anglican/Episcopal Church in Georgia (Europe), by Thoma Lipartiani

EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 2/16	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 2/17	Church office closed for Presidents Day		
	Food Pantry Bagging – 3:30 – 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday 2/18	Morning Prayer – 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 2/19	Morning Prayer – 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	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
	Deepening Commitment taught by Mtr. Anne 7 pm	Saint Mark Room	Anne.turner@gracealex.org
	Bible Study – 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous – 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
Thursday, 2/20	Alanon – 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
	Morning Prayer – 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	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, 2/21	Food Pantry Bagging – 3 – 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 2/22	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


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, Jan, Phil & Sharon, Joey, Elly, Marcy, Nancy, Sara, Jean, Jean.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Elesa, 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, Terrie, Jack, Eileen, Frank, Jim, Bridget, Charlotte, Lucy.
- **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, 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.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Bishop E. Mark Stevenson; Bishop Gayle E. Harris; Diocesan staff; Hanover with Brunswick (St. John's, Emmanuel, Lamb's Creek), King George; St. Anne's Parish (Christ, St. Stephen's, St. John's), Scottsville; St. John's, Tappahannock.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church of the Province of Central Africa; The Diocese of Malek Rup, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Malindi, The Anglican Church of Kenya; Te Pihopatanga o Te Manawa o Te Wheke, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia; The Diocese of Manchester - The Church of England; The Diocese of Mandalay, The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma); The Diocese of Manicaland, The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

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

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Monday, February 17	Vika Epifanovskaya	
Tuesday, February 18	Brennan Caceres Yoc, Curtis Marshall, Kit Milnor	
Wednesday, February 19	Ashley Spencer, Mary Toler	
Friday, February 21	Anne McFadden, Pamela Valenzuela, Seamus White	
Saturday, February 22	Andrew Lorentz	
Sunday, February 23	Lauren Gustafson, Evan Robinson, Nancy Robinson, Raphael Sanchez	

*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!***



Holy Imagination

Journey With Us Through Lent

Shrove Tuesday, March 4

6:00 - 7:30 pm Pancake Supper in the Merrow Hall Auditorium. All are invited!

\$6 per person for a short stack & \$8 for a tall stack.

Take home kits also available.

All proceeds benefit the 2025 J2A pilgrimage.

Ash Wednesday, March 5

Imposition of ashes at all services

Ashes to go (Potomac Yard Metro) 7:00 - 11:00 am

7:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

12:00 pm - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

5:00 pm - Children's Service

7:00 pm - Bilingual Eucharist, Rite I

Additional Programs During Lent

Thursdays

Confession Offered 11 am - 12:00 pm

Holy Eucharist with Healing, Rite II @ 12:00 pm

Fridays

Stations of the Cross & Eucharist, Rite I @ 12:00 pm

Via Crucis y Cenita (in Spanish) @ 7:00 pm

Sundays During Lent

7:30 am - Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:45 am - La Santa Eucaristia (in Spanish)

9:00 am - Little Church

9:30 am - Adult Forum

9:30 am - Sunday School for Children & Youth

10:30 am - Choral Eucharist Rite II (Livestreamed)

5:00 pm - Contemplative Eucharist for Lent

Lenten Series: Holy Imagination: Learning to Listen for God

5:30-5:45 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom option)

5:45-6:30 pm Simple Lenten Supper

6:30-7:15 pm Program (Choose from three tracks)

7:15 - 7:30 pm Sung Compline in the Nave

Three Program Tracks: Youth Confirmation, Inquirers Class, and "Learning to Listen for God"

Topics for "Learning to Listen for God"

Join us as we discuss different forms of discernment and visioning. We will ask the important questions

"What is God dreaming for me?" and "What is God dreaming for a community I am in?"

March 12: Listening through Scripture

March 19: Listening through Play

March 26 : Listening through Culture

April 2: Listening through Music

April 9: Listening through Creativity



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