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Festival Eucharist, Rite I



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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.



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Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

through life-giving liturgical worship + joyful community + empowering others

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THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: CANDLEMAS
FESTIVAL EUCHARIST, RITE I

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

PRELUDE

Offertory on 'Lumen ad revelationem gentium' Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)
A light to enlighten the Gentiles

The people stand.

INTRIOT

Susepimus

Plainsong, Tone VII

We have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple; according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill. (Ps. 48:10, 11 & 12)

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Celebrant

Light and peace in Je - sus Christ our Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Celebrant

Dear people of God, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the Incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same spirit, we now enter the house of God, where we shall recognize Christ in the breaking of bread.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O eternal God, who has created all things; on this day you fulfilled the petitions of the just Simeon: We humbly as you to bless and sanctify these candles for our use. Graciously hear our prayers and be merciful to us, whom you have redeemed by your Son, who is the light of the world, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people light their candles during the singing of the hymn.

HYMN 499

Lord God, you now have set your servant free

Song 1

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, through Jesus Christ the Light of the World. **Amen.**

Deacon *People*

Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. A - men.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people extinguish all candles and are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight~ indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84

Simplified Chant

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 your a- | noointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own | room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the | wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and | shield; *
he will give grace and | glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord | withhold *
from those who walk with in-|tegrity.
- 12 O Lord of | hosts, *
happy are they who put their | trust in you!

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 2:14-18

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the Gospel Procession.

HYMN 277

Sing of Mary, pure and lovely

Raquel

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

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

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed- and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The people are seated.

SERMON

Mother Anne Michele Turner

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.

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.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The people are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ALTAR GUILD PRESIDENT

Priest Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

Presenter Matt Williams and Noah Woodiwiss have been called to the ministry of eucharistic minister.

Presenter Cindy MacIntyre has been called to the ministry of Altar Guild President.

People **Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.**

Priest Let us pray.

Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that they may minister in their chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Priest In the Name of God, we recognize you, Matt and Noah, as eucharistic ministers, and you, Cindy, as Altar Guild President.

THE HOLY COMMUNION



THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Diffusa est gratia

Plainsong, Tone II

Full of grace are thy lips: because God hath blessed thee for ever. (Ps. 45:2)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies T. Frederick Candlyn (1892-1964)

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.*

*Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.*

*Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day*

The people stand and sing the hymn

HYMN 259

Hail to the Lord who comes

Old 120th

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

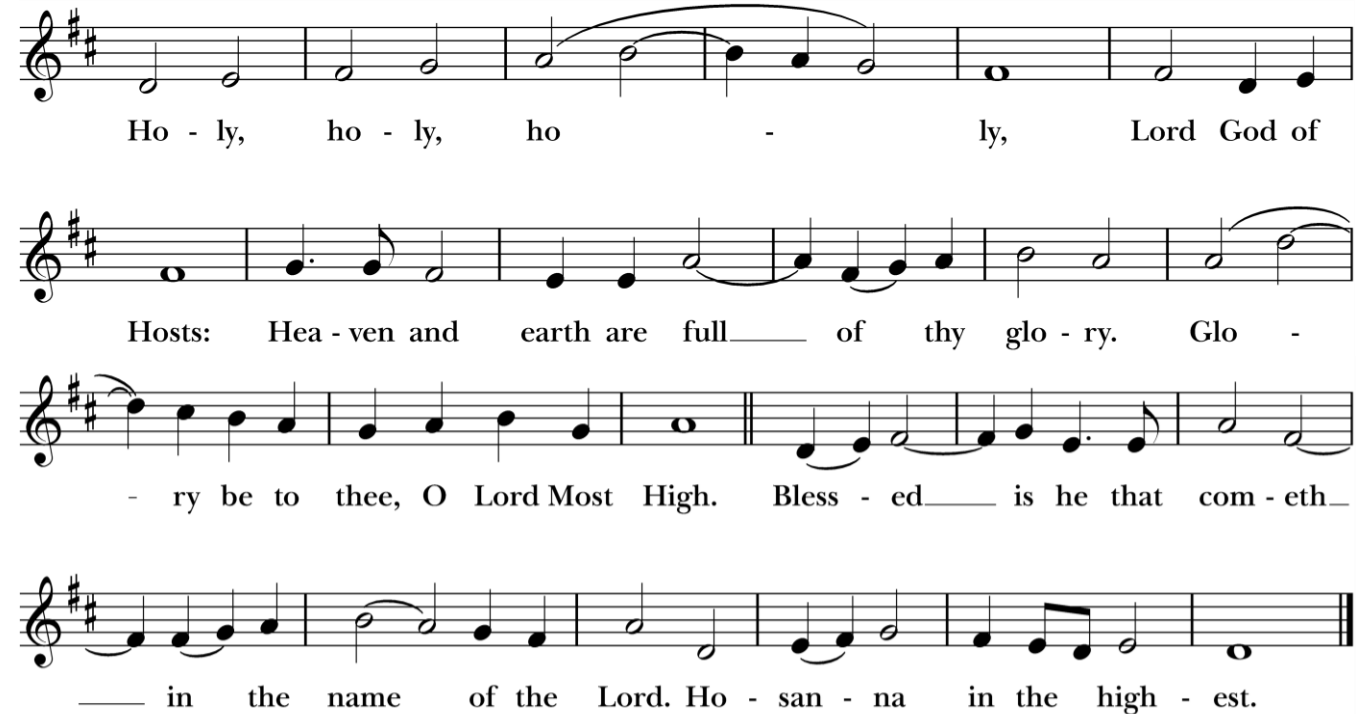
It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-114



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.

He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

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

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

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

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

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

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

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

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



For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glo-ry,
For ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Anointed.

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.

1 When can - dles are light - ed on Can - dle - mas Day
 2 The kings have de - part - ed, the shep - herds have gone,
 3 They go to the tem - ple, o - bey - ing the law,

the dark is be - hind us, and spring's on the way.
 the child and his par - ents are left on their own.
 and of - fer two pi - geons, the gift of the poor.

A glo - ry dawns in ev - ery dark place,

the light of Christ, the full - ness of grace.

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 Music: *Lourdes*, French traditional melody.

THE SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we share in one bread, one cup.**

The people stand or kneel.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

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

Fiat Lux (*Let there be light*)

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

*At the end of liturgy today, one of the priests will be available at the Lady Altar for prayers for healing.
Please allow quiet and privacy for those seeking prayer.*

Music Notes

Alexandre Guilmant's Offertoire sur 'Lumen ad revelationem gentium' is a beautiful and evocative piece. The Latin antiphon translates to "A light to reveal the nations" and is taken from the Gospel of Luke, specifically the Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:32). This passage is often associated with the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, symbolizing Christ as the light of the world, bringing salvation and enlightenment to all people.

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" is a hymn set to a melody by **T. Frederick Candlyn**, a prominent 20th-century American organist, composer, and music educator. The hymn is a joyful expression of praise and devotion, with lyrics that reflect the radiant presence of Christ in the world. The text, written by Charles Wesley in 1740, conveys themes of divine light, hope, and redemption, while Candlyn's musical setting enhances the text's uplifting and transcendent nature.

Théodore Dubois's Fiat Lux develops from quiet music into a powerful peroration. It is taken from his Douze pièces nouvelles pour orgue published in 1892. Fiat Lux was dedicated to the English organist W. T. Best. The title is derived from the biblical book of Genesis—"Let there be Light". The music mirrors a course from when the earth was without form and void to a glorious illumination of the Universe and the Soul. It is a compelling theological and musical statement.

Dubois was a French Romantic composer, organist, and music teacher. As a composer, Dubois was seen as capable and tasteful, but not strikingly original or inspired. He hoped for a career as an opera composer but became better known for his church compositions. His books on music theory were influential and remained in use for many years. His most played pieces are his Toccata in G and the March of the Magi, which has become popular with organists as a voluntary for the Feast of the Epiphany.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Father Santaigo Rodriguez
<i>Deacon & Preacher</i>	Mother Anne Turner
<i>Assisting & Children's Chapel</i>	Mother Emma Brice
<i>Children's Chapel</i>	Father Ignacio Solano Gomez
<i>Lector</i>	Kelly Gable
<i>Intercessor</i>	Teresa Preston
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Alex Willson
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<i>Ushers</i>	John Boris, Mary Hix, Cindy MacIntyre, Colleen McArdelle
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Eleanor Reed, Vance Allen
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Sarah Schultz, Beth Yancey

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF FEBRUARY 2, 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

WITH GRATITUDE FOR OUR NEW VESTRY

At last Sunday's annual meeting, Bill Eckel, Ramee Gentry, Colleen McAdelle, Rebecca Prosser, and Laura Weidenfeld were elected to the vestry. The new vestry also elected its officers: Sarah Schultz as Senior Warden, Eric Waskowicz as Junior Warden, Chad Eckels as Register, Andrew Serke as Treasurer, and Eleanor Reed as Member-at-Large. We are grateful to God for their faithful service.

THE GRACE CHILI BOWL IS TONIGHT, 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).

GRACE ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Annual Giving Statements for 2024 will be emailed to all donors by Friday, January 31st. If you requested hard copy statements, they will be mailed USPS by Friday as well. If you do not receive your emailed statement or have a question about the statement you did receive, please email giving@gracealex.org and a member of the finance team will be in touch. Thank you for your generosity and support of the mission of Grace Episcopal Church!

DEEPENING COMMITMENT WITH 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 12th and 19th at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. 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

LITTLE CHURCH, BIG IDEAS – MEETING TODAY

As Little Church grows, the clergy would like to hear your feedback on the service. What is working well? What could you imagine working differently? Join clergy after Little Church at 9:45 today, Sunday, February 2 in the Saint John Room for a conversation.

MORNING PRAYER RESUMES

The clergy have resumed 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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

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!

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 24, 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 2: **Candlemas and a Theology of Family Life**, by Fr. Santiago Rodriguez

February 9: **Grace at Work: The Workplace is a Thin Place**, by Tracy Enger

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

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

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

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 27th, we have received 136 pledges totaling \$762,298.** 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!

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. 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.

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, Elly, Kemp, Marcy, Nancy.
- **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, Terrie; Jack; Eileen; Frank.
- **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.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Bishop E. Mark Stevenson; Bishop Gayle E. Harris; Diocesan staff; Christ Church, Brandy Station; Emmanuel, Greenwood; St. Christopher's, Springfield.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; The Diocese of London, The Church of England; The Diocese of Long Island, The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Los Angeles, The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Louisiana, The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Western Louisiana, The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Luapula, 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

Sunday, February 2	Karla Merritt, Kathleen Roche
Tuesday, February 4	Lottie Henry
Wednesday, February 5	Perrin Chiow
Friday, February 7	Vivienne Egaas, Kelly Gable, Joseph Giacomo, Noah Woodiwiss
Saturday, February 8	Peter Madigan, Sofia Reyes



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, 2/2	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am La Santa Eucaristía	La Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Auditorium	
	9:45 am Little Church conversation	St John Room	
	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	
	5:30 pm Grace Chili Bowl		
Monday 2/3	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday 2/4	Morning Prayer - 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 2/5	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
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 2/6	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, 2/7	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 2/8	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