



# Grace Episcopal Church

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## Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 2025 – 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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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](mailto:welcome@gracealex.org), so we can get to know you. We can also add you to our mailing list by request. We're glad to have you join with us in worshipping God in the beauty of holiness, something which is central to our identity at Grace. We hope you will join with us in sharing the love of God with this world that needs healing. Assisted listening devices are available for use during worship. Please see an usher if you'd like to use one.



Please silence your cell phones during worship.

### Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

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

### Contacting Grace

Please feel free to contact our staff.

Our regular office hours are Monday to Thursday 9 am - 3 pm, and Fridays 9 am - 12 noon.

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### IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE?

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.

SEVENTH 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  
 Handbell Voluntary

Meditation on Beautiful Savior

Cathy Moglebust (b. 1958)

The people stand.

HYMN 391

Before the Lord's eternal throne

Winchester New

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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated 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 Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 43:3-11, 15

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there~since there are five more years of famine to come~so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 37:1-12, 41-42

*Anglican Chant by John Joubert*

*Sung by the choir.*

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the Lord, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the Lord \*  
and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  
they will delight in abundance of peace.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; \*  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; \*  
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,  
because they seek refuge in him.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

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

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand for the Gospel Procession.*

HYMN 445

Praise to the Holiest in the height

*Gerontius*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

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

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people are seated.*

SERMON

Mother Emma Brice

*Silence is kept.*

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE 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*

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

We invite you to give to the work of the church electronically via [Tithe.ly](https://Tithe.ly) by scanning this QR code.

HANDBELL MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Kevin McChesney (b. 1963)

*The people stand and sing the hymn*

HYMN 568

Father all loving, who rulest in majesty

*Was lebet*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, p. 367

*Celebrant* *People*

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

*Celebrant* *People*

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

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Sanctus and Benedictus*

Hymnal S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.*

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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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 pews.*

HANDBELL MUSIC AT COMMUNION

One Bread, One Body

Douglas Wagner (b. 1952)

HYMN 606

Where true charity and love dwell

*Ubi caritas*

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 347

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace

*Litton*

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Fanfare on "Shine, Jesus Shine"

*Christopher Tambling (1964-2015)*

*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

**Cathy Moglebust** is a renowned American composer and arranger, particularly recognized for her work in the handbell music community. With a background in music education, she has contributed significantly to the development and expansion of the handbell repertoire. Moglebust's compositions are celebrated for their creativity, accessibility, and expressive depth, often incorporating a variety of ringing techniques and harmonic textures. In addition to her work as a composer and arranger, she is also an experienced handbell clinician and director. Her arrangements are widely performed by handbell ensembles around the world and are valued for their ability to convey both technical skill and emotional resonance.

**Kevin McChesney** is an acclaimed American composer, arranger, and handbell director, known for his significant contributions to the handbell music world. With a background in music education, McChesney has composed and arranged numerous works that are beloved by handbell ensembles of all levels. His compositions are recognized for their intricate yet accessible arrangements, incorporating innovative ringing techniques and creative harmonies. McChesney is also a sought-after clinician, conducting workshops and festivals to inspire and educate handbell musicians. His works continue to be a staple in handbell repertoires, praised for their musicality, ingenuity, and expressive depth.

**Christopher Tambling (1964–2015)** was a distinguished British composer, organist, and choirmaster renowned for his contributions to choral and organ music. As a composer and arranger, Tambling was known for creating accessible choral and organ music. His works include "Missa Festiva" for choir and organ (2013) and "Very British," a collection of eight pieces for organ (2013). He also authored "The Church Organist," a four-volume method for organ students, which has been widely adopted. The Fanfare on 'Shine, Jesus, Shine' is based on the famous melody by Graham Kendrick. The piece cleverly alludes to the melody but never really states it fully. The fanfare introduction leads to a quieter and jaunty section. Then, the fanfare material serves as a bridge to a more chordal, grandiose arrangement of the melody and is followed by a grand coda.

### SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Father Santiago Rodriguez
<i>Preacher</i>	Mother Emma Brice
<i>Assisting &amp; Children's Chapel</i>	Mother Anne Turner
<i>Lector</i>	Teresa Preston
<i>Intercessor</i>	June Huber
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Noah Aukerman, Stephanie Reed
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Ushers</i>	John Boris, Bill Eckel, Scott Knudsen, Evan Robinson
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Alison Campbell, Vance Allen
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Sherryl Dodd, Sarah Schultz

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF FEBRUARY 23, 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](mailto:announcements@gracealex.org).



The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God,  
by Lorna Worley in thanksgiving for her niece Whitney Canizalez on her birthday, and by  
Evan & Nancy Robinson in thanksgiving for our birthday and for Grace Church, with love and support  
for all those who might feel afraid or threatened, at home or abroad, for any reason.

### NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

#### FEAST OF ST. MATTHIAS - EUCHARIST & FELLOWSHIP IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL WORKERS

On Monday, February 24th, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Matthias with a 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist at the Lady Altar in the Nave. The Apostle Matthias is revered by some as the patron saint of carpenters, tailors, and government workers. This Eucharist will include prayers of support and fellowship for our federal workers. Following the service, all are welcome to gather in the auditorium for a brown bag dinner. Drinks and dessert will be provided by our clergy.

#### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> FROM 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Join us for the annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 4th from 6- 7:30 pm in the Merrow Hall Auditorium! A small stack of pancakes is \$6, and a large stack is \$8. You do not need to pre-register. All proceeds support the fundraising efforts of the J2A youth for their summer 2025 pilgrimage to Quebec and Montreal. Families with youth, please keep an eye out for more information about volunteer roles. For more information, contact Mother Emma Brice ([emma.brice@gracealex.org](mailto:emma.brice@gracealex.org)).

#### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE TIMES ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>

Grace will hold several services throughout the day, all of which include the imposition of ashes. We hope to see you at 7:00 am for Holy Eucharist Rite I, at Ashes to Go at the Potomac Yard Metro Station from 7:00 – 11:00 am, at noon for Holy Eucharist Rite I, at the 5:00 pm Family Service with Eucharist, or at the 7:00 pm Bilingual Eucharist Rite II. Please note that the 7:00 pm Bilingual Eucharist will be livestreamed and childcare will be available. There will be no morning prayer on Ash Wednesday.

#### CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST DURING LENT

During the season of Lent, our Sunday 5:00 p.m. eucharist will offer a space for contemplation and reflection. The service will include candlelight and incense, as well as extended periods of silence in place of a traditional sermon. The clergy hope that this new service format will offer a new way to deepen the gifts of the Spirit during this holy season.

#### IMMIGRATION RIGHTS WORKSHOP

On Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in the Saint Mark Room, Grace Church will be hosting an Immigration Rights workshop. This workshop is especially important for those who want to assist as legal observers at the Food Pantry, but it is open to all who are interested in learning more about legal rights in dealing with immigration authorities. If you plan to attend, RSVP via email to [kevin.hamilton@gracealex.org](mailto:kevin.hamilton@gracealex.org) with “Immigration Workshop” in the subject line.

#### DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Mother Emma is helping to coordinate a diocesan-wide youth retreat at Shrine Mont for middle schoolers (grades 6-8). The overnight retreat will begin Friday, March 21st in the evening and conclude Sunday, March 23rd midday. If you are interested in participating as a youth or a chaperone, please contact Mother Emma Brice at [Emma.Brice@gracealex.org](mailto:Emma.Brice@gracealex.org) as soon as possible.

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

### FROM ANXIETY TO ACTION: HOW CONGREGATIONS CAN STAND WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS –

Come and join our outreach partners from Tenants and Workers United and VOICE, as well as faith leaders from across Alexandria, on **Monday, March 3rd from 6:30 – 9 pm** for a gathering on how we can come together in the midst of uncertainty. We will share how various faith communities are responding to the present moment, gain practical tools to support immigrant neighbors, and explore how faith communities can take collective action for housing justice. The event will be hosted right here at Grace Church in the Merrow Hall Auditorium. RSVP by scanning the QR code. To volunteer to help with hosting, please contact Mother Emma Brice at [emma.brice@gracealex.org](mailto:emma.brice@gracealex.org).



### WELCOME BISHOP MARK BOURLAKAS!

The Diocese of Virginia announced this week that Bishop Mark A. Bourlakas will begin serving as Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Virginia on June 1, 2025. Bishop Bourlakas has faithfully led the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia since 2013 and will transition into this new role after resigning as Diocesan Bishop on May 22, 2025 to be closer to family in Northern Virginia. Over the last year, Bishop Bourlakas has used office space here at Grace, so he is familiar with our parish. Bishop Bourlakas will be based in Northern Virginia and will work alongside Bishop Stevenson and Bishop Harris, offering support across the diocese and collaborating with the Office of Congregational Vitality. You can read more by scanning the QR code.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

### 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](mailto:santiago.rodriguez@gracealex.org).

### LENTEN MEDITATION: FINDING YOUR FAITH THROUGH FLOWERS- MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>, 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. 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](mailto:cke1986@gmail.com) with any questions.



### 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 17th, we have received 139 pledges totaling \$766,398**. If you have any questions or didn't receive the initial mailing with information and a pledge card, please contact [giving@gracealex.org](mailto: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](http://www.gracealex.org). Thank you!



## 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.

### 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.



### 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 23: Grace at Work: Ethical Journalism, by Chris Rugaber

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

March 9: Spiritual Imagination, by Mother Anne Turner

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

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

March 30: Shrine Mont 2025 Theme Reveal and Conversation, by Morgan Miller and other 2025 coordinators

## BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 23	Lauren Gustafson, Evan Robinson, Nancy Robinson, Raphael Sanchez
Monday, February 24	Zoe Harrigan, Renee Rutkowski, Emily Thompson
Wednesday, February 26	Jay Burgess, Joe Washington
Thursday, February 27	Ryan Border
Friday, February 28	Willem Egaas
Saturday, March 1	Eugene Alford, Yanira Rodriguez, Peter Zuidema
Sunday, March 2	Geraldine Palacios Cortez, Kemp Williams



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*
<b>Sunday, 2/23</b>	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	
<b>Monday 2/24</b>	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
<b>Tuesday 2/25</b>	Morning Prayer - 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
<b>Wednesday, 2/26</b>	Morning Prayer - 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	<a href="mailto:Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org">Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org</a>
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
<b>Thursday, 2/27</b>	Morning Prayer - 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6 pm	Malm Narthex	<a href="mailto:Alain.truche@gracealex.org">Alain.truche@gracealex.org</a>
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	<a href="mailto:Alain.truche@gracealex.org">Alain.truche@gracealex.org</a>
<b>Friday, 2/28</b>	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
<b>Saturday, 3/1</b>	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	<a href="mailto:cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com">cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com</a>
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1 - 3 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>

## 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, Jan, Elly, Marcy, Sara, Jean, Jean, Lorna.
- **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, 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, Lit & Mary Carol Tazewell, Virginia Robinson.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Bishop E. Mark Stevenson; Bishop Gayle E. Harris; Diocesan staff; Abingdon, White Marsh; St. Mary's, Arlington.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; The Diocese of Madras, The Church of South India (United); The Diocese of Madurai-Ramnad, The Church of South India (United); The Diocese of Magwi, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Mahajanga, The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; The Diocese of Maiduguri, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Maine, The Episcopal Church.

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



# 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

### Wednesdays March 12 - April 9: 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?"

#### *Updated Schedule*

March 12: Listening through Play

March 19: Listening through Scripture

March 26 : Listening through Culture

April 2: Listening through Music

April 9: Listening through Creativity



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