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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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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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FIFTH 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

Nimrod from *Enigma Variations*

Edward Elgar (1857-1954)

The people stand.

HYMN 401

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant
 Bless - ed be God: Fa - ther, 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. —
 Fa - ther, —
 Lord Je - sus Christ, — on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Fa - ther, —

(♩ = ♩ of preceding – same beat as before, not slower)

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 Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-13

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.

The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 138

Anglican Chant by Henry Dibdin

Sung by the choir.

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you-unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them-though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the Gospel Procession.

Hymn 671

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

New Britain

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

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

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

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Father Santiago Rodriguez

Silence is kept.

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form 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

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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*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor:
He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted,
to preach deliverance to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;
To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes,
the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
that they might be called trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden causeth the things
that are sown in it to spring forth;
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring forth before all the nations.
The people stand and sing the hymn*

HYMN 364

O God, we praise thee, and confess (st. 1-5)

Manchester

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:

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



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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,

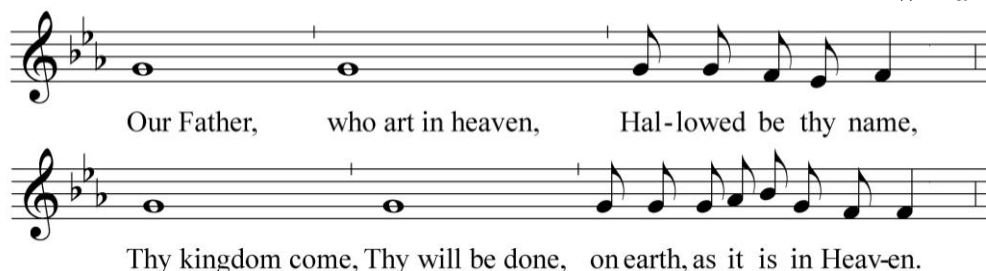
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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



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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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the eucharist.

Please come forward to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers.

A full communion is made with the bread alone, but if you choose to receive the wine, you may either drink from the cup, or you may offer your wafer to the person holding the chalice, who will dip the bread in the wine for you.

If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; simply ask the priest.

If you do not wish to receive communion at the altar, please let an usher know, and communion can be brought to you in your pew.

HYMN LEVAS 203

There is a balm in Gilead

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 535

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Paderborn

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Postlude on a theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 22) C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)

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

Edward Elgar was an English composer, many of whose works have entered the British and international classical concert repertoire. Among his best-known compositions are orchestral works including the Enigma Variations

Elgar's eventual recognition by the British and then worldwide audiences didn't come till he was 42, with the 1899 premiere of the Enigma Variations. The Variations' title reflects their unique form: they're a series of variations, each dedicated to a friend or acquaintance, on a theme that is never actually heard. And in fact Elgar never did reveal what the theme was, which has meant that musical detectives have busied themselves for over a century trying to identify it. While the composer's wife and female friends are depicted in lovely variations, the piece's lushest and most romantic music is reserved for his publisher, August Jaeger. Jaeger had shown faith in and encouraged the composer for years as he labored in obscurity, and he was rewarded with "Nimrod," among the most purely beautiful music for orchestra ever created. (Nimrod was the mighty hunter of the Book of Genesis; Jaeger, as Spartanburg's many German-speakers already know, translates as "Hunter.") "Nimrod's" unusually expansive melody is cushioned by plush harmonies and seems to flow impossibly slowly - time itself seems to stop as we bask in its golden glow. (Chris Veneman)

Today's anthem "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me" is taken from **Edward Elgar's** oratorio "The Apostles, Op. 49" for soloists, chorus and orchestra. It was first performed on 14 October 1903 at the Birmingham Music Festival. The Prologue for originally for orchestra before the first choral entrance creates an atmosphere of mystical solemnity that permeates the entire work. This is also perhaps the best-known section because of its use as a choral anthem in many churches over the years. The text is the passage from the prophet Isaiah used by Jesus to proclaim his primary mission to the poor at the beginning of his public ministry (a theme also central to Elgar's personal understanding of his faith and social standing). A composer could choose to set this familiar text in any number of ways. Even though the words are those of an individual, the prophet Isaiah as proclaimed by Jesus, Elgar chooses to have them sung by a chorus of many voices, over a rich and evocative orchestral palette. (Thomas Lloyd)

The postlude on a theme by Orlando Gibbons is from the collection Six Preludes and Postludes, op. 105 by Anglo-Irish composer **Charles Villiers Stanford**. It is based on Orlando Gibbons hymn tune "Song 22." This hymn tune is paired with the text "Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace" and can be found at Hymn #703 in the Hymnal 1982.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF FEBRUARY 9, 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

FAMILY SUPER BOWL PARTY FEBRUARY 9TH

Join us today, Sunday, February 9th at 6:00 pm to watch the first half of the Super Bowl! You can pick up hoagies this morning if you ordered them through the EYC Hoagie Fundraiser or let us know if you want us to hold onto them until the evening (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. All ages are welcome!

EYC HOAGIE PICKUP TODAY!

Thank you to everyone who purchased a hoagie for the EYC fundraiser! Your hoagies will be under the photo wall off the parking lot entrance glass doors. Please remember to bring \$7 per hoagie or a credit card to pay at pick-up. Enjoy!

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.

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THE CHILI BOWL!

The Chili Bowl on Sunday, February 2nd, was a smashing success! Thank you to all those who made chili (and other delights), who attended, who decorated, and who donated. It was a joy to see Merrow Hall Auditorium so lively. The Chili Bowl raised a whopping \$5,266.55 to support Grace's many ministries. Thank you for your generosity!

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

GRACE ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Annual Giving Statements for 2024 were emailed to all donors Friday, January 31st. If you requested hard copy statements, they were mailed USPS Friday as well. If you did 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 Wednesdays February 12 and 19 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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

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 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

March 9: TBD

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

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 5th, we have received 137 pledges totaling \$762,398.** 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 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.

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.

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.
- **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, Katherine, Jim.
- **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; St. George's, Arlington; St. Margaret's, Woodbridge; St. Peter's, Richmond.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Anglican Church of Australia; The Diocese of Lucknow - The Church of North India (United); The Diocese of Lui - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Lusaka - The Church of the Province of Central Africa; The Lusitanian Church - (Extra Provincial); The Diocese of Luwero - The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Northern Luzon - The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

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

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

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| Monday, February 10 | Bert David, Dina Martinez |
| Wednesday, February 12 | Peregrine Enger, Elizabeth Legere |
| Thursday, February 13 | Libby Padilla, Lucy-Lee Reed |
| Saturday, February 15 | Catherine Giacomo |



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* |
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| Sunday, 2/9 | 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 2/10 | Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm | 1 st floor Lobby | Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org |
| Tuesday 2/11 | Morning Prayer - 9:00 am | Malm Narthex | |
| | Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm | 1 st floor Lobby | Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org |
| Wednesday, 2/12 | 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, 2/13 | 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 |
| Friday, 2/14 | Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm | St. Cecilia Room | Alain.truche@gracealex.org |
| | Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm | 1 st floor Lobby | Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org |
| Saturday, 2/15 | Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm | | |
| | 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 |