



Grace Episcopal Church

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Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025 – 10:30 am
Choral Eucharist, Rite I



The West Windows in the Old Narthex

The left stained-glass window in the old narthex portrays the Baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan River. The center window depicts Jesus and the children of the world. The right window shows Jesus as the Good Shepherd, bearing home in his arms one of his lost lambs.

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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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Home Communion is available upon request for parishioners who desire this service by Eucharistic Visitors every Sunday. Home Communion will be in one form, Bread only. To request Home Communion, parishioners are asked to contact the Parish Office by telephone at 703-549-1980 no later than 12 pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday on which they would like to receive Home Communion.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE I

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

PRELUDE

Elegy for Clarinet and Organ

Henry Mollicone (1946-2022)

The people stand at the tolling of the bell.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People

His mercy endureth for ever.

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THE DECALOGUE

BCP, p.317

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 320

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The people kneel

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

During the Kyrie, Children ages 3 years - 3rd grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.

KYRIE

Hymnal S-89

Unison or harmony

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

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Music: James McGregor (b. 1930), after *Verbum caro factum est*, Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612). Copyright © 1976 James McGregor.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 27

The choir sings the antiphon first. Please sing it the second time and where indicated.



- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple. *[Antiphon.]*

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure. *[Antiphon.]*

13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the Lord will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O Lord; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the Lord *
in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the Lord. *[Antiphon]*

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:17-4:1

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

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the Gospel Procession and sing the hymn.

HYMN 455

O Love of God, how strong and true

Dunedin

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

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

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Mother Anne 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 II, BCP, p. 385

After each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; for E. Mark Stevenson; Gayle Harris, our bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Celebrant Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 People **And with thy spirit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lord is My Light and My Salvation

John Rutter (b. 1945)

*The Lord is my light and my salvation;
 whom then shall I fear?
 The Lord is the strength of my life;
 of whom then shall I be afraid?*

*Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with
 great gladness:
 I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.*

*Though an host of men were laid against me,
 yet shall not my heart be afraid:
 and though there rose up war against me,
 yet will I put my trust in him.*

*Hearken unto my voice, O Lord,
 when I cry unto thee:
 have mercy upon me and hear me.
 My heart hath talked of thee,
 Seek ye my face:
 thy face, Lord, will I seek.
 O hide not thou hy face from me,
 nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.*

*One thing have desired of the Lord,
 which I will require;
 even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the
 days of my life,
 to behold the fair beauty of the Lord,
 and to visit his temple.*

*Thou hast been my succour:
 leave me not, neither forsake me,
 O God of my salvation.
 When my father and my mother forsake me,
 the Lord taketh me up.
 Be strong, and he shall comfort hine heart;
 and put thou thy trust in the Lord.*

*For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his
 tabernacle:
 yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me,
 and set me up upon a rock of stone.*

The people stand and sing the hymn.

HYMN 675

Take up your cross, the Savior said

Bourbon

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.

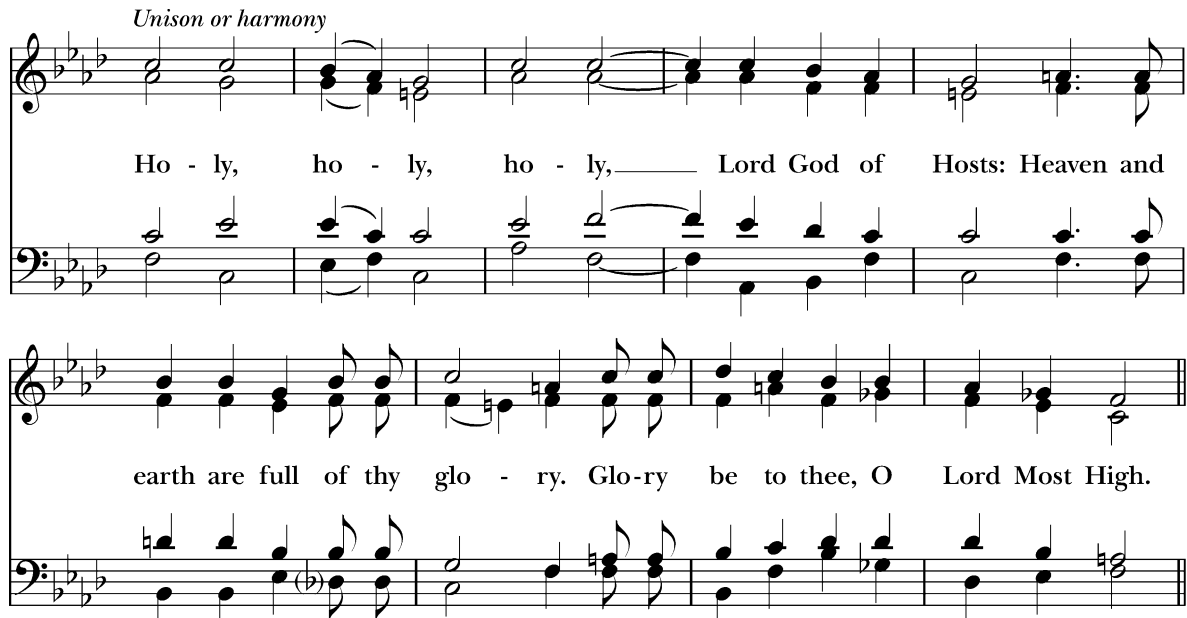
The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. 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-117

Unison or harmony



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven 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.

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 336

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-169

Cantor or Choir
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
deed, says the Lord. *All* My Lord. *Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. *All* My
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP, p. 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

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

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the eucharist.

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

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

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

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

HYMN 337

And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Unde et memores

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.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of thy loving providence; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

All stand and sing the hymn.

CLOSING HYMN 590

O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising

Charterhouse

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 339

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

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

Elegy was commissioned by American organist Douglas Cleveland in 2012. It is a one-movement work in a lyrical, meditative style. Its harmonic language is French influenced, but I consider the piece primarily melodic. Although Elegy is not a programmatic work, it is based on musical materials that are varied throughout, and suggest to me a restive, pastoral setting.

Henry Mollicone (1946-2022) was an American composer and musical instructor mostly known for his Operas.

The Lord is My Light and My Salvation was written by English composer **John Rutter (b. 1945)** in the early 1990s at the request of a friend of Rutter's who was at the time the director of chapel music at Duke University in North Carolina. A sufferer from AIDS, he knew that his time was short and had taken particular comfort from the words of Psalm 27, which Rutter sets here. The music, featuring a prominent, liquid clarinet obbligato part, mirrors the psalmist's restless but fruitful search for consolation. With exuberantly rhythmic textures skillfully wrought within a septuple meter, **John Rutter's** Toccata in Seven offers a lively new take on the toccata. The music moves from a jubilant opening to a more sustained central section before the initial sprightliness returns in a final flourish.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Mother Emma Brice
<i>Preacher</i>	Mother Anne Turner
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Matt Williams
<i>Lector</i>	Jonathan Doelp
<i>Intercessor</i>	Khacki Berry
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Ushers</i>	John Boris, Bill Eckel, Cindy MacIntyre, Colleen McArdelle
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Geoffrey Whitlock, Vance Allen
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Beth Yancey, Lucy-Lee Reed

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MARCH 16, 2025

Announcement deadline is Monday at 12 pm. Submissions after the deadline are held for the following week. Please email announcements (75 words or less) to announcements@gracealex.org.

Lent is a season of beautiful simplicity. For this reason, there are no Altar Flower Dedications during Lent. Stay tuned for an upcoming announcement about dedicating flowers for Easter.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

YOUTH NIGHT TONIGHT!

We will have an extra special youth night tonight with an epic scavenger hunt, intricately designed by Mother Emma and Crichelle. This scavenger hunt combines elements of escape rooms, puzzle solving, and silly challenges. It will be a ton of fun! We will also be joined by a special guest during dinner to hear about a new opportunity! Intrigued?? Come and join us! Jr High (grades 6-8) will gather from 5:30-7:30pm, and Sr. High (grades 9-12) will gather from 7-9pm. Dinner will be served from 7-7:30pm while the groups overlap.

VIGIL FOR OUR COUNTRY –TUESDAY AT 6:00 P.M.

On Tuesday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m., Grace Church will offer a vigil for our country. This liturgy will include a eucharist as well as a time to offer prayers for vulnerable individuals and groups: immigrants, LGBTQ+ individuals, and others. We plan to offer this liturgy on the third Tuesday of each month.

STAFF OFFSITE MARCH 18TH & 19TH AND MORNING PRAYER CHANGES

The church office will have minimal volunteer coverage on Tuesday, March 18th and Wednesday, March 19th, while the staff is off-site for workdays and planning. Parishioners should phone the office to see if a volunteer is available before stopping by the church. There will be no morning prayer services offered on these two days.

UPCOMING FEAST DAY EUCHARISTS

We invite you to celebrate the upcoming Feast Day Eucharists, 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 Joseph on Wednesday, March 19, at 7:30 a.m., and for the Feast of Thomas Ken on Friday, March 21, at 12:00 p.m. We look forward to sharing these feast day celebrations with you.

FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH LIFE UPDATES

As we observe the Lenten season, now is a perfect opportunity to make new commitments to our Grace community. Our Fellowship ministry currently has a very small cadre of volunteers. During Lent, the coffee hours and Lenten suppers offer opportunities for more people to become familiar with the Merrow Hall kitchen and simple ways to help with parish gatherings of all kinds. Be on the lookout for a Sunday coffee hour sign up to set up beverages, simple snacks, and clean up. Potluck food donations are perfect. Want to get more involved in parish life or have questions? Contact Lynn Rohrs, weaverlynn47@gmail.com.

WALK THE CAMINO WITH CHRIST CHURCH – JUNE 16-26TH

Christ Church in Old Town invites all Grace parishioners to join generations of pilgrims to walk the 100k stretch of the Camino de Santiago in northwestern Spain over 6 walking days, ending at the beautiful Santiago Cathedral. Registration for this pilgrimage is open and will close when we have filled 16 spots. Email The Rev. Noelle York-Simmons (nyorksimmons@historicchristchurch.org) for trip details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

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.

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

April 6: **Building a Vision for the Future of Grace**, by Mother Anne Turner and Eleanor Reed

April 13: **Palm Sunday Intergenerational Event** – No separate adult forum

April 20: **Easter Day** – No adult forum

April 27: **Grace at Work: Ethical Journalism**, by Chris Rugaber

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.

INQUIRER'S CLASS – CONTINUES MARCH 19TH

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.rodriquez@gracealex.org.

CONFESSION IN LENT

Clergy are available at the chancel on Thursdays in Lent from 11 am - 12 pm for the Rite of Reconciliation (individual confession). No sign up is necessary. If you would like to make a confession at another time, please contact a member of the clergy, who will be glad to schedule an appointment.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT

On Fridays in Lent, we walk the Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon in the nave, followed by a short eucharistic service. All are welcome.

YOUTH RETREAT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Mother Emma is helping to coordinate a youth retreat at Shrine Mont for middle schoolers (grades 6-8) from across the Diocese of Virginia. 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 as soon as possible. The deadline to register is Sunday, March 16th!

PROTECT OUR NAVE

Please do not bring drinks (even in a sealed cup) or food into the nave during worship. Help us keep the space clean and preserve our reverent environment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

HOLY HIKE FOR YOUNG ADULTS – SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH

We invite our young adults (twenties to early forties) to join our clergy for a Holy Hike, worshipping God in the beauty of the outdoors! Join us on Saturday, March 29th, for a hike along the Billy Goat A Trail. The hike, which should last 3–4 hours, is mostly level but involves rock scrambling. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center parking lot. Be sure to wear good hiking shoes and bring plenty of water. As part of our time together, we will celebrate Eucharist on the trail. Please RSVP to Father Santiago at santiago.rodriquez@gracealex.org. If river conditions cause the trail to close, we'll reach out with revised plans. For those interested, we'll also offer an optional lunch outing after the hike. We hope you'll join us for this special time of faith, fellowship, and nature!

NATIONAL REBUILDING DAY APRIL 26

For the third year in a row Grace will be participating in National Rebuilding Day. Saturday April 26 is the date this year. Those who participated last year are welcome to return, and we are especially seeking first-timers and members of our EYC. This is an adult-youth project on a one-day, one-team, one-house improvement mission. Participants will perform a variety of basic home improvements both indoors and outdoors for a community member in need. If this kind of mission teamwork appeals to you, please email by 3/20 to either Robert Schultz at robertsschultz@hotmail.com or Cindy MacIntyre at cindymacrd@gmail.com. All participants need to bring is their energy and enthusiasm! A special thank you also to the Outreach Committee for supporting this effort financially.

DON'T GO PHISHING!

Churches have become targets for phishing/email scams as those with malicious intent use a variety of methods (email, social media, and text messaging) to access your private information and/or cause harm to your computer/devices. Often these attempts include language commonly used in church settings to make the communication seem credible. Clergy and staff will not use private email for church business but will use an email address ending in @gracealex.org. Clergy and staff will also never ask for money or purchases. If you receive a questionable email stating the sender is Grace clergy or staff, do not click any links (they could link to viruses or allow someone to access your computer/device) and contact the church office.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Monday, March 17	Mariah Ortiz
Tuesday, March 18	Betsy Bamford, Lucy Tschetter
Wednesday, March 19	Robby Schrum
Thursday, March 20	Barry Barr
Friday, March 21	Mehbi Farzad
Saturday, March 22	Liz Rugaber
Sunday, March 23	Mia Giacomo, Benjamin Kupczyk



*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, 3/16	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am La Santa Eucaristía	La Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Auditorium	
	9:40 - 10:15 Sunday School and Adult Forum	Various Locations	
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave / Livestream	
	5:00 pm Contemplative Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday 3/17	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday 3/18	Staff offsite today, no morning prayer.		
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 3/19	Feast of Saint Joseph - 7:30 am	Malm Narthex	
	Staff offsite today, No morning prayer.		
	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
	Lenten Evening Programming 5:30-7:30 pm	Various Locations	
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room		
Thursday, 3/20	Morning Prayer - 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Confession & Reconciliation 11 am - 12 pm	Library	
	Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 - 12:00 pm	Nave	
	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, 3/21	Stations of the Cross & Feast of Thomas Ken - 12:00 pm	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 3/22	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1 - 3 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org

PRAYER @ GRACE THIS WEEK

We continue praying for all those in need of healing of mind, body, or spirit. We also pray for wisdom and strength for our communities, our elected officials, and our leaders as they make difficult and important decisions. As we join in common prayer this weekend, let us remember those who are in any need or trouble.

- **Parishioners:** Virginia, Lisa, Tina, Hector, Wendy, Amorita, Caz & family, Debbie, Kelly, John, Sigrid, Ed, Charles, Colin, Jennifer, Lisa, Igor, David & Joanie, Jan, Elly, Sara, Jean, Lorna, Alison, Bill.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Elesa, Cynthia, Reg, Don, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette.
- **Family & friends:** Barbara, Mark, Klaus, Nancy, Michael, Cyndy, Sharon, Scott, Carl, Christine, Ada, Santos, Don, Troy, Dick, Danny, Cathie, Cameron, Patti & Joe, Amy, Bill, Markita, Theresa, Judy & Bryan, Rob, Sherry, Pearl, Heather, Josh & parents, Terrie, Jack, Marcy, Eileen, Frank, Jim, Bridget, Charlotte, Lucy, Sarah, Katherine, Deanna, Allen, Camille, Diane, Markita, Leslie.
- **Members of our staff:** Addie, Alain, Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, Kevin, Mary, Madeline, 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; Immanuel-on-the-Hill, Alexandria; Our Redeemer, Aldie; Resurrection, Alexandria; St. Andrew's, Arlington; St. James', Montross; St. Paul's, Nomini Grove.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church of the Province of Central Africa; The Diocese of Malek Rup, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Malindi, The Anglican Church of Kenya; Te Pihopatanga o Te Manawa o Te Wheke, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia; The Diocese of Manchester, The Church of England; The Diocese of Mandalay, The Church in the Province of Myanmar (Burma); The Diocese of Manicaland, The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

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



Holy Imagination

Journey With Us Through 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?"

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

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



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