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Last Sunday after the Epiphany

March 2, 2025 – 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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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

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HOME COMMUNION

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

LAST 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

Variations on 'Adoro te devote'

Gerald Near (b. 1949)

The people stand.


HYMN 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

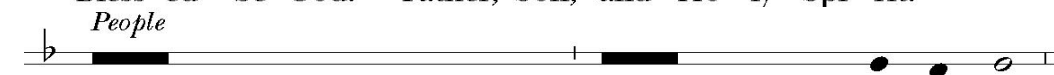
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant



Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People



And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

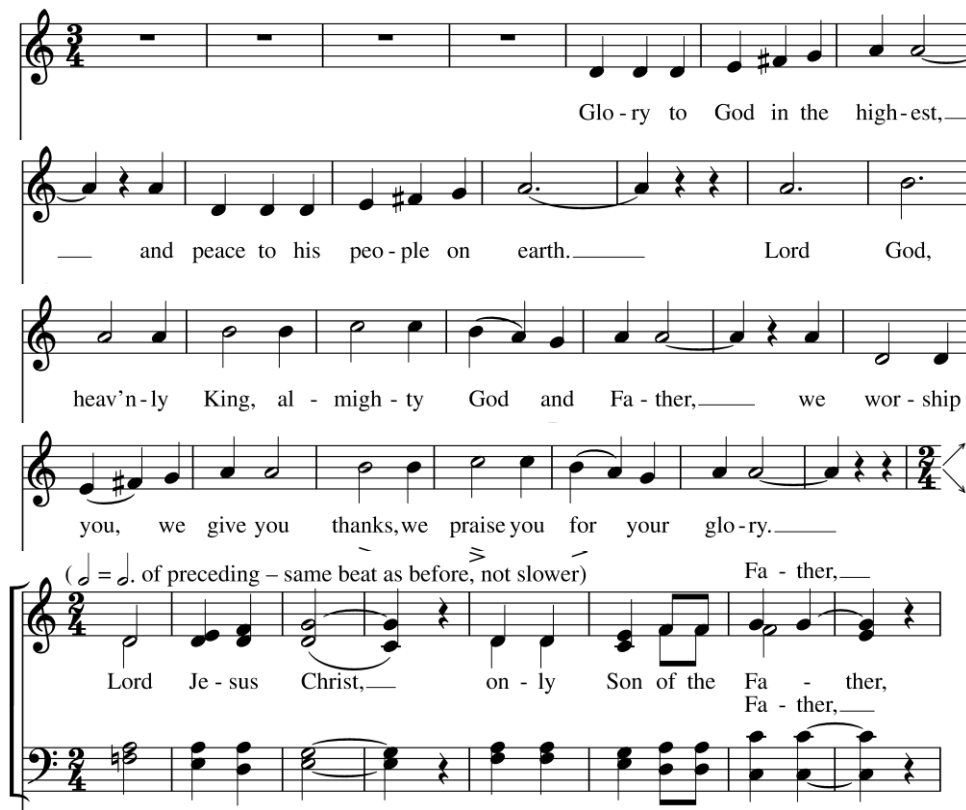
BCP, P. 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Children ages 3 years – 3rd grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.

GLORIA WLP 900

John Rutter



Glo-ry to God in the high-est,—

— and peace to his peo-ple on earth.—— Lord God,

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

you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.——

Fa-ther,——

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

Lord Je-sus Christ,—— on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,

Fa-ther,——

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right
hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For
Fa - ther: re - ceive
Fa - ther: re - ceive
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34:29-35

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99

Anglican Chant by Thomas Attwood

Sung by the choir.

1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

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

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the Gospel Procession.

HYMN 134

O light of Light, Love given birth

Jesu dulcis memoria

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-43a

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"-not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Father Ignacio Solano Gome

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 Lynn Estaver, *mother of parishioner Donna Hall*, Christine Goodbar, *mother of parishioner Teresa Preston*, and 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.

A COLLECT FOR SHRINE MONT'S CENTENNIAL

Celebrant

O God, who on the holy Mount revealed your wonderfully transfigured Son to his chosen witnesses, and inspired The Rev. Dr. Edmund Woodward a century ago to build the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration at Shrine Mont - a sacred place where all are welcome to bask in God's love: Grant that those who visit this place may find peace, your presence, and the inspiration to return to our communities as your disciples bringing hope and reconciling love to a world desperate for your light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Deacon

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION



THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Thee We Adore

T. Frederick Candlyn (1892-1964)

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, Thee,
Who in Thy sacrament art pleased to be;
Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail.
Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
Who living bread to men doth here afford!
O may our souls for ever feed on Thee,
And Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,
Cleanse us, unclean, in Thy most cleansing flood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know
The hope and peace which from Thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face,
The vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.

The people stand and sing the hymn.

HYMN 129

Christ upon the mountain peak

Mowsley

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.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

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-losed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en.

Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,
 As we forgive those who tres-pass a-gainst us.
 And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glo-ry,
 For ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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 pews.

HYMN 314

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen

Adoro devote

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 137

O wondrous type! O vision fair

Wareham

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C Major, BWV 547

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

Gerald Near, born in 1942, is a distinguished American composer renowned for his contributions to church music, particularly in the genres of organ and choral compositions. Near's compositions are celebrated for their accessibility and musicality, making them popular choices for church choirs and organists. His works are published by various music publishers, including ECS Publishing and MorningStar Music Publishers. His variations on the Gregorian Chant “Adoro Te Devote” clearly sets the melody in different ranges and colors. Most noteworthy, the third variation set the melody in the pedal with a ethereal accompaniment.

The anthem “Thee We Adore” sets the poem “Thee we adore, O hidden Savior” to the plainsong chant “Adoro te devote.” This poem is a hymn of adoration and devotion to Jesus Christ, who is believed to be present in the sacrament of the Eucharist. The speaker expresses awe and humility in the presence of Christ, acknowledging the inadequacy of human understanding and the power of Christ's sacrifice. The poem emphasizes the desire for a deeper connection with Christ, both in this life and in the afterlife.

T. Frederick Candlyn (1892–1964) was a British-American organist, composer, and educator, known for his contributions to church music and the development of choral works. Born in England, he trained as an organist and studied at the Royal College of Music. After moving to the United States, he held prominent positions, including organist and choirmaster at various churches, most notably at St. Thomas Church in New York City.

Both the Prelude and the Fugue in C Major, BWV 547 of **J.S. Bach** employ short pithy motives that give no hint of the spontaneous excursions that Bach spins out nor what scholar Peter Williams calls their “carefully planned finality.” Each of the first three bars of the Prelude offers a distinct shape that proves recognizable in many variations throughout. The leaping jagged middle idea provides the basis for the leaping pedal, which never takes up the other two shapes. Bach creates the finality that will have its parallel in the Fugue with dramatic chords and a final sustained low pedal note that all point to home. (Jane Vial Jaffe)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MARCH 2, 2025

Announcement deadline is Monday at 12 pm. Announcements arriving after that time will be held for the following week. Please limit announcements to 75 words.

Email requests to announcements@gracealex.org.



The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

GATHERING OF PALMS

Did you bring in palms today, so they become the ashes for Ash Wednesday? There is a basket for their collection in the narthex today as well as in the Merrow Hall Auditorium. Thank you!

VIGIL FOR OUR COUNTRY

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

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.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER MARCH 4TH 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE TIMES ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH

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, or 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. Please note that the 7:00 p.m. Bilingual Eucharist will be livestreamed and childcare will be available. There will be no morning prayer on Ash Wednesday.

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

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

IMMIGRATION RIGHTS WORKSHOP

On Sunday, March 9th 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 at the church office with Kevin Hamilton.

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 as soon as possible.

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.

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.



INQUIRER'S CLASS – BEGINS MARCH 12TH

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.

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.

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 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, March 2	Geraldine Palacios Cortez, Kemp Williams
Monday, March 3	Cindy MacIntyre
Wednesday, March 5	Reyna Avelar
Friday, March 7	Chuck Dodd
Sunday, March 9	Scott Knudsen



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, 3/2	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am La Santa Eucaristía	La Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Auditorium	
	9:40 - 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 3/3	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	From Anxiety to Action - 6:30 - 9:00 pm	Merrow Hall	Emma.brice@gracealex.org
Tuesday 3/4	Morning Prayer - 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Merrow Hall	Emma.brice@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 3/5	Holy Eucharist, Rite I - 7:00 am	Nave	
	Ashes to Go 7-11 am	Potomac Yard Metro Station	
	Holy Eucharist, Rite I - 12:00 pm	Nave	
	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Children's Ash Wednesday Service - 5:00 pm	Nave	
	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121
	Bilingual Choral Eucharist - 7:00 pm	Nave	
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 3/6	Morning Prayer - 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	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, 3/7	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 3/8	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Lenten Flower Meditation Workshop 10 - 2pm		cke1986@gmail.com
	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.
- **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, Sharin, Scott, Carl, Christine, Ada, Santos, Don, Troy, Dick, Danny, Cathie, Cameron, Patti & Joe, Amy, Bill, Markits, Theresa, Judy & Bryan, Rob, Sherry, Pearl, Heather, John & parents, Terrie, Jack, Marcy, 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:** Lynn Estaver, *mother of parishioner Donna Hall*, Christine Goodbar, *mother of parishioner Teresa Preston*; 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; St. Anne's, Reston; St. Stephen's, Catlett.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Anglican Church of Burundi; The Diocese of Maiwut, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Makamba, The Anglican Church of Burundi; The Diocese of Makueni, The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Makurdi, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Malabar, The Church of South India (United); The Diocese of Malaita, The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

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

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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