



# Grace Episcopal Church

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Choral Eucharist, Rite I



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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*

### Contacting Grace

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### HOME COMMUNION

Home Communion is available upon request for parishioners who desire this service by Eucharistic Visitors every Sunday. Holy Communion will be in one form, Bread only. To request this service, 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.

FOURTH 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.*

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY

What Wondrous Love Is This

Arr. Jason Krug (b. 1978)

*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 people kneel.*

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.**

*Celebrant*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*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.

*The people remain kneeling.*

*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.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Joshua 5:9-12

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Joshua.

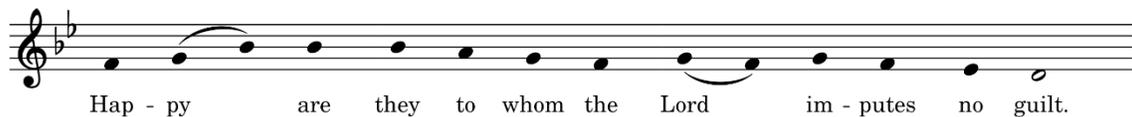
The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 32

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



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. **[Antiphon]**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. [Antiphon]

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. [Antiphon]

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

HYMN 467

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love

St. Bees

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

*The people are seated.*

SERMON

Mother Emma Brice

*Silence is kept.*

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form 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 and 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.**

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 332

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

*We invite you to give to the work of the church electronically via online giving (Tithe.ly) by scanning this QR code.*



HANDBELL OFFERTORY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*Arr. Jason Krug*



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

The musical score is written in G-clef, 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord." The score includes a repeat sign with first and second endings. The first ending is marked "All" and the second ending is marked "Cantor or Choir".

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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.*

HANDBELL MUSIC

Ah, Holy Jesus

Arr. Philip Roberts

HYMN LEVASII 101

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling

*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* Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*All stand and sing the hymn.*

CLOSING HYMN 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

*Cwm Rhondda*

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 339

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

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

VOLUNTARY

Cwm Rhondda

*Paul Manz (1919-2009)*

*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

Jason W. Krug (b. 1978) is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana. Jason is a full-time freelance composer, arranger, clinician, and teacher. Since his first publication in 2006, he's had over 500 compositions and arrangements accepted for handbells, piano, strings, organ, and choir. His works have been featured at numerous festivals and workshops in the United States and beyond. He is also handbell editor for Beckenhurst Press, as well as the owner of and editor for Grassy Meadow Music.

The two pieces played today during the prelude and the offering are both from his *Lenten Triptych*. *What Wondrous Love* is based on the tune WONDROUS LOVE of the well-known Lenten hymn. The second piece from the triptych *Grace Bells are playing* is *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* based on the hymn tune HAMBURG (one of the two tunes associated with this hymn text).

Philip L. Roberts has over 40 years of handbell and choral conducting experience. He is a member of the editorial staff for GIA Publications, Inc. and arranger of the popular books, *HYMNS FOR HANDBELLS* and author of *RINGING TRUE: Creating and Maintaining a Dynamic Handbell Music Ministry* and has written extensively for the *GIA Quarterly*. Phil is the editor for *The Resounding Faith Series: Handbell Music for the Church*. He is a past member of the Board of Directors for *Handbell Musicians of America*. He is a nationally known clinician and he has published works with several publishers.

The piece played during communion today is *Ah, Holy Jesus* and is based on the well-known hymn-tune HERZIEBSTER JESU. This piece follows the very common formula of having the treble bells play the hymn tune after a brief introduction. The hymn tune is then played by the lower chimes accompanied by the upper bells playing staccato (achieved by the thumbs placed on the bell cast). After a restatement of the tune heard in the upper bells, the piece ends on a triumphant major chord.

The closing voluntary *God of Grace (Cwm Rhondda)* by American composer **Paul Manz (1919-2009)**, is a cherished setting of the Welsh hymn tune "Cwm Rhondda." Manz, a renowned organist and champion of hymnody, composed this work as part of his "Ten Chorale Improvisations" collection.

Manz's arrangement captures the essence of the hymn tune, with its flowing melody and uplifting harmonies. The hymn tune itself is often associated with texts like "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" and "God of Grace and God of Glory." The melody is played in alternation with a repeating refrain which includes a compositional technique pioneered during the Baroque period, the circle of fifths chord sequence.

## SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

*Celebrant*

*Preacher*

*Assisting & Children's Chapel*

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers*

*Lector*

*Intercessor*

*Music Director*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MARCH 30, 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](mailto:announcements@gracealex.org).

Lent is a season of beautiful simplicity. For this reason, there are no Altar Flowers during Lent. Information about Easter Flower donations can be found at the end of the announcements.

### NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

#### SHRINE MONT CONVERSATION TODAY!

Join this year's Shrine Mont coordinators in the St. Mark room from 9:40 to 10:15 for a sneak preview of Shrine Mont 2025! We'll reveal the theme and share some of the new things we and the clergy want to try this year. We're also excited to welcome new ideas and new helpers, so bring your input and suggestions!

#### INVITE SOMEONE TO GRACE THIS HOLY WEEK AND EASTER!

You heard us say 82% of first-time churchgoers come because of a personal invitation, right? Someone you know might be waiting for yours! We've created beautiful invitation cards for our Holy Week and Easter services to make it easy. Pick up a card in the church nave or download a digital version to share by text or email. This season, let's challenge ourselves to invite at least one friend, family member, or co-worker to experience the joy of Grace. Together, we can share the hope and joy of Holy Week and Easter!

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY WATCH SIGN-UP

On Maundy Thursday, April 17, we will keep watch at the Altar of Repose from the end of the eucharist (approximately 8:30 p.m.) until midnight. Anyone is welcome for as much or as little time as you can stay. If possible, we encourage you to sign up in advance via the QR code for a half hour slot so that we know that the entire time is covered.



#### EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE BY THE POTOMAC – APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>

You're invited to join Grace to celebrate Christ's Resurrection with an Easter Sunrise Service by the Potomac River. We will hold this Easter liturgy at 6:00 am at the Lady Bird Johnson Park in Columbia Island. We will be right by the Navy-Merchant Marine Memorial (same place as the last two years). Please bring a flashlight as it will still be dark and a camping chair if you have one. This will be a contemplative service with readings, silence, a short homily, and Holy Eucharist. We will greet the sun at 6:24 am. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to this service.

#### FELLOWSHIP/PARISH LIFE ANNOUNCES A NEW COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP GENIUS!

This ministry is introducing a new system to manage Sunday Coffee Hours after the 10:30 service. This creates a parish-led team to produce the weekly hospitality practice. Individuals, families, and ministries are invited to host a basic coffee hour by signing up for a Sunday. Easy directions are included in the Sign up Genius (scan the QR code to access) and posted in the Merrow Hall kitchen. It includes set up of beverages and any food donations before the 10:30 service, and supervision and clean up of supplies at the end of coffee hour. Thank you for becoming an active part of community fellowship. Please look at your calendars and find a Sunday that works for you! Questions? Contact Fellowship team leads, Lynn Rohrs ([lynn.rohrs@gracealex.org](mailto:lynn.rohrs@gracealex.org)) or Colleen McArdelle.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

#### 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.

## **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.

**March 30: Shrine Mont 2025 Theme Reveal and Conversation**, by Morgan and Brynn Miller and Justin and Mindy Van Wart

**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

### **INQUIRER'S CLASS – CONTINUES APRIL 2ND**

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](mailto:santiago.rodriquez@gracealex.org).

### **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.

### **SHRINE MONT SUMMER CAMPS – FOR ALL AGES!**

Looking for a meaningful summer experience for your child, teen, or even the whole family? Shrine Mont Camps offer multiple sleep-away camps, each one distinguished by unique themes, type of camper, activities of focus, and different age groups. Located in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, all campers enjoy fun activities, outdoor adventures, and building friendships in an inclusive Christian community.

Visit [www.shrinemontcamps.org](http://www.shrinemontcamps.org) for more information and to register online. Scholarship funds are available. Don't wait - sessions are filling quickly!

### **MINISTRY FUNDRAISING REQUEST REMINDER**

All fundraising at Grace Church—whether appeals for donations or sales of goods/services by parish entities or outside organizations—must be explicitly approved by the Vestry, as outlined in our Policies & Procedures. The Vestry is responsible for setting policies and making decisions about the disposition of any funds raised by parish entities. Please contact your ministry's vestry liaison with any fundraising requests or questions.

Note: Vestry meets on the third Tuesday of most months, and bulletin submissions each week must be submitted by noon of the preceding Monday. Please plan requests accordingly, giving the liaison ample time to review your request and ask any pertinent questions prior to vestry review. Questions? Contact Sarah Schultz, Senior Warden ([SarahSchultz9@gmail.com](mailto:SarahSchultz9@gmail.com)/703-399-0646)

### **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)

### WALK THE CAMINO WITH CHRIST CHURCH - JUNE 16-26<sup>TH</sup>

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](mailto:nyorksimmons@historicchristchurch.org)) for trip details.

## BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 30	Brad Bergmann
Tuesday, April 1	Ann Korky, Joey Madigan, John Metz
Thursday, April 3	Sean Frederick, Nancy Lorentz, Leanora Whitlock
Friday, April 4	Michael Kelly
Saturday, April 5	Anthony Obed Martinez Lopez
Sunday, April 6	Kerry Broome



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, 3/30	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am La Santa Eucaristia	La Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church with Eucharist	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 3/31	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Tuesday 4/1	Morning Prayer - 9:00 am		
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Wednesday, 4/2	Morning Prayer - 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121
	Lenten Evening Programming 5:30-7:30 pm	Various Locations	
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	<a href="mailto:Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org">Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org</a>
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
Thursday, 4/3	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
	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 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6 pm	Malm Narthex	<a href="mailto:Alain.truche@gracealex.org">Alain.truche@gracealex.org</a>
Friday, 4/4	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	<a href="mailto:Alain.truche@gracealex.org">Alain.truche@gracealex.org</a>
	Stations of the Cross - 12:00 pm	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Saturday, 4/5	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	<a href="mailto:cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com">cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com</a>
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1 - 3 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>



# 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?"

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

## Celebrate Easter...

### With a Music Fund Donation.

Gifts to the Grace Music Fund allow us to hire musicians to enhance our worship and make holy days more special. If you wish to donate to the Music Fund, please make your check out to Grace Episcopal Church, with "Music Fund" in the memo line. You may also use the QR code on the right to give via tithe.ly for a one time or recurring donation. Any amount is greatly appreciated.



### With a Flower Dedication.

Help make Grace Church beautiful with seasonal decoration this Easter. Wish to donate via physical check or cash? Simply fill out the form below, cut out, enclose a donation of \$60 and drop in the Sunday offering. You may also mail checks along with this form directly to the church office (*please do not mail cash*). For checks, please note 'Easter Flowers' on the memo line. **If you wish to have your dedication in the Easter Vigil & Easter Day bulletins, the office must receive payment by 4 pm on Sunday, April 13.**

If you wish to contribute electronically, please scan the QR code on the right with your smartphone to access the form and select "Flowers for Easter or Christmas" from the Altar Flowers drop down menu. Questions? Contact Chad Eckles, Altar Guild Flower Chair, at cke1986@gmail.com.



### EASTER FLOWER DEDICATION

Check one and write dedication below: \_\_\_ "In loving memory of" \_\_\_ "In thanksgiving for"

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Given by (print the name or names of the donors below exactly as you want them to appear):



## 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, Doug.
- **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, Rob, Sherry, Pearl, Heather, Josh & parents, Terrie, Jack, Marcy, Eileen, Frank, Jim, Bridget, Charlotte, Lucy, Sarah, Katherine, Deanna, Allen, Camille, Diane, Markita, Leslie, Larry, Ed, Judy & Bryan.
- **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; Incarnation, Mineral; St. George's, Frederickburg; St. Michael's, Arlington; St. Paul's, Hanover.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; The Diocese of Maryland, The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Masasi, The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Maseno East, The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Maseno North, The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Maseno South, The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Maseno West, The Anglican Church of Kenya.

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

# 2025 Holy Week & Easter Sunday @ Grace

\*Nursery Care Provided

## Palm Sunday, April 13

7:30 am - Holy Eucharist

8:45 am - La Santa Eucaristía con Procesión (*in Spanish*)\*

9:00 am - Little Church with Eucharist\*

9:30 am - Palm Cross Activity for all ages\*

10:30 am - Festival Eucharist with Procession\*  
(*Livestreamed*)

5:00 pm - Contemplative Eucharist

## Monday in Holy Week, April 14

7:00 pm - Contemplative Eucharist

## Tuesday in Holy Week, April 15

7:00 pm - Contemplative Eucharist

## Wednesday in Holy Week, April 16

7:00 pm - Choral Tenebrae led by our choir and  
Dr. Alain Truche, Director of Music  
(*Livestreamed*)

## Maundy Thursday, April 17

7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Festival Eucharist  
with foot-washing and stripping of the altar  
(*Livestreamed*)

Prayer Watch follows until Midnight

## Good Friday, April 18

7:00 am - Liturgy of the Day (*Livestreamed*)

12:00 - 1:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (*Livestreamed*)

1:00 - 1:30 pm - Silence / Music (*Livestreamed*)

1:30 - 3:00 pm - Liturgy of the Day (*Livestreamed*)

5:00 pm - Children & Family Service

7:00 pm - Via Crucis (*in Spanish*)

## Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00 am - Holy Saturday Liturgy of the Day

10:00 am - Quiet Morning Gathering  
in the Saint John Room

## Easter Vigil with Bishop Stevenson Saturday, April 19

8:00 pm - Easter Vigil with Baptism &  
Confirmations\* (*Livestreamed*)

*Agape potluck meal will follow in the Auditorium*

## Easter Sunday, April 20

6:00 am - Sunrise Service by the Potomac River

8:45 am - La Santa Eucaristía (*in Spanish*)\*

9:00 am - Little Church with Eucharist\*

9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt \*

10:30 am - Festival Eucharist & Baptisms\*  
(*Livestreamed*)

*Festive prelude starts at 10 AM*

No 5 pm Service on Easter Sunday

