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Festival 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
FESTIVAL EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

PRELUDE

Agnus Dei

Frank Martin (1890-1974)

INTROIT ANTIPHON (choir) *Misericordia Domini*

Plainsong, Tone VII

The loving kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia. By the word of the Lord the heavens were stablished, alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it cometh well the just to be thankful. (Ps. 33:5-6)

The people stand.

HYMN 184

Christ the Lord is risen again!

Christ ist erstanden

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

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 S-278

Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. 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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 9:36-43

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

Setting by Bobby McFerrin

Sung by the choir.

The Lord is my shepherd, I have all I need.
She makes me to lie down in green meadows,
Beside the still waters she will lead.

She restores my soul, she rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things,
and fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land,
There is nothing that can shake me,
She has said she won't forsake me, I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me in the presence of my foes,
She anoints my head with oil, and my cup overflows.
Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will live in the house forever, forever and ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

Lector A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the Gospel Procession.

ALLELUIA VERSE (choir) *Redemptionem*

Plainsong, Tone VI

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord hath sent redemption unto his people, alleluia. I am the good shepherd: and know my sheep and am known of mine, alleluia. (Ps. 111:9; John 10:14)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

SERMON

Noah Aukerman, Seminarian

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 Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially David Snyder, former parishioner.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Celebrant

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who sets the solitary in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them, we ask you, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION



THE OFFERTORY

We invite you to give to the work of the church
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OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (choir) *Deus, Deus meus*

Plainsong, Tone II

O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee: and lift up my hands in thy Name, alleluia. (Ps. 63:2, 5)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lamb

John Tavener (1944-2013)

Little Lamb who made thee
Dost thou know who made thee
Gave thee life & bid thee feed
By the stream & o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight
Softest clothing wooly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice
Making all the vales rejoice!
Little Lamb who made thee
Dost thou know who made thee

Little Lamb I'll tell thee
Little Lamb I'll tell thee!
He is called by thy name
For he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek & he is mild
He became a little child:
I a child & thou a lamb
We are called by his name
Little Lamb God bless thee
Little Lamb God bless thee

The people stand and sing the hymn.

HYMN 645

The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, p. 367

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
<i>People</i>	
It is right to give him thanks and praise.	

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; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won

for us everlasting life. 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-128

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father

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

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

him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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, let an usher know, and communion can be brought to you in your pews.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (choir) *Ego sum pastor bonus*

Plainsong, Tone I

I am the good shepherd, alleluia: and know my sheep, and am known of mine, alleluia. (John 10:14)

HYMN 439

What wondrous love is this

Wondrous Love

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

The peace of God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; 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 478

Jesus, our mighty Lord

Monk's Gate

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

VOLUNTARY

Fantasia on 'Ad Coenam Agni'

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

At the end of liturgy today, one of the priests will be available at the Lady Altar for prayers for healing.

MUSIC NOTES

Frank Martin (1890-1974) was a Swiss composer. He is most well-known for his Mass for Double Choir. The first four movements of the *Mass for Double Choir* were completed in 1922, the *Agnus Dei* being added four years later, but Martin did not allow the work to be performed until 1963. After its premiere he explained why it had remained unseen and unheard for all those years: *'I considered it to be a matter between God and myself,'* he wrote. *'I felt that a personal expression of religious belief should remain secret and hidden from public opinion.'* The organ version of the *Agnus Dei* from his Mass was transcribed by the composer and simply put the Choir 1 part in the right hand and the Choir 2 parts in the left hand and pedal.

The Lamb is a choral work written in 1982 by British composer **John Tavener (1944–2013)**. It is a setting of music to the William Blake poem "The Lamb" from Blake's collection of poems *Songs of Innocence and of Experience* (1789). It is one of Tavener's best-known works. Written for unaccompanied SATB choir, the music is minimalistic and combines chromaticism with more conventional harmony. It was written in 1982 as a birthday present for his three-year-old nephew, Simon, without the intention of commercial success. He wrote the piece during a car journey from South Devon to London. Tavener said that the work came to him "fully grown so to speak, all I had to do was to write it down". He completed the piece within 15 minutes (Wikipedia).

Born in England, **Healey Willan (1880-1968)** became organist-choirmaster of Toronto's largest church, St. Paul's, Bloor Street, but it was his royalties as a composer which allowed him to leave "low church" St. Paul's in 1921 and to become Precentor of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene (Toronto).

The Fantasia on "Ad coenam Agni" is Willan's first published organ work! It was published by Novello in Volume 8 of the fine series, "The Village Organist." It must have seemed like VERY modern music at the time, as it other composers included such as Barnby, West, Sullivan, etc., are really from the previous generation. There are some other "modern composers" included such as my good friend, William Faulkes. :-)

This work is a brief and brisk fantasia based upon an Easter plainsong hymn, "The Lamb's high banquet called to share." After a brief introduction, we arrive at brisk Elgarian section which leads to the concluding section where the tune is played on the full organ in octaves with punctuating chords. The coda is brief but grand.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

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Mother Anne Turner

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MAY 11, 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 and in loving memory of Igor Bosnjak.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE – MAY 11 AND 18

Adult Forum meets on Sundays 9:40-10:15 am in the St. Mark room (2nd floor) or virtually via Zoom link sent in the Sunday morning email, with tea and coffee available just outside the St. Mark Room from 9:30. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

May 11: Grace at Work: Keeping Health Care Providers Out of Trouble, by Laura Weidenfeld

May 18: Grace at Work: Advancing Science, Serving Society, by Ted Prosser

GRACE GARDEN SPRING SPRUCE-UP ON SATURDAY, MAY 24, 10 AM – 12 PM.

Calling all gardeners! The Grace Garden Angels will be pulling weeds, thinning perennials, and generally cleaning up our garden areas before the hot weather gets here. No green thumb is required—just to bring your enthusiasm. Please contact Eric Waskowicz or Doug Prince to help (ericwaskowicz@gmail.com or doug.prince@gracealex.org).

ROGATION SUNDAY PRAYER WALK – MAY 25

During Rogation Days (the days before the feast of the Ascension), members of the church traditionally walked the boundaries of the parish land and blessed the labor taking place there. Join Mother Anne for a prayer walk around our parish. On Sunday, May 25, from 9:00 - 10:00 am, we'll walk through our neighborhood, praying for our community and reflecting on the ways Grace might live into its mission to love, proclaim, and serve God here in Alexandria. We'll meet outside the glass doors to the parking lot at 9:00 am.

SUMMER OF STORIES WITH FATHER SANTIAGO – JUNE 9 AND JULY 14

This June, dive into the movie *A Real Pain* (2024) and gather on Monday, June 9 at 7:00 pm in the St. Mark's Room to discuss this intriguing film. Watch it at your convenience, bring your own dinner, and enjoy the drinks provided and dessert. Then, in July, immerse yourself in *James* by Percival Everett. We'll meet on Monday, July 14 at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium for a lively book discussion. Don't miss out on these exciting events - mark your calendars for a summer of great stories and delightful company. Invite a friend or family member.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SHRINE MONT – SEPTEMBER 5 – 7

Make sure to mark your calendars in preparation for the fun and renewal of Grace's weekend at Shrine Mont! We'll share more details in the coming weeks. Registration begins June 1st at the parish picnic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

ALEXANDRIA REGION YOUTH GAMES NIGHT – MAY 11, 6 – 8 PM

Come together with youth from the many Episcopal churches in Alexandria for a night of dinner, games, and compline! In this big regional youth night, we will have both run-around games and chill games being played. The Alexandria Region Youth Games Night is May 11, 6 - 8 pm, right here at Grace Church. Depending on weather, we will either meet up in the amphitheater or the auditorium, details to follow. Please RSVP by completing this super-short form available via the QR code.



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

FOUR-PART SERIES ON AGING WITH FR. SANTIAGO RODRIGUEZ – WEDNESDAYS @ 11:30 AM

Join us for Aging with Grace, a four-part series led by Father Santiago Rodriguez that invites us to reflect on the spiritual and emotional journey of growing older. Meeting on Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, we will gather over a brown bag lunch and explore *The Gift of Years: Growing Old Gracefully* by Joan Chittister – a wise and honest book that celebrates the blessings of aging. With clarity and compassion, this series looks at the realities of the aging process while revealing the later years of life as a time of purpose, richness, and grace. All are welcome - invite a friend.

MONTHLY QUIET MORNING IN MAY – SATURDAY, MAY 17, 10:00 AM - NOON

In a time of crisis and a culture of busyness, it may sound wasteful or even inappropriate to prioritize rest. And yet, God invites us into an expression of trust—to step aside from our work, to imitate God's own pause on the seventh day of creation, and to remember that rest is holy. On May 17 we'll gather at 10 am in the Saint John Room and then enjoy silent, unstructured time together. Tea, simple art materials, and an indoor labyrinth will be provided. Feel free to bring your own journal, books, or anything else you need. Contact Mindy Van Wart with questions. mindaruski@gmail.com

FUNERAL NOTICE

On Saturday, May 17, we will hold a funeral for Don Smith, husband of Parishioner Newbie Richardson, at noon. Please hold his family in your prayers as they prepare for the service.

DIOCESAN RETREAT DAY FOR 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH GRADERS - MAY 17

Join us from 10 am – 2 pm on Saturday, May 17 for a day of fun, fellowship, and formation for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders from around the Diocese of Virginia. The event will be held at the St. Stephen's and St. Agnes Lower School campus. There will be singing, skits, crafts, bread making, science projects, games, and most importantly, time to learn about and love God and one another! Parents are invited to join children for the first part of the day to join in the fun, meet diocesan staff and the Bishops to learn about ongoing ministries! Registration is closed, but please reach out to Mother Emma (Emma.brice@gracealex.org) if you want to still try to join!

LA GRACIA INVITES ALL TO BINGO EVENT - SATURDAY, MAY 17 AT 3:00 PM

Join us for an afternoon of fun playing bingo on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 3:00 pm. We invite you to the Merrow Hall Auditorium for a family-friendly experience. All proceeds will go directly to the 'La Gracia Fund'. Each bingo card is priced at \$10. Enjoy delicious food available for purchase, ensuring you an afternoon full of flavor and fun for the whole family. Don't miss this chance to join La Gracia at an event that will make a difference! We look forward to seeing you on May 17.

SAVE THE DATE: PARENTS AFTERNOON OUT BABYSITTING – SUNDAY, MAY 18 (12 – 3 PM)!

Back by popular demand! Our last babysitting date was such a success, we're doing it again. Need a break? On **Sunday**, May 18 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm, the J2A youth group will be hosting another Parents Afternoon Out babysitting fundraiser! Drop off your kids (ages 10 and under) at Merrow Hall for crafts, games, and fun while you enjoy brunch, run errands, or treat yourself to some "me" time. Lunch will be provided for the kids. More details to come—mark your calendar now for this well-earned break! Question? Email breen.byrnes@gmail.com

REFLECTION & RENEWAL CONVERSATIONS WITH PARENTS - MAY 18

As we wrap up the program year, Mother Emma will meet with parents of children (0 - 5th grade) from 9:40 - 10:20 am on Sunday, May 18 in the St. John's room. She will meet with parents of youth (6 - 12th grade) from 4 - 4:50 pm that same day. These conversations will seek to reflect on the year we've had and dream about the years to come. You are encouraged to attend and share your vision for the future of children and youth programs at Grace! Questions? Reach out to Mother Emma (Emma.brice@gracealex.org)

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

CHORAL EVENSONG ON MAY 18 AT 5 PM, PRE-EVENSONG RECITAL STARTS AT 4:30 PM.

The choir will present a Choral Evensong on May 18 celebrating Eastertide. Choral Evensong is a service of sung evening prayer. The congregation is invited to listen reflectively and prayerfully as the choir offers prayer and praise on their behalf. Many find this frees them to offer to God their own thoughts and prayers. The choir will sing the stirring anthem “Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem” by Charles Villiers Stanford, a distinguished Anglo-Irish composer. The Evening Canticles, the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis*, will be sung in a setting by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and the Preces and Responses are by contemporary American composer Rachel Aarons. To begin the evening, Dr. Alain Truche will perform Introduction, Passacaglia and Fugue by celebrated Canadian composer Healey Willan and a beautiful Fantasy by French composer Camille Saint-Saëns, starting 30 minutes prior to the service.

YOU'RE INVITED: NEWCOMERS' RECEPTION—SUNDAY, MAY 18

If you have joined Grace Church within the past year, we warmly invite you to a Newcomers' Reception on Sunday, May 18, following our 5:00 pm Choral Evensong. Please join us in the Narthex for light snacks, drinks, and an opportunity to meet clergy, parish leaders, and fellow newcomers. We look forward to welcoming you and helping you feel at home at Grace!

VISION SUNDAYS IN MAY – CONTINUES MAY 18

If you saw a newspaper about Grace in 10 years, what would you want the headlines to say? What ideas do you have about the future of Grace? Read the recent Grace Notes to see the voice of the parish from 2023 and 2024 and join in conversation and activities at coffee hour on May 18 to begin to look to the future! Visit <https://bit.ly/visionfeedback25> or scan to see the Grace Notes info and respond if you like!



MONTHLY VIGIL FOR OUR COUNTRY – MAY 20

This month we will hold the Vigil for our Country on Tuesday, May 20 at 6:00 pm. This liturgy includes Holy Eucharist as well as time to offer prayers for vulnerable individuals and groups: immigrants, LGBTQ+ individuals, federal workers, and others.

CELEBRATE SHRINE MONT AT THE PARISH PICNIC ON JUNE 1

Join us on Sunday, June 1st, as we celebrate the spirit of Shrine Mont at our Parish Picnic. After the 10:30 am bilingual service, we'll gather to enjoy home-style cooking in the Southern tradition - the kind that brings back memories of time spent on the mountain. Parishioners are invited to bring a dish to share: those with last names A-F are asked to bring main dishes, G-M side dishes, N-T desserts, and U-Z drinks. We will have 'butt' buns and apple butter. A table will be available in the lobby before the service where you can drop off your food donations. Come and be part of this joyful time of fellowship, food, and celebration!

DADS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Come join a welcoming group of men trying to make sense of it all. Going through similar, yet distinct, challenges of parenting, aging, and navigating the world creates a great opportunity for conversation and connection. We plan to meet informally every couple of weeks and invite you to join! Contact noahwoodiwiss@gmail.com to be added to the update emails.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 11	Lee Meeks
Monday, May 12	Reginald Jones, Santiago Rodriguez, Addie Budnick
Tuesday, May 13	Leo Schrum, Christine Washington
Thursday, May 15	Erin MacIntyre
Friday, May 16	Mike Dobbs
Saturday, May 17	Sonia Hernandez
Sunday, May 18	Gary Cater



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, 5/11	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am La Santa Eucaristía	La Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	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 5/12	Morning Prayer – 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry Bagging – 3:30 – 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday 5/13	Morning Prayer – 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 5/14	Morning Prayer – 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Aging with Grace Series – 11:30 am	Saint Mark Room	Santiago.Rodriguez@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) – 2 – 4 pm	Malm Narthex	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Evening Prayer – 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed – 703.842.3121
	Bible Study – 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous – 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
Thursday, 5/15	Alanon – 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
	Morning Prayer – 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry Bagging – 3:30 – 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – 6 pm	Malm Narthex	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
Friday, 5/16	Adult Choir Rehearsal – 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Bagging – 3 – 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Saturday, 5/17	Food Pantry Distribution – 6:30 pm		
	Altar Guild Set Up – 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Quiet Morning – 10 am	Saint John	mindaruski@gmail.com
	Richardson Funeral – 12 pm	Nave	
	Bingo Event (sponsored by La Gracia) – 3 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Bible Study – 10 am	Zoom	cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com

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, Ed, Charles, Colin, Jennifer, Lisa, David & Joanie, Jan, Elly, Jean, Alison, Linda, John & Anne, Wendy, Richard, Wendy, Lynn.
- **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, Ashby, Troy, Dick, Danny, Cathie, Cameron, Patti & Joe, Amy, Bill, Theresa, Rob, Sherry, Pearl, Heather, Josh & parents, Terrie, Jack, Marcy, Eileen, Frank, Jim, Bridget, Charlotte, Lucy, Sarah, Katherine, Deanna, Allen, Leslie, Scott.
- **Members of our staff:** Alain, Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, Kevin, Kris, 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; Health Tanzania; Meade Memorial Lunch Program; Tenants and Workers; V.O.I.C.E.; Kathleen and Eddie Arthur Hearts of Love Fund.
- **Those who have died:** David Snyder, former parishioner; Those who have died from illnesses and natural disasters; 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:** St. John's, McLean; St. Mary's, Goochland; Trinity, Manassas.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Nippon Sei Ko Kai ; Diocese of Mishamkoveesh, Anglican Church of Canada; Missionary District-Igreja, Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; Diocese of Mississippi, Episcopal Church; Diocese of West Missouri, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Mityana, Church of the Province of Uganda.

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