



# Grace Episcopal Church

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025 – 10:30 am

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.

FIFTH 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.*

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY

Just a Closer Walk

Arr. Valerie Stephenson (1943-2023)

*The people stand.*

INTROIT ANTIPHON (CHOIR):

Cantate Domino

Plainsong, Tone VII

*O sing unto the Lord a new song, alleluia; for the Lord hath done marvelous things, alleluia. In the sight of the nations hath he showed his righteous judgments, alleluia, alleluia. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory. (Ps. 96:1-2)*


HYMN 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Engelberg

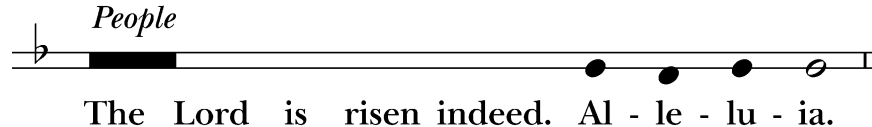
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

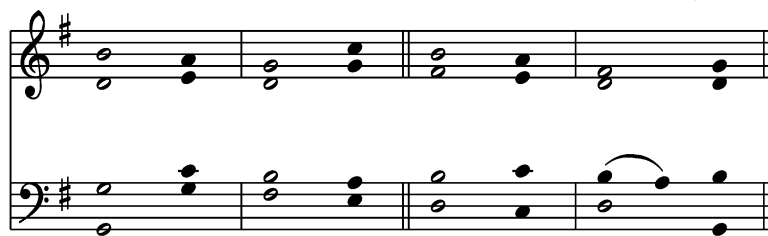
At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

Psalm 148

Simplified Chant, S-409

Robert Knox Kennedy  
 (b. 1945)



*Sung by all.*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
 Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
 praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
 praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
 praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
 and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
 for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
 he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
 you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
 tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
 fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
 creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
 princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, \*  
 old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
 for his Name only is exalted,  
 his splendor is over earth and heaven.  
 14 He has raised up strength for his people  
 and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
 the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
 Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand for the Gospel Procession.*

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (choir)

Dextera Dei

Plainsong, Tone VI

*Alleluia, alleluia. The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass, alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him, alleluia. (Ps. 118:16; Rom. 6:9)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

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

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people are seated.*

SERMON

Mother Anne Turner

*Silence is kept.*

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

**We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.  
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,**

eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father.  
 Through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
     he came down from heaven:  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit  
     he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
     and was made man.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
     he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
     in accordance with the Scriptures;  
     he ascended into heaven  
     and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
     and his kingdom will have no end.  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
 He has spoken through the Prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
     and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form III; BCP, p. 387

*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.  
**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.**

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 332

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people are seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (choir)

Jubilate Deo

Plainsong, Tone II

*O be joyful in God, all ye lands; sing praises unto the honor of his Name; O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what things he hath done for my soul, alleluia. (Ps. 66:1, 14)*

HANDBELL MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Easter Rondo

Arr. Michael Helman (b. 1956)

*The people stand and sing the hymn.*

HYMN 520

Blessed city, heavenly Salem

Oriel

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 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:

Ho - ly, 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.**

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

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, 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.

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

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)

Tanto tempore

Plainsong Tone I

*I am the true vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit, alleluia,  
alleluia. (John 15:5)*

HANDBELL MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Arr. Douglas Wagner (b. 1952)

HYMN 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Picardy

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 213

Come away to the skies

Middlebury

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

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

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

VOLUNTARY

Fugue and Chorale on Engelberg

Searle Wright (1918-2004)

*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

**F Valerie Stephenson** became a well-known handbell composer/arranger and instructor as a second career after having been a music teacher. In 2014, Handbell Musicians of America recognized her with an Honorary Life Membership, an award she cherished. *Just a Closer Walk* incorporates two Lenten hymns, CLOSER WALK, a traditional gospel song, and IN THE GARDEN (heard played on chimes in the middle of the piece). This piece makes use of the mallets often used to strike the bells in a different way, as a percussive element by striking the foam the bells rest on. Listen carefully as the effect is subtle.

During the Offertory, the handbells will play *Easter Rondo*. In this mash-up for Handbells, composer **Michael Helman** weaves hymn tunes Victory (The Strife is O'er), Gelobt Sei Gott (Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing), as well as strains of *The Trumpet Shall Sound* from *Messiah* by G.F. Händel.

**Douglas E. Wagner**, a native of Chicago, Illinois, is an internationally recognized composer and arranger. With 30 years as a high school music educator and administrator behind him, Doug now devotes all of his time and energy to writing, editing and their allied activities. He is an A.S.C.A.P. award-winning composer, an editor for a major publishing company, and has served several denominations as a church musician. His arrangement of the tune hymn "Now the Green Blade Riseth" to the tune *Noël Nouvelet* starts with an introduction alluding to the tune. Wagner has fun with the modal harmonies underpinning the hymn tune.

**M. Searle Wright (1918–2004)** was a distinguished American organist, composer, and educator whose career spanned several decades and left a lasting impact on church music and the organ community. Today's concluding voluntary is taken from his *Fantasy, Fugue and Chorale on Engelberg*. The Fugue follows the traditional form but does use solo stops to bring out the melody. The Fugue climaxes into the chorale where the melody is played by a big solo reed. An exciting coda brings the piece to a rousing close.

## SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Father Santiago Rodriguez
<i>Deacon &amp; Preacher</i>	Mother Anne Turner
<i>Assisting &amp; Children's Chapel</i>	Mother Emma Brice
<i>Subdeacon</i>	Chris Kupczyk
<i>Lector</i>	Teresa Preston
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Alex Willson
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Ushers</i>	Brad Bergmann, June Huber, John Hall, Evan Robinson
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Jay Legere, Stephen Lovell
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Alison Campbell, Sarah Schultz

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MAY 18, 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](mailto:announcements@gracealex.org).



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Please note, titles of new announcements added this week are shaded.

#### 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!



#### ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE FOR MAY 18 & CALL FOR PRESENTERS

The final adult forum of the 2024-2025 program year meets today, Sunday, May 18 from 9:40-10:15 in the St. Mark room (2nd floor) or virtually via Zoom link sent in the Sunday worship email, with tea and coffee available just outside the St. Mark Room from 9:30. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required. After the summer break, Adult Forum will resume when Sunday School resumes in September.

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

Planning a variety of topics for the 2025-2026 program year has already begun! We will continue the very popular “Grace at Work” series, where people talk about how they live out their faith in their work lives; we already have some presenters lined up but want to hear from many more. Sessions in which people share how they first came to Grace, or books, people or moments that have been particularly meaningful to them, are also planned. We expect to hear updates from our creation care and outreach teams. New topic suggestions are also welcome. If you are interested in presenting in any of these sessions, or want to suggest another topic you might present, or want to request a topic that you would not be presenting yourself, please contact Anne Clift Boris- [awcboris@hotmail.com](mailto:awcboris@hotmail.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 9:40-10:20am on Sunday, May 18th in the St. John’s room. And she will meet with parents of youth (6-12th grade) from 4-4:50pm 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](mailto:Emma.brice@gracealex.org)).

#### 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.byernes@gmail.com](mailto:breen.byernes@gmail.com)

#### 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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)**

### **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!

### **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.

### **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 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.

### **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](mailto:ericwaskowicz@gmail.com) or [doug.prince@gracealex.org](mailto:doug.prince@gracealex.org)).

### **ROGATION SUNDAY PRAYER WALK – MAY 25, 9 AM – 10 AM**

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.

### **ASCENSION DAY EUCHARIST, MAY 29, 7:00 PM**

Grace Church will observe the Feast of the Ascension with a Choral Eucharist on Thursday, May 29, at 7:00 pm. The eucharist will feature a cappella music and be held in the Malm Narthex.

### **INSTALLATION OF AMANDA HUNGERFORD AS HEAD OF GRACE SCHOOL – MAY 30, 9:00 AM**

Ms. Amanda Hungerford will be formally installed as the next Head of Grace Episcopal School at a special chapel service on Friday, May 30, at 9:00 am. All are welcome.

### **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!

### **SUMMER OF STORIES WITH FATHER SANTIAGO – JUNE 9 AND JULY 14 @ 7 PM**

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

### 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.

### 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](mailto:noahwoodiwiss@gmail.com) to be added to the update emails.

## EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 5/18	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am La Santa Eucaristia	La Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	9:40 – 10:15 Sunday School and Adult Forum	Various Locations	
	Reflection Conversation ( <i>parents of children</i> ) 9:40 am	Saint John Room	<a href="mailto:Emma.brice@gracealex.org">Emma.brice@gracealex.org</a>
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave / Livestream	
	Parents Afternoon Out Babysitting – 12 noon		<a href="mailto:Breen.byernes@gmail.com">Breen.byernes@gmail.com</a>
	Reflection Conversation ( <i>parents of youth</i> ) 4:00 pm	Saint John Room	
	5:00 pm Choral Evensong	Nave	
Monday 5/19	Morning Prayer – 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	<a href="mailto:Emma.brice@gracealex.org">Emma.brice@gracealex.org</a>
	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 5/20	Morning Prayer – 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Vigil for our Country – 6:00 pm	Nave	
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Vestry Meeting – 7:00 pm	Saint Mark Room	
Wednesday, 5/21	Morning Prayer – 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Aging with Grace Series – 11:30 am	Saint Mark Room	<a href="mailto:Santiago.Rodriguez@gracealex.org">Santiago.Rodriguez@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) – 2 – 4 pm	Malm Narthex	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Evening Prayer – 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed – 703.842.3121
	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, 5/22	Alanon – 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
	Morning Prayer – 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	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, 5/23	Adult Choir Rehearsal – 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	<a href="mailto:Alain.truche@gracealex.org">Alain.truche@gracealex.org</a>
	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, 5/24	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>

## BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 18	Gary Carter
Monday, May 19	John Brown, Dasha Palacios Cortez, Janis Wolff
Tuesday, May 20	Camila Alvarenga, John Berry
Thursday, May 22	Alison Campbell
Friday, May 23	Joe Donovan, Matt Williams
Saturday, May 24	Debbie Barker



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!**

## 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, Eles, Cynthia, Reg, Don, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette.
- **Thanksgiving:** Libby Padilla (graduation)
- **Travel:** John and Khacki Berry; Beth Yancey, Dennis Padilla, Amanda Chambers, and Libby Padilla.
- **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:** 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. Alban's, Annandale; St. James's, Richmond; St. Stephen's, Richmond.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East; Diocese of Mombasa, Anglican Church of Kenya; Diocese of Monmouth-Church in Wales; Diocese of Montana, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Montreal, Anglican Church of Canada; Diocese of Moosonee, Anglican Church of Canada; Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, Scottish Episcopal Church.

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