



Grace Episcopal Church

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Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025 – 10:30 am

Festival Eucharist, Rite II



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WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are pleased to welcome you to Grace Church. If you are joining us for the first time, please send us a message at welcome@gracealex.org, so we can get to know you. We can also add you to our mailing list by request. We're glad to have you join with us in worshipping God in the beauty of holiness, something which is central to our identity at Grace. We hope you will join with us in sharing the love of God with this world that needs healing. Assisted listening devices are available for use during worship. Please see an usher if you'd like to use one.



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

Please feel free to contact our staff.

Our regular office hours are Monday to Thursday 9 am – 3 pm, and Fridays 9 am – 12 noon.
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Clergy and staff are available for pastoral care. Please call the church office at (703) 549-1980 if you're ill or need pastoral care. For emergencies after hours, please call the **After-hours Emergency Number: (703) 261-9079**, and the priest on call will assist you.

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.

THIRD 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

Jesus Christ, True Son of God

Franz Tunder (1614-1667)

INTROIT ANTIPHON (choir) *Jubilate Deo*

Plainsong, Tone VII

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, alleluia; sing praises unto the honor of his Name, alleluia: make his praise to be exceeding glorious, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works, O Lord: through the greatness of thy power. (Ps. 66:1, 2)

The people stand.


HYMN 205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! (st. 1,3-5)

Gelobt sei Gott

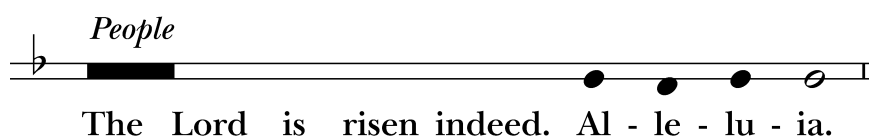
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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 blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 9:1-20

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a

disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 30

Anglican Chant by Ray Francis Brown

Sung by the choir.

1 I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.

3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.

6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.

7 While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *"
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.

9 I cried to you, O Lord; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"

11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *
O Lord, be my helper."

12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 5:11-14

Lector A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the Gospel Procession.

ALLELUIA VERSE (choir) *Cogneverunt discipuli*

Plainsong, Tone VI

Alleluia, alleluia. The disciples knew the Lord Jesus: in the breaking of the bread, alleluia. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things: and to have entered into his glory? Alleluia.

(Luke 24:35, 46)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

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

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he

said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Father Ignacio Solano Gómez

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, especially Joseph Sternberg, grandfather of parishioner Hannah Sternberg; parishioner Igor Bosnjak; and former parishioner Mike Hopkins.

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

*We invite you to give to the work of the church
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OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (choir) *Lauda anima mea*

Plainsong, Tone II

Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord: yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God, alleluia. (Psalm 146:1)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Thy Perfect Love

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest
 Thy perfect love close in my breast
 That I thee love and never rest
 And make me love thee of all things best
 And wound my heart in thy love free
 That I may reign in joy evermore with thee

The people stand and sing the hymn.

HYMN 417

This is the feast of victory for our God

Festival Canticale

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:

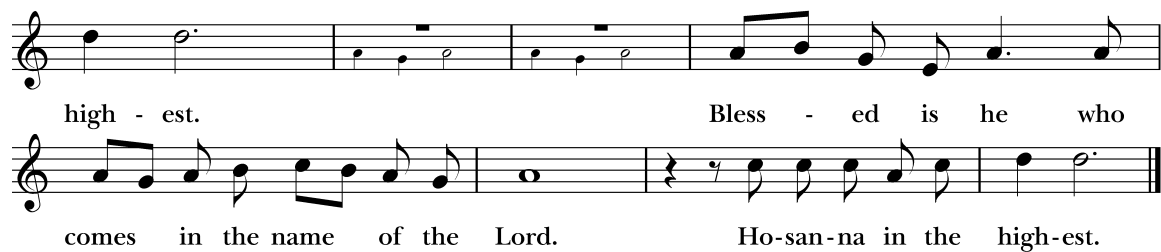
Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-128

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



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,

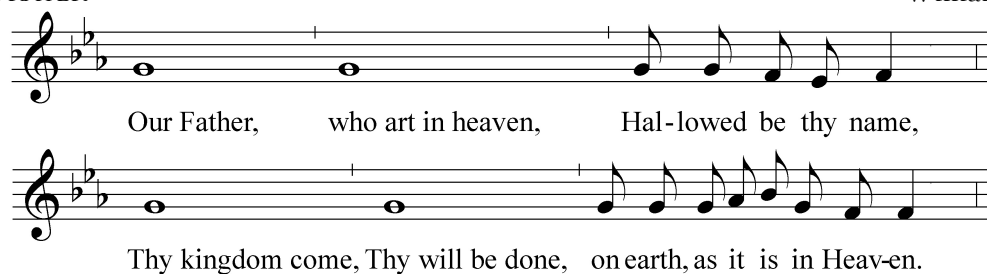
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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



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.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (choir) Simon Joannis

Plainsong, Tone I

Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee, alleluia. (St. John 21)

HYMN 305

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

Rosedale

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 535

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Paderborn

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

Fugue in C major

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

*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

John Rutter (b. 1945) is an English composer and conductor, associated mainly with choral music and active internationally for many years. His larger choral works, *Gloria*, *Requiem*, *Magnificat*, *Mass of the Children*, *The Gift of Life*, and *Visions*, are widely performed around the world, and many of his shorter pieces such as *The Lord bless you and keep you*, *For the beauty of the earth*, *Look at the world*, and *All things bright and beautiful* have become ‘standards’.

A lilting, gently rocking tune embraces the words of *Thy perfect love*, written in 1974 at the request of a friend, John Preston Bell, for his parish church choir in the tiny village of Meopham in Kent, south of London. The words are by an unknown fifteenth-century writer.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Mother Anne Turner
<i>Deacon & Preacher</i>	Father Ignacio Solano Gómez
<i>Subdeacon</i>	Bill Malone
<i>Assisting & Children's Chapel</i>	Mother Emma Brice
<i>Assisting</i>	Father Santiago Rodriguez
<i>Lector</i>	Mary Hix
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Noah Woodiwiss
<i>Guest Organist</i>	John Stowe
<i>Ushers</i>	Mary Hix, Scott Knudsen, Evan Robinson, Sarah Schultz
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Eleanor Reed, Mary Shaver
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Kristine Hesse, Beth Yancey

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MAY 4, 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 thanksgiving for the wedding of Erin Kelly & Dan Bartley.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

PHONE AND INTERNET UPGRADES ON FRIDAY, MAY 9

On May 9, the school and church will have a required upgrade to our phone and internet systems, performed by our technology support provider. The upgrades scheduled are critical as many components of these systems are well beyond their life cycle. During late morning and early afternoon, both phone and internet services may be interrupted at times. If you have a pastoral emergency during the day on May 9 and are unable to reach the office, you can call the after-hours emergency number at 703.261.9079 and the clergy member on call will respond.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE FROM KEVIN HAMILTON

As mentioned in the latest edition of Grace Notes, our Communications Contractor, Addie Budnick, has been called to serve as a priest at St. James Episcopal Church in Wilmington, North Carolina beginning this summer. While we are sad to see her go, we are so excited for her new adventure. I am happy to announce that Kris Varga joins us May 1 as a communications contractor. Kris is an MDiv seminarian at VTS on the priesthood track from the Diocese of Massachusetts. Originally from the Philadelphia area, he holds a Bachelor's in Film, loves to write poetry, and is very interested in contemplative practices. Kris will be supporting communications with bulletins, Grace Notes, church-wide emails, and other communications related tasks. Kris will receive all emails sent to announcements@gracealex.org along with myself. Addie will be training Kris for the next week and a half. Her last day with us is May 9.

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 3:00pm, 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

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 p.m. 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!

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.

NEW 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.

MONTHLY VIGIL FOR OUR COUNTRY—MAY 20

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

SEA AND SOUL RETREAT – MAY 23-26

Need some space for your soul? Join Water and Wilderness Church for their Sea and Soul retreat, a spiritual encounter with God's beautiful ocean life. In this interactive retreat at the Chincoteague Bay Field Station, we'll use a spiritual lens to learn about marine botany, hike in maritime forests, and take a boat trip to discover life on the bottom of the sound and learn about (and hold!) sea urchins, sponges, fish, and other marine life. Each day begins with prayer and ends with spiritual discussions and worship. The retreat ends with a sunrise eucharist on the beach. \$600 includes comfortable dorm-style lodging, all meals, and three excursions led by marine educators. Scholarships are available, and groups of two or more are priced at \$500 each. Email Father Pete Nunally, pete@waterandwilderness.org, by May 6 to register.

FUNERAL NOTICES

The following funerals will be held at Grace Church in the coming weeks. Please hold these families in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for the services.

Monday, May 5, we will hold a funeral for Mike Hopkins, former parishioner, at 3 pm with a reception to follow.

Friday, May 9, we will hold a funeral service for Igor Bosnjak, parishioner, at 4:30 pm with a reception to follow.

Saturday, May 17, we will hold a funeral for Don Richardson, husband of Parishioner Newbie Richardson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

CELEBRATING FATHER IGNACIO SOLANO GÓMEZ

Join us on Sunday, May 4, as we celebrate Father Ignacio Solano Gómez as he completes his time as a seminarian at Grace. We will send him off with prayer during our morning services. We give thanks for the many gifts Father Ignacio has shared during his time as our seminarian and wish him every blessing as he begins his ordained ministry in the Worcester Corridor of Diocese of Western Massachusetts and celebrates his marriage at the beginning of the summer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

VISION SUNDAYS IN MAY

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 hours on May 4 and 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!



DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP IS TODAY, MAY 4

Rising 9th graders through 12th graders graduating this spring are invited to spend a week this summer doing hands-on work to support our neighbors in Appalachia. We will join together with a group of youth from the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia at Grace House on the Mountain for the second year in a row. We already have enough youth registered to guarantee this trip is happening, and the deadline to join in on the fun is May 4. If you have questions, please reach out to Mother Emma (emma.brice@gracealex.org). The registration form can be found here by scanning the QR Code.



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 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 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.

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.



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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE REV. JOHN RICK

We pray in gratitude to God for the life of the Rev. John William Rick, who was an associate at Grace in the nineties. The Rev. Rick died on April 4th in St. Louis, MO. A service in celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Michael and St. George in Clayton, MO 63105. The service will also be livestreamed on the church's website. A link to the livestream will be shared here as the date approaches. Please keep John's family and all who mourn in your prayers.

COFFEE HOUR SIGN UPS

You are invited to help with coffee hour! We need your help as a weekly host, or to donate snacks. Are all welcome to participate in our new simplified process. Sign up via the QR code!



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

CELEBRATE SHRINE MONT AT THE PARISH PICNIC ON JUNE 1ST

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!

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

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. Tea and coffee are available just outside the St. Mark Room from 9:30. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

May 4: Images of Resurrection, by Anne Clift Boris

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 and Elias Voces

SAVE THE DATE: DIOCESAN FELLOWSHIP DAY FOR 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH GRADERS - MAY 17

For the first time, the diocese will host two events for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to come together for formation, fellowship, and fun - one in Richmond and one in Alexandria! This year's theme is "Love One Another," and the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade day will focus on learning about and deepening our engagement with Communion. The Alexandria day will be on May 17 from 10 am - 2 pm at the St. Stephen's and St. Agnes Lower School Campus. Registration information will be coming soon.

REFLECTION & RENEWAL: PARENT DISCUSSION ON YOUTH MINISTRY - MAY 18, 4 PM

Parents of youth are invited to join Mother Emma for a group discussion on the status of youth ministry at Grace. We will reflect on the past year and brainstorm ideas for the future. The discussion is scheduled for Sunday, May 18 from 4 - 5 pm in the Merrow Hall Auditorium (on the 3rd floor). Please help spread the word and encourage all parents of youth to attend. You're also invited to stay for the Choral Evensong at 5 pm in the nave.

MONTHLY QUIET MORNING IN MAY – SATURDAY 5/17, 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

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 4	Jason Holleran
Monday, May 5	Mary Montequin, David Shaver, Holland Sturmfelz
Tuesday, May 6	Christian Portillo, Martha Tschetter
Wednesday, May 7	Aiden Guernsey, Claire Guernsey
Friday, May 9	Vylma Leslie-Khanna
Saturday, May 10	Benny Milnor, Maricruz Pascual, Amanda Ruff, Lee Meeks



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, 5/4	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 5/5	Morning Prayer – 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Funeral Service for Mike Hopkins – 3 pm	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging – 3:30 – 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday 5/6	Morning Prayer – 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 5/7	Morning Prayer – 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	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	
	Alanon – 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 5/8	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
	Adult Choir Rehearsal – 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
Friday, 5/9	Food Pantry Bagging – 3 – 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6:30 pm		
	Funeral Service for Igor Bosnjak – 4 pm	Nave	
Saturday, 5/10	Altar Guild Set Up – 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	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, Sigrid, Ed, Charles, Colin, Jennifer, Lisa, Igor, David & Joanie, Jan, Elly, Sara, Jean, Jean, Lorna, Alison, Linda, John & Anne, Wendy, Don.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Eles, 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, John & parents, Terrie, Jack, Marcy, Eileen, Frank, Jim, Bridget, Charlotte, Lucy, Sarah, Katherine, Deanna, Allen, Leslie, Scott.
- **Members of our staff:** Addie, Alain, Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, Kevin, Madeline, Mary, Pedro, Father Santiago.
- **Grace School:** Students & their families; for the staff, especially Amanda, head of school.
- **Outreach & Justice Partners:** ALIVE; Casa Chirilagua; Christ Church Refugee and Lazarus Ministries; Community Lodgings; Cristosal, El Salvador; Haiti Micah Project; 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:** Joseph Sternberg, grandfather of parishioner Hannah Sternberg; 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; Christ Church, Charlottesville; Emmanuel, Harrisonburg; Trinity, Arlington.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Church of Ireland; Diocese of Northern Michigan, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Western Michigan, Episcopal Church; Missionary Diocese of Micronesia, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Milwaukee, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Minna, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Minnesota, Episcopal Church.

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