Grace Episcopal Church

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.

Choral 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.

The church office is open 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 9 a.m. – Noon on Fridays.

(Mothers Anne & Emma are out of the office on Mondays, Father Jon is in the office on Monday & Tuesday mornings.)

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In Need of Pastoral Care?

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 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday on which they would like to receive Home Communion.

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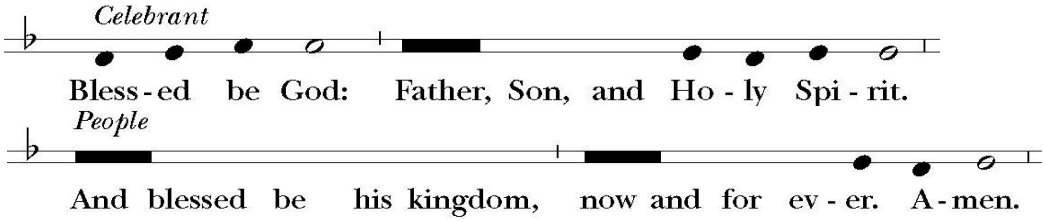
Children 3 months until 3 years are welcome in the nursery. Please ask an usher to direct you.

Prelude

The people stand.

Hymn 390 — Praise to the Lord, the Almighty — *Lobe den Herren*

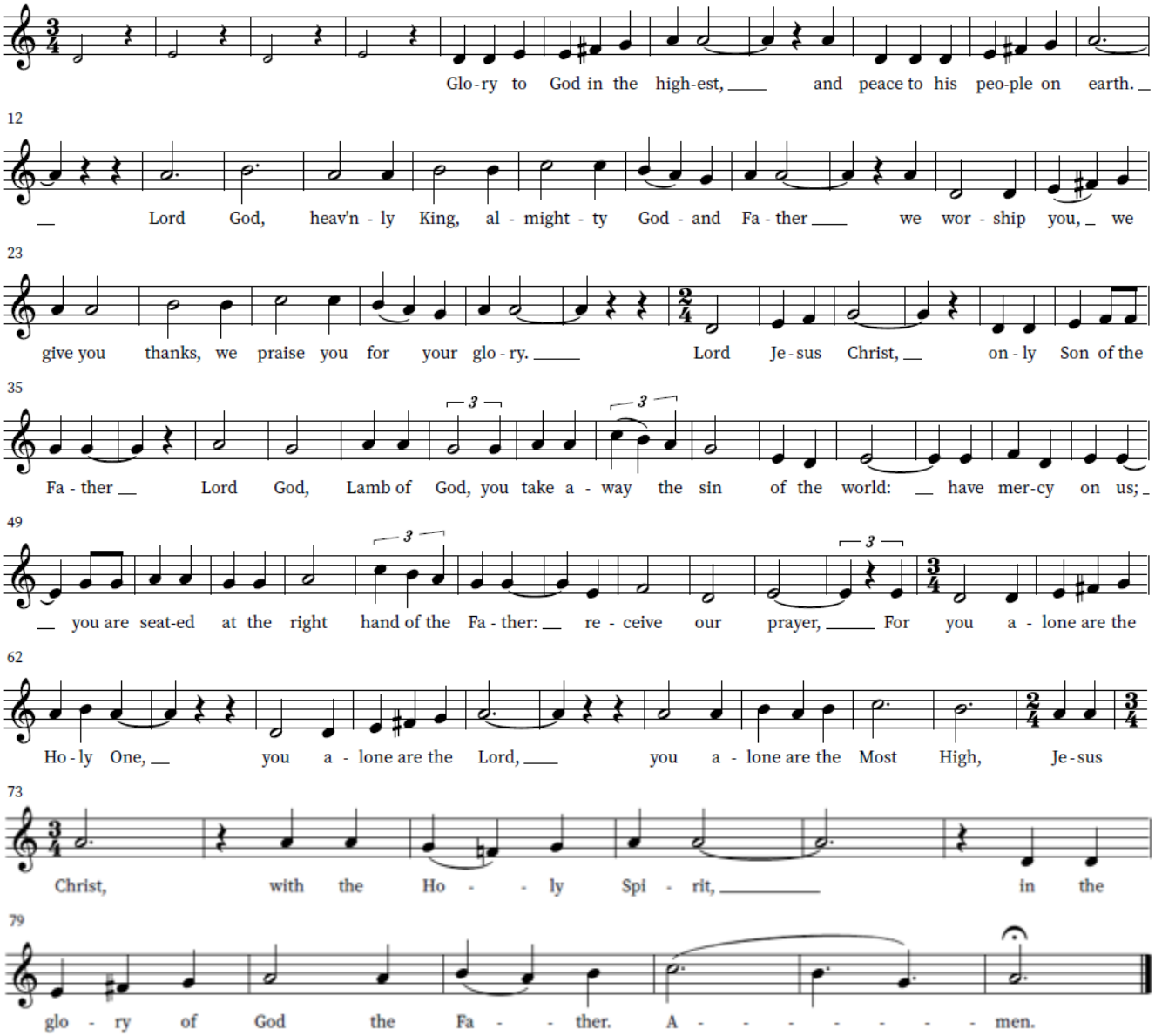
The Opening Acclamation



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.**

Gloria WLP 900



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19 *Sung by the Choir*

1 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
2 One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
3 Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
4 Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.
5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of they heavens and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
11 By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
12 Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.
13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

THE SECOND LESSON — Philippians 3:4b-14

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

HYMN 551 — Rise up, ye saints of God! — *Festal Song*

THE HOLY GOSPEL — Matthew 21:33-46

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON Samuel Manirakiza, *Seminarian*

Silence is kept.

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED BCP, p. 358

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

He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — Form II; BCP, p. 385

The Leader prays

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe; and our Bishops E. Mark Stevenson, Gayle Harris, and Mark Bourlakas; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask for your prayers for all the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of you bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION — BCP, p. 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE — BCP, p. 360

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

The people are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

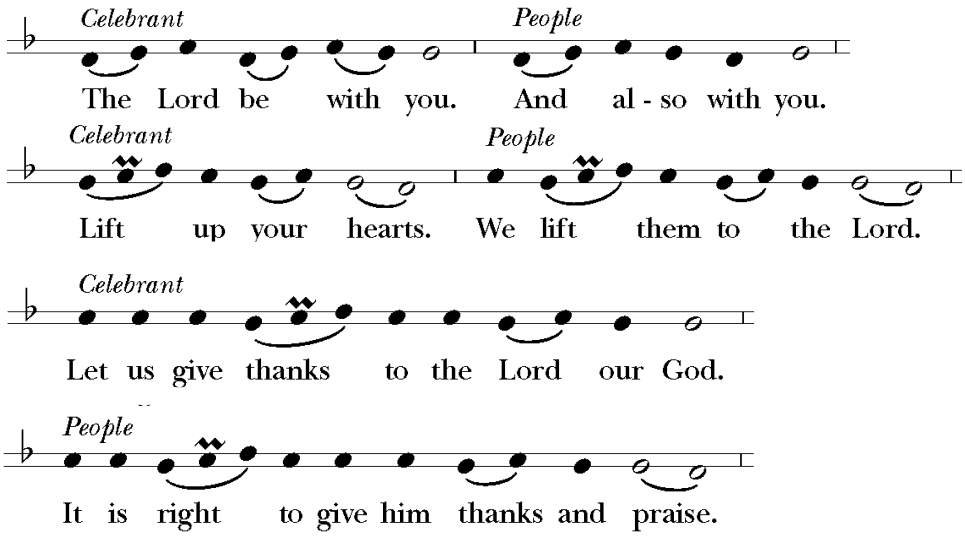
THE OFFERTORY *We invite you to give to the work of the church electronically via Tithe.ly by scanning this QR code. If you give electronically, please place the tag in your pew in the offering so that your gift can be blessed.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Lord, Make Us Instruments of Your Peace *David Lantz III*

Lord, make us instruments of Your peace. Where hatred grows, let us sow love.
Where doubt prevails, let us show faith, The holy faith from our God above.
Lord, make us instruments of Your peace, messengers, Lord, in thought and deed.
Lord, make us instruments of Your peace, Where there's despair, let us bring hope.
Help us console all those in need. When we are wronged, please help us forgive.
Lord, make us instruments of Your peace, messengers, Lord, in thought and deed.
Almighty Lord, make us instruments of Your peace. Where darkness lives, let us shine God's light.
Where sadness dwells, let us bring joy, Joy of everlasting life.
Lord, make us instruments of Your peace, messengers, Lord, in thought and deed.
Lord, make us instruments of Your peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN 474 When I survey the wondrous cross *Rockingham*

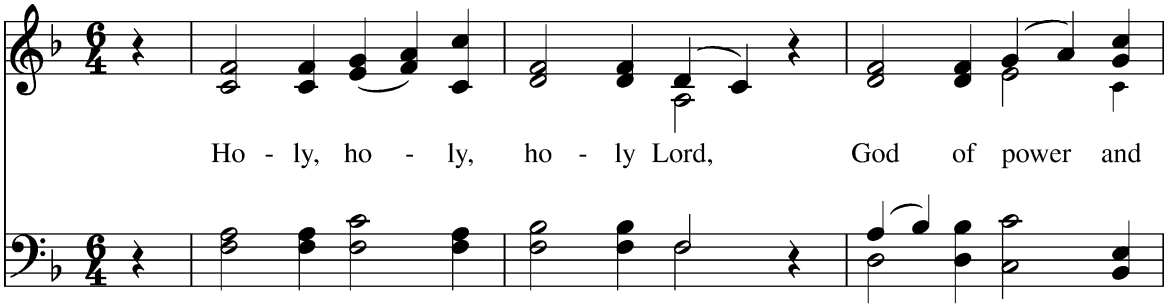
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP, p. 361

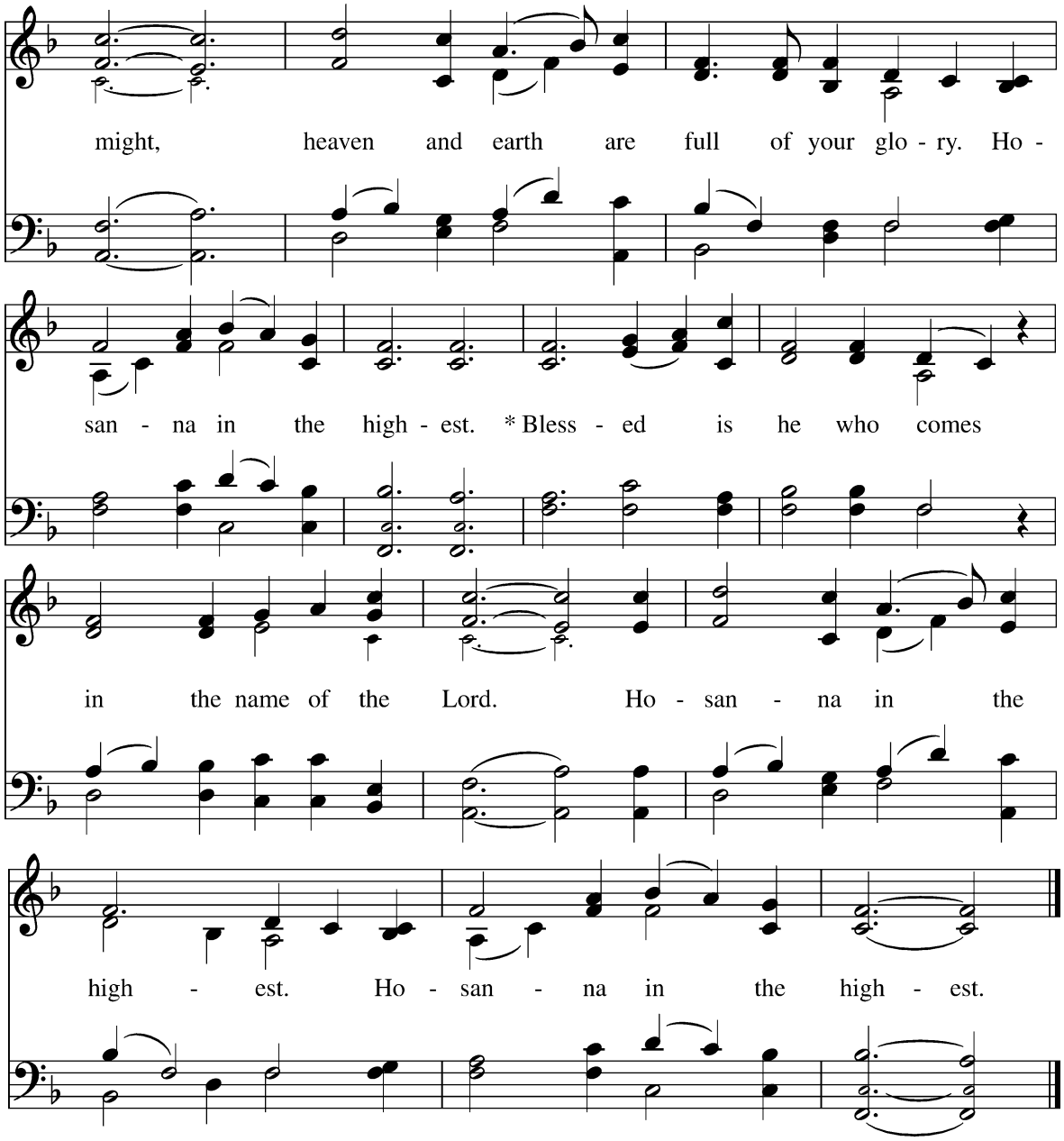


The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world. 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 WLP 858





Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

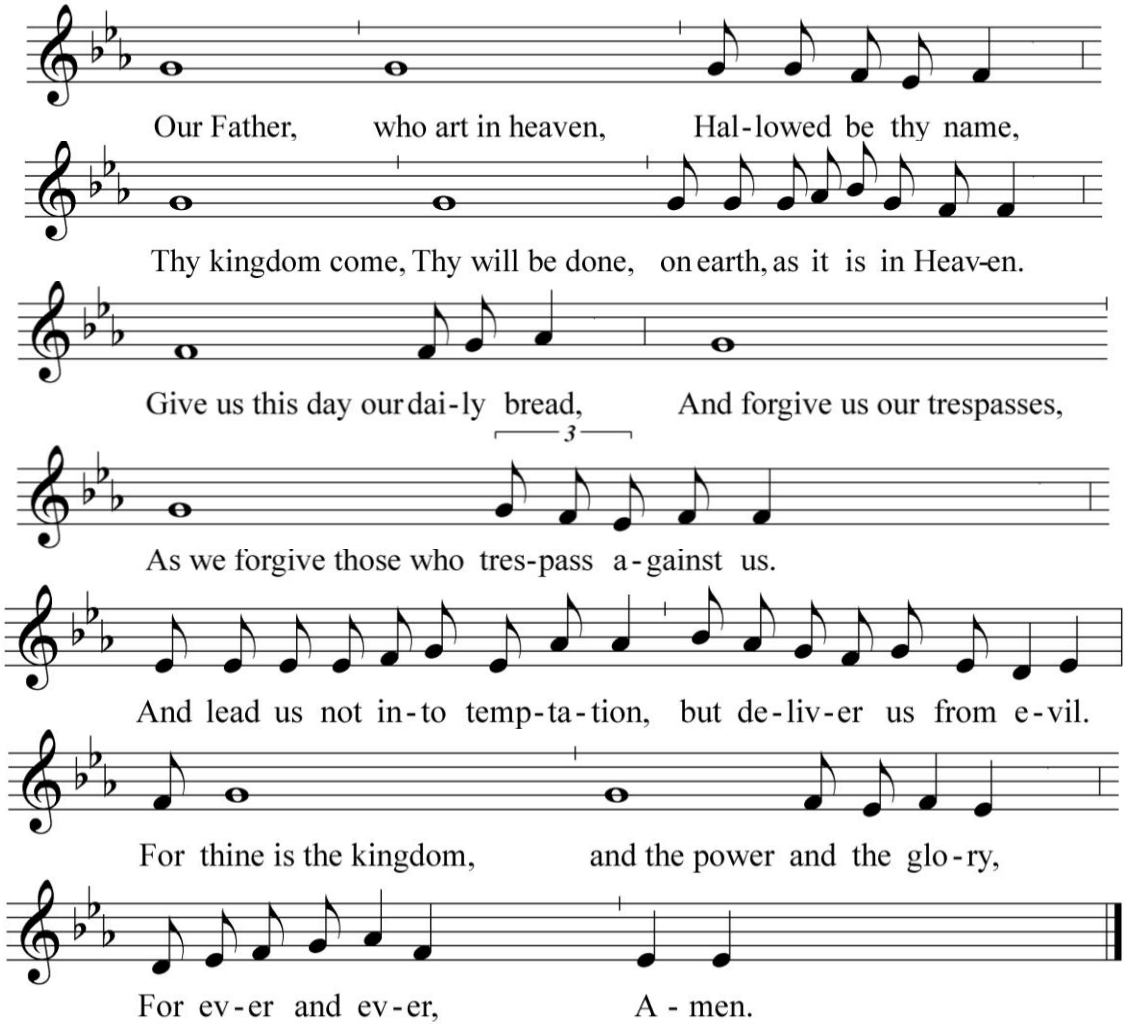
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

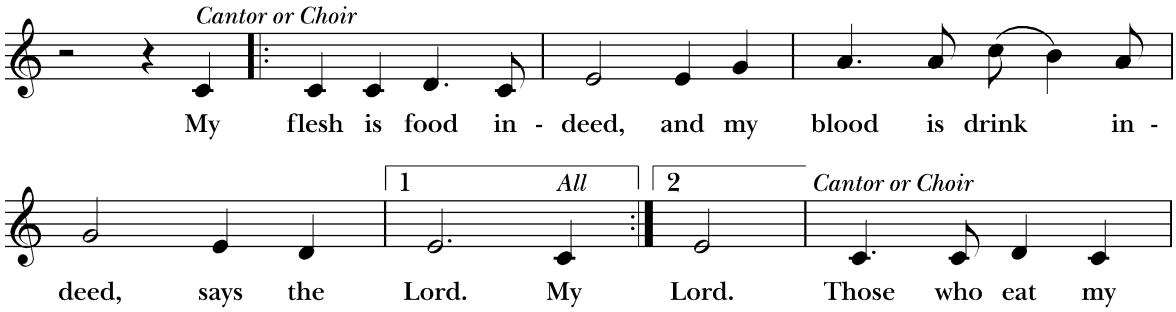
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

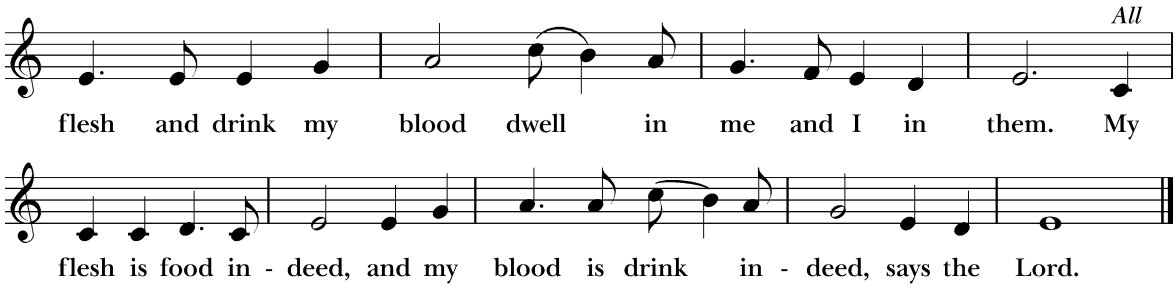
THE LORD'S PRAYER — William H. Plant



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM — Hymnal S-169





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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 don't wish to receive communion at the altar, please let an usher know and communion can be brought to you in your pew.

COMMUNION HYMN 691 My faith looks up to thee *Olivet*

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 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

All stand and sing the hymn.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus *In Babilone*

THE DISMISSAL BCP, p. 366

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Serving @ Grace Today

Celebrant	The Rev. Jon Scarffe
Assisting	The Rev. Emma Brice
Preacher	Samuel Manirakiza, *Seminarian*
Assisting & Children's Chapel	The Rev. Dr. Anne M. Turner
Lector	Colleen McArdelle
Intercessor	Jonathan Doelp
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Matt Williams, Sherryl Dodd
Director of Music	Josh Harrington
Ushers	John Boris, Mary Stewart
Livestream	Alison Campbell
Altar Guild Crew Leaders	Kristine Hesse, Lucy-Lee Reed

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 4, 2026

The weekly announcement deadline is Monday at 12 p.m.
Submissions after the deadline will be held for the following week. Please limit submissions to 75 words. Announcements will be edited for content/length. Email requests to announcements@gracealex.org.

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.
If you would like to dedicate Altar Flowers for an upcoming Sunday, scan the QR code on the right.

******* Headings for New Announcements Added This Week are Shaded. *******

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

Adult forum is offered Sundays 9:40 - 10:15 a.m. 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.

- October 4: Creation Care: Native Plantings at Grace, *by Doug Prince*
- October 11: Scottish Pilgrimage Report, *by Mother Anne and others*
- October 18: Wild Goose: My Experiences at a Progressive Christian Campout, *by Eric Waskowicz*
- October 25: Made by Hand: Prayer Shawl Ministry, *by Hannah Sternberg and Laura Weidenfeld*
- November 1: Grace at Work: Holocaust Museum, *by Ramee Gentry*
- November 8: A Circle of Care: An Overview of Hospice & Palliative Care, *by Fr. Jon Scarffe*
- November 15: Made by Hand: Why Pick Up a Pen?, *by John Boris*

If you have an idea for a topic you'd like to hear presented, or present yourself, please get in touch with Anne Boris at awcboris@hotmail.com.

TAKE YOUR PHOTO FOR BREEZE

Our online parish directory, Breeze, allows for parishioners to upload photos of themselves. Haven't added yourself? After our 9:00 and 10:30 services, we'll have staff members available in the amphitheater (9:00) or auditorium (10:30) to help take your picture. You can always contact the church office for more information about accessing Breeze and adding a photo of your choice.

MORNING PRAYER RESUMES

The clergy resumed their practice of beginning the day, Tuesday through Thursday, with Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. You are welcome to join them in the Malm Narthex for this short (15 minute) service of psalms, scripture readings, and prayers. Please enter through the glass doors by the parking lot.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

A new season of music is about to begin! Parish Choir rehearsals are back, and we'd love for you to be part of the music at Grace. Come sing, learn, laugh, and make some beautiful music together. Whether you're a longtime choir member or you're thinking about joining for the very first time, there's a place for you in the choir. Come as you are — and bring your voice! The next rehearsal is Wednesday, Sept. 30th at 7pm. All subsequent rehearsals will be held on Thursdays at 7pm. Prefer ringing to singing? We would love to see you in the bell choir this season! Questions? See Josh Harrington or email josh.harrington@gracealex.org.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - TODAY, OCTOBER 4

Bring your dogs, cats, and other family pets for the annual Blessing of the Animals this afternoon, Sunday, October 4 at 4 p.m. All pets will receive special prayers & blessings from our clergy in the Saint Francis Garden, located outside of the glass doors near the parking lot (the rain location is the Malm Narthex, entering at the circular drive entrance). If your pet does not do well with being around other animals, you can also bring a photo of the pet. Photos of pets who have died during the past year are also welcome.

MEN'S GROUP FELLOWSHIP

The Men's group fellowship occurs every other Tuesday (next gathering is 10/6) at locations in either Del Ray or Arlington at 7pm. Email Todd Egaas (todd.egaas@gracealex.com) and Michael Crane (michael.crane@gracealex.org) to get on the mailing list. We would love to have you.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Grace Church holds two ongoing bible studies:

- The Grace Church Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets weekly from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. on Zoom. Our approach to Scripture is along the lines of believing it is a Divine Revelation through which God speaks to us, not just a piece of human literature that merely reflects the faith journey of a community. We dig deep into the meaning, both intended in its day and its application to today. Our studies are whole book-at-a-time studies with a question-and-answer format that does have some homework (not a lot!) and involves group participation. Contact Stephen Lovell [lovellsjl@aol.com] for more information.
- The Saturday Grace Church Bible study meets the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10 am on Zoom (link below). We use the 'African' (or Lambeth) model of reflection. It's a spinoff of Ignatian study, where we begin with hearing the lesson and listening for a word or phrase. After another reading (different translations of the Bible are provided), we discuss how the passage resonates in our lives today. Third reading prompt is what challenge or invitation do we hear from God? Everyone is welcome to join us! Please email Chrissie Crosby (cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com), so she knows to let you into the Zoom meeting! Here's the Zoom link—it is the same every meeting. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81872778826

HELP MAKE FELLOWSHIP HOUR A SUCCESS!

Choose a Sunday this fall to assist the fellowship team with Fellowship Hour set-up or clean-up. Scan the QR code to sign-up or email fellowship@gracealex.org. If you have questions ask Mother Emma, Colleen McArdelle or Angie Crane.

FREE PANEL DISCUSSION ON DANIEL – OCTOBER 13

Four leading scholars. Three new commentaries. One extraordinary biblical book. What does the Book of Daniel have to say to the twenty-first century? Join four distinguished biblical scholars for a lively and accessible conversation about Daniel's history, theology, visions, and enduring significance. This unusual evening brings together Tremper Longman III, John H. Walton, Aubrey E. Buster, and Stephen L. Cook—four scholars whose recent work on Daniel represents three major new commentaries on the book. Get more info and RSVP on Eventbrite by scanning the QR code to the right.

HELPING ALIVE! ONE STEP AT A TIME

Sunday, October 18th is ALIVE!'s annual Step ALIVE! Walkathon that draws Alexandrians from across the city for a major fundraiser to help neighbors facing food insecurity and housing instability in our city. The event starts at George Washington Middle School on Mt. Vernon Ave and winds its way through the city. We would love to see many smiling faces from Grace at this event. You can sign up as individuals or sign up as a team. Registration can be found by scanning the QR code with your smart phone. Have questions? Please reach out to John Berry (kpbjab@yahoo.com) or Keith Davis (kjd6164@gmail.com)

TRUNK OR TREAT - OCTOBER 25TH, 3 - 5 P.M.!

On Sunday, October 25th, please join Grace Episcopal Church & School in the parking lot from 3-5 p.m. for a Trunk-or-Treat event for all! This event is open to the entire community to celebrate Halloween, so invite your friends. Please sign-up to volunteer to host a car or help with set-up. We need many cars in order to host this event. Please pull out your imaginations, your creativity, and your costumes for this fun community-based event! We would love to see you there! To enter your car, register by scanning the QR Code. Questions? Contact Mother Emma (emma.brice@gracealex.org) or Sheng Davis (shenghan5@gmail.com).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 4, 2026 *(CONTINUED)*

PROTECT OUR NAVE

Please do not bring drinks (even in a sealed cup) or food into the nave during worship. Help us keep the space clean and preserve our reverent environment.

FRIENDSGIVING IS COMING IN NOVEMBER!

Save the Date: Saturday, November 7th. If you'd like to help, please contact Elias at elias.voces@gracealex.org.

STEWARDSHIP STATEMENT FROM YOUR CLERGY, VESTRY, & STEWARDSHIP TEAM

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Stewardship Statement - Founders' Day
September 27, 2026

Grace's Stewardship Campaign is underway. Our pledge goal for 2027 is $835,000 and our theme is **Where Our Hearts Are**.

As Matthew's gospel reminds us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matt. 6:21.

We, your clergy, vestry, and stewardship team, want to let you know where our hearts are:

- *We know that all things do, indeed, come of God. In gratitude for the abundant blessings and mercies we have been given, each of us has made our 2027 pledge as of today. The words you will hear from us over the next month will reflect our solemn commitment to this parish. We also commit to striving to increase our giving over the years, as circumstances permit.*

- *We invite you to join us in these commitments and in building the Kingdom of God through the ministry of Grace Church. If you have not made a pledge in prior years, we invite you to do so now. Regular giving is a spiritual discipline that will allow our parish to flourish and help connect you more deeply to the church and to each other. If you have pledged before, we are deeply grateful. Your gifts are the lifeblood that have sustained Grace Church. We invite you to pledge again for 2027 and, if your are able, prayerfully request that you increase your pledge.*

May God richly bless all of you in the year ahead.

Emma Brice+

Anne Turner+

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SAVE THE DATE
October 24 from 12 noon - 4 p.m.

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church • 432 Van Buren St., Herndon

¡FESTIVAL!

UNA IGLESIA, MUCHAS CULTURAS,
TODOS en DIOS
ONE CHURCH, MANY CULTURES, ALL IN GOD
2026

Hispanic and Latino siblings in Christ invite you to celebrate our unity and diversity at our first ¡Festival!

delicious antojito food • live music • dancing • games & activities for children & youth

- Free admission, but registration is required by October 14.
- Meet our diocese's new Minister for Hispanic/Latino Communities, the Rev'd Edgar Otero, and St. Timothy's new Associate Rector, the Rev'd Marycelis Otero.
- You are welcome to bring a sweet or dessert to share.
- We are looking for volunteers for several roles.

If you would like to help fund this event, we thank you! Please use this QR code.

Use this QR code to register.

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA

Sponsored by the Diocese of Virginia, the Ministry for Racial Justice and Healing, and Congregational Vitality.

Birthdays @ Grace This Week

Sunday, October 4	*Ruth Corlett*
Monday, October 5	*Sheng Davis, Danny Kiepura*
Tuesday, October 6	*Anne Berry, June Huber*
Wednesday, October 7	*Wendy Murphy*
Thursday, October 8	*Barry Joyner, Susan Merritt*
Friday, October 9	*David Holiday, Alexandra Smith*
Sunday, October 11	*Everett Ruff*

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, 10/4	7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 a.m. La Gracia Santa Eucaristía	Nave	
	9:00 a.m. Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	Formation Hour (Sunday School) – *9:40 a.m.*	Various Rooms	emma.brice@gracealex.org
	Adult Forum – *9:40 a.m.*	St. Mark Room	awcboris@hotmail.com
	10:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
	Youth Council / Adult Council – *12 p.m.*	St. Mark Room	emma.brice@gracealex.org
	Blessing of the Animals – *4 p.m.*	St. Francis Garden	
	5:00 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist	Nave	
Monday, 10/5	No Activities Currently Scheduled		
Tuesday, 10/6	Morning Prayer – *9 a.m.*	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry Bagging – *3:30 – 5:30 p.m.*	1st floor Lobby	jennifer.pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution – *6 p.m.*	1st floor Lobby	jennifer.pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 10/7	Morning Prayer – *9 a.m.*	Malm Narthex	
	Evening Prayer – *5:30 p.m.*	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed– 703.842.3121
	Community of Hope Int. Meeting – *6:30 p.m.*	St. Mark Room	
	Bible Study – *7:30 p.m.*	Zoom	stephen.lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous – *8 p.m.*	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon – *8 p.m.*	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 10/8	Morning Prayer – *9 a.m.*	Malm Narthex	
	12:00 p.m. Midweek Eucharist	Lady Altar	
	Food Pantry Bagging – *3:30 – 5:30 p.m.*	1st floor Lobby	jennifer.pease@gracealex.org
Friday, 10/9	Food Pantry Bagging – *3 – 5 p.m.*	1st floor Lobby	jennifer.pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution – *6 p.m.*	1st floor Lobby	jennifer.pease@gracealex.org
Saturday, 10/10	Acolyte Festival	National Cathedral	emma.brice@gracealex.org
	Altar Guild Set Up – *9 a.m.*	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study – *10 a.m.*	Zoom	cmcfaddencrosby@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:** Hector, Debbie, Ed, Colin, Jennifer, Linda, John, Ismael, Wendy, Lisa, Liz, Claire, Lesley & Kelly, June, Alex, Cristina, Bob, Lisa, Joe, Jennifer, Blanca, Don, Reba, Cricket, Phil, Doug, Lucy-Lee, Bette, Suzi & Jen, Jan, Lisa, Chrissie.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Sally, Clare, Marilyn, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Cynthia, Elly, Valerie, José, Madison, Henry, Gustavo, Félix.
- **Family & friends:** Klaus, Michael, Sharon, Troy, Cathie, Cameron, Amy, Bill, Theresa, Rob & Sherry, Jack, Eileen, Deanna, Leslie, Sam, Lisa, Margianne, Courtney, Gina, Joanne, Jim, Theresa, Charlotte, Robert, Barbara, Shelton, Chrissy, Dave & Donna, Carole, Gretchen, Jack & Susan, Frank, Bob, Elaine & Bill, Miles, Eugene, Rick, Larry, Anica and Ophelia, Bill.
- **Members of our staff:** Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Duncan, Mother Emma, Jane, Father Jon, Josh, Kevin, Kim, Pedro, Samuel, Seth.
- **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, 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:** Noah Woodiwiss, Dan and Katy Pattarini, Karen & Eric Coulson, 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 teaching or studying abroad:** Chris & Melissa Reed, Virginia Robinson, Julie Mills, Cizek & Theo Halliwell, the Epifanovskiye family.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle**: Trinity, Manassas; St. Gabriel's/San Gabriel, Leesburg.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle**: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; Diocese of Bukuru, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Bunbury, Anglican Church of Australia; Diocese of Bungoma, Anglican Church of Kenya; Diocese of Bunyoro-Kitara, Church of the Province of Uganda; Diocese of Busan, Anglican Church of Korea; Diocese of Busoga, 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.