Grace Episcopal Church

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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.

Choral Eucharist with Holy Baptism, 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.

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II

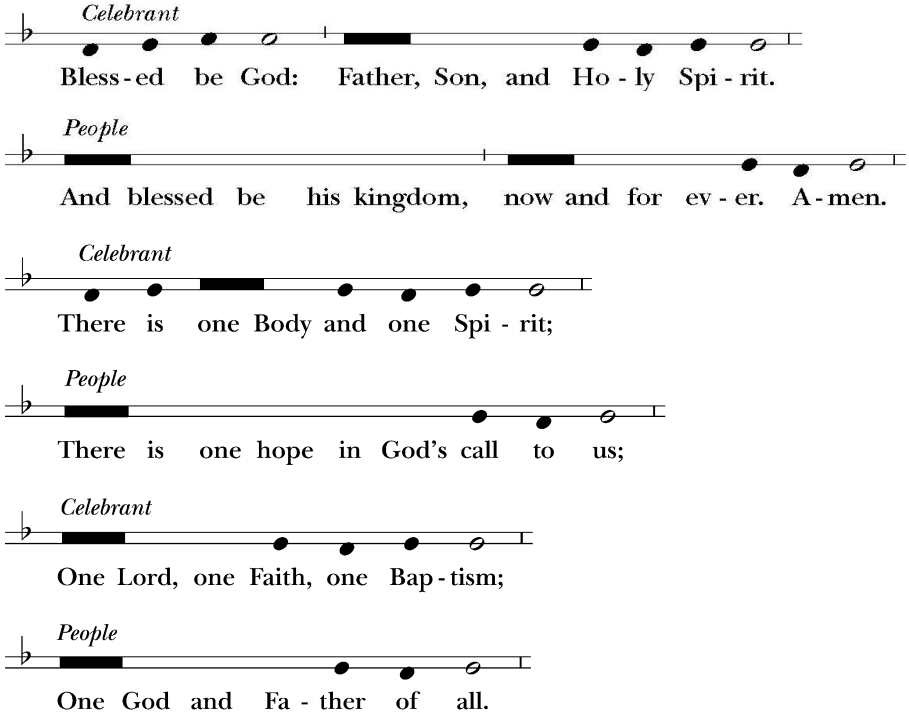
Children 3 months until 3 years are welcome in the nursery. Please ask an usher to direct you.

PRELUDE

The people stand.

HYMN 372 Praise to the living God *Leoni*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Children ages 3 years – 3rd grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Lector A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there."

Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.
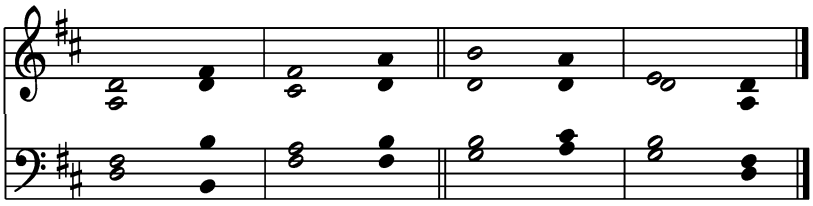
Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All sing the Psalm

PSALM 90 1-6. 13-17 *Robert Knox Kennedy*



1 Lord, you have been our | refuge *
from one generation to a-| nother.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were | born, *
from age to age you are | God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and | say, *
"Go back, O child of | earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is | past *
and like a watch in the | night.

5 You sweep us away like a | dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the | grass.

6 In the morning it is green and | flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and | withered.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you | tarry? *
be gracious to your | servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the | morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our | life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you af-| flicted us *
and the years in which we suffered ad-| versity.

16 Show your servants your | works *
and your splendor to their | children.

17 (2nd part) May the graciousness of the LORD our God be u- | pon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our | handiwork.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Lector A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ.

But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we become very dear to us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

HYMN 531 O Spirit of the living God *Melcombe*

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-46

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON The Rev. Emma Brice

Silence is kept.

HYMN 686 Come thou fount of every blessing *Nettleton*

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Joseph Fox McGlinchy to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Celebrant I renounce them.

Priest Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Godparents I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Godparents I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Godparents I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The people stand.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Celebrant *Joseph Fox*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest *Joseph Fox,* you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever**.**

Let us pray.

Celebrant Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised him to the new life of grace.
Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

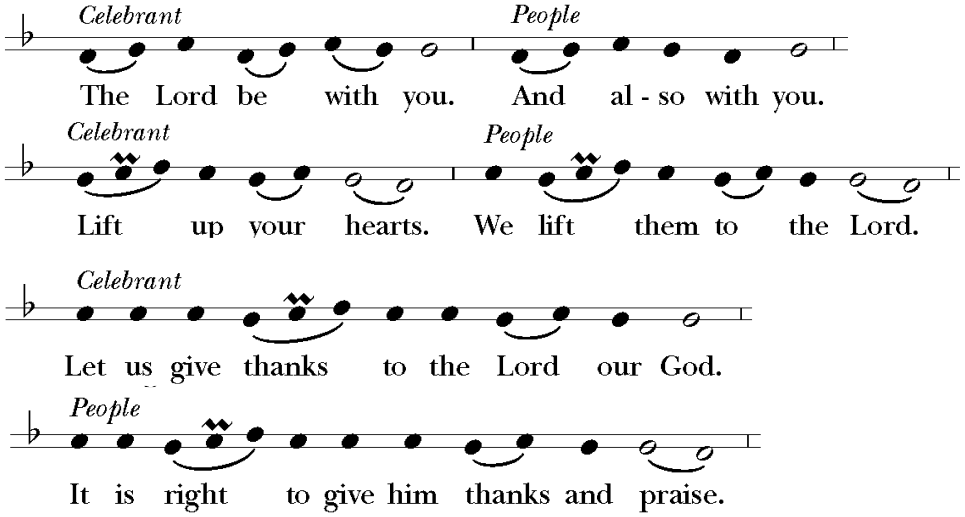
THE OFFERTORY *We invite you to give to the work of the church electronically via Tithe.ly by scanning this QR code.*
If you give electronically, please place the tag in your pew in the offering so that your gift can be blessed.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM If Ye Love Me *Thomas Tallis*

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever; E'en the sp'rit of truth.

OFFERTORY HYMN 568 Father all loving, who rulest in majesty *Was lebet*
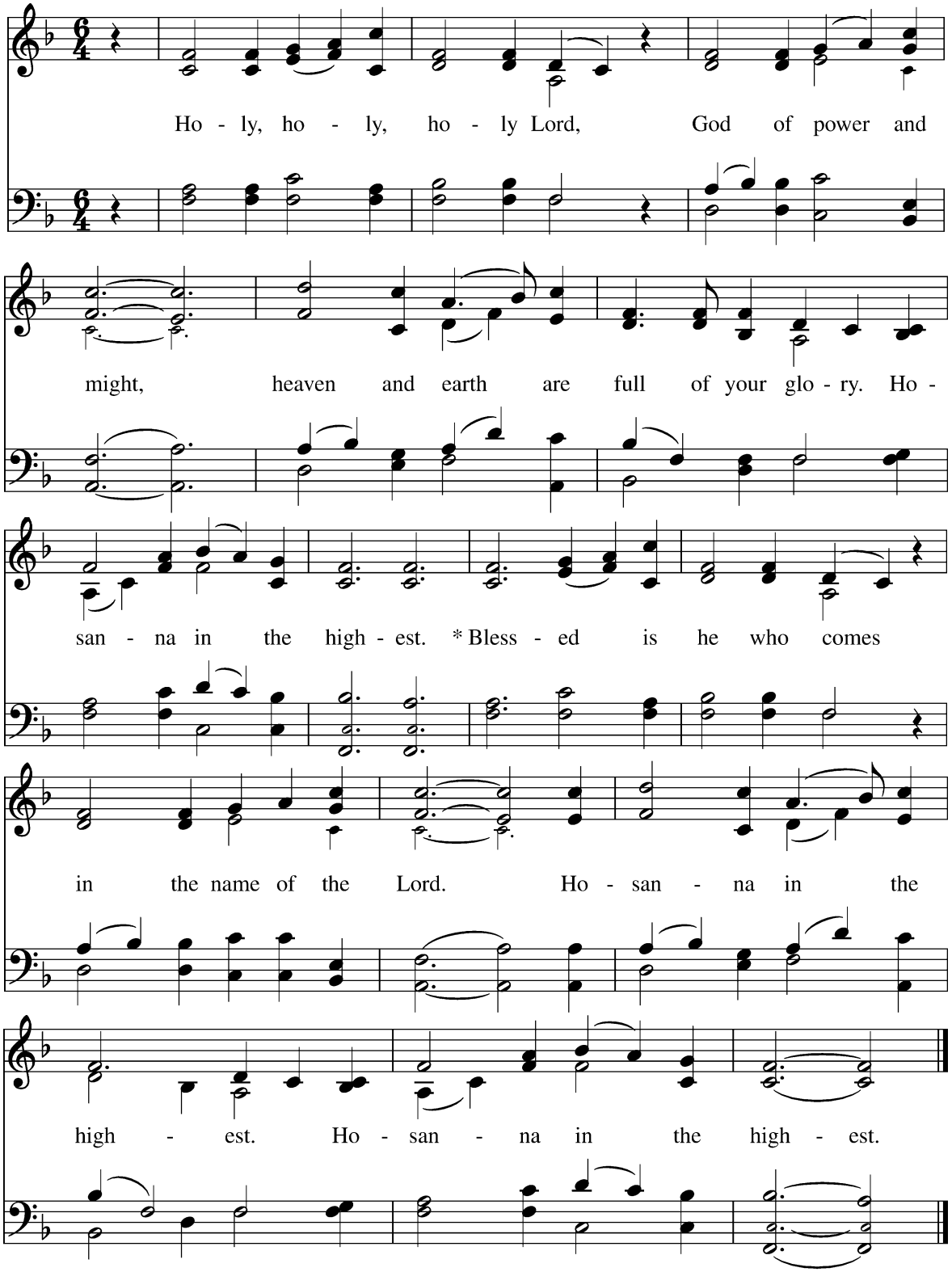
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP, p. 361



The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

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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."
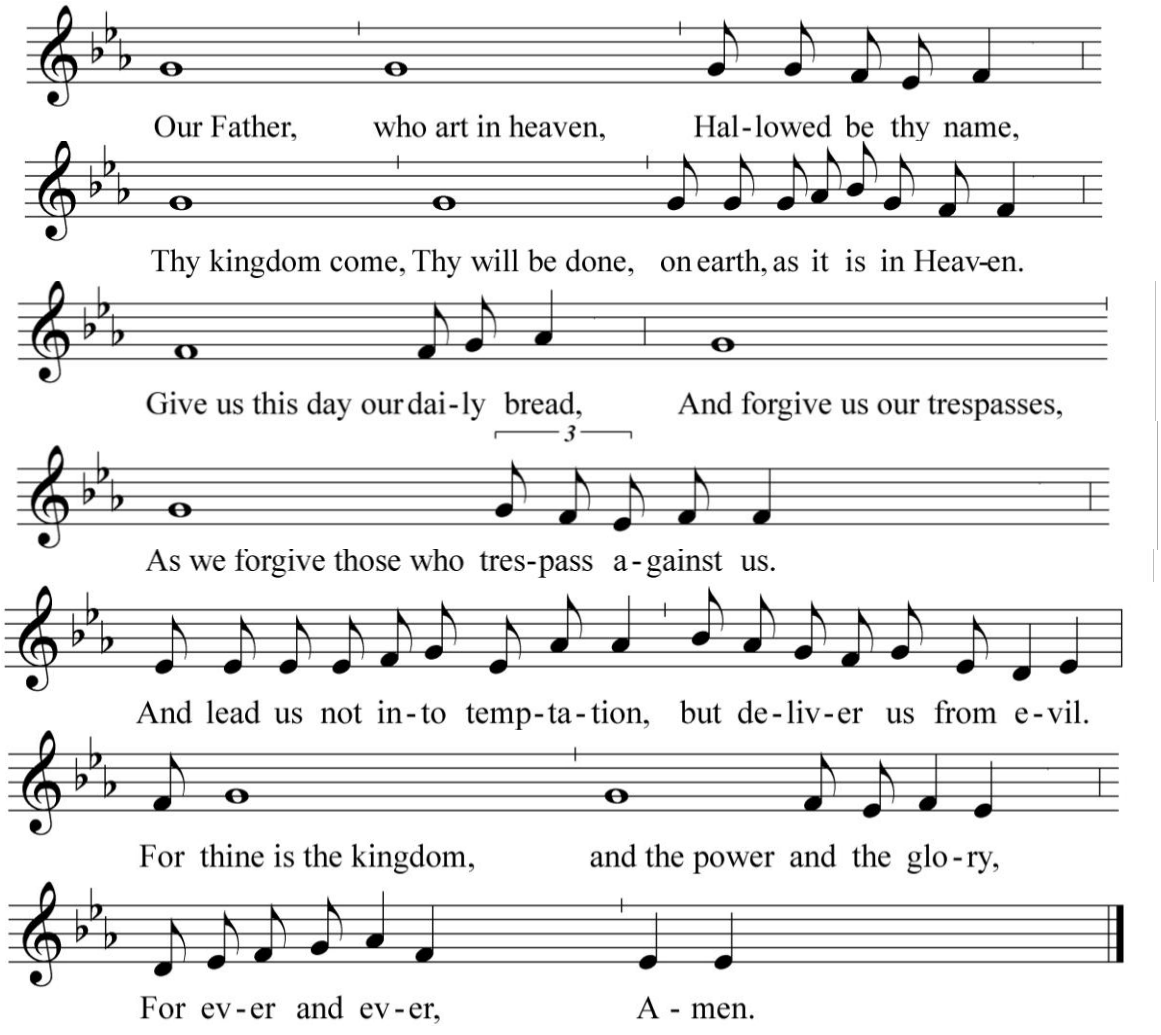
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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.**

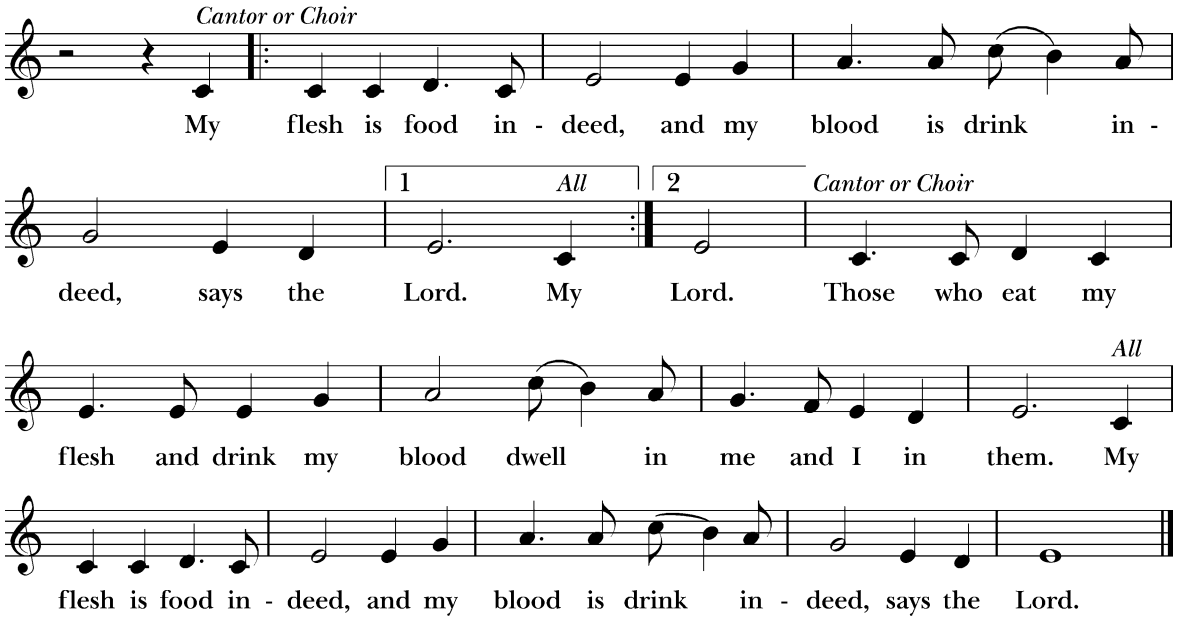
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 707 Take my life, and let it be *Hollingside*

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 473 Lift high the cross *Crucifer*

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
Preacher	The Rev. Emma Brice
Assisting & Children's Chapel	The Rev. Dr. Anne M. Turner
Lector	Samuel Manirakiza
Intercessor	Christina Ritter
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Samuel Manirakiza, Stephanie Reed, Kay Maddux
Director of Music	Josh Harrington
Ushers	Chuck Dodd, Sherryl Dodd, Mary Stewart, Laura Weidenfeld
Livestream	Alison Campbell
Altar Guild Crew Leaders	Chad Eckles, Kemp Williams

Announcements As Of October 25, 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. *******

A Message From Your Stewardship Team

As you know, our 2027 Stewardship Campaign—Where Our Hearts Are-Giving in Love—is underway. Next Sunday, November 1 (All Saints Sunday), we will gather in our pledges. Between now and then, please prayerfully consider where your hearts are.

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 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 Father Jon Scarffe*
- November 15: Made by Hand: Why Pick Up a Pen?, *by John Boris*
- November 22: Exploring Queerness in the Episcopal Church in the 1970s and 1980s
- November 29: Intergenerational Event in Merrow Hall Auditorium, no Separate Adult Forum
- December 6: Advent: A Season of Hope, *by Mother Anne Turner*

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 parishioners to upload photos of themselves. Haven't added yourself? After our 9 & 10:30 services, we'll have staff members available in the amphitheater (9 a.m.) or auditorium (10:30 a.m.) 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.

Trunk or Treat - October 25th, 3 - 5 P.M.!

Today, 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. We'd 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).

Church-on-the-Hill 2026 Pumpkin Patch

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill (3606 Seminary Rd) is holding their annual pumpkin patch October 3rd – 31st, open every day (M – F: Noon – 6 p.m. & Weekends/Federal Holidays 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.) They offer beautiful pumpkins and gourds grown by New Mexico Navajo Nation farmers, delicious home-made soups, baked goods, and autumn-Halloween-themed crafts. 100% of Patch profits support over 25 local, national, and international charities that directly support feeding, housing, educating, and caring for our most vulnerable neighbors (i.e. ALIVE, Carpenters Shelter, Christ Church Lazarus Ministry, Community Lodgings, Grace Church Food Pantry, Culmore Clinic, Haiti-Micah Project, & many others).

Feast of Saint Simon And Saint Jude Eucharist on Wednesday, October 28 At 7:30 A.M.

Join us at the Lady Altar on Wednesday, October 28th at 7:30 a.m. for this thirty ministry Eucharist.

HOW WE LEARN TO BE BRAVE: A DISCUSSION

Thinking about what it means to stand for what is right in this election season? On Wednesday, October 28, from 7-8 p.m. Mother Turner will lead a discussion on How We Learn To Be Brave by the Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde, Bishop of the Diocese of Washington. Please rsvp to anne.turner@gracealex.org.

REQUIEM EUCHARIST FOR ALL SOULS – NOVEMBER 1 AT 5 P.M.

On Sunday, November 1, the 5:00 p.m. service will be a Requiem Eucharist for the Feast of All Souls. We will remember all those who have died, especially those who have died in the past year. The service includes a reading of the names of the dead. If you have a name you would like read aloud, please email the name to announcements@gracealex.org by October 25 to make sure it is included. All are welcome at the service.

PRAY FOR OUR ELECTIONS

On Election Day, November 3, we will be offering special prayers for the election during Morning Prayer (9:00 a.m. in the Malm Narthex). There will also be a eucharist with special prayers at 6:00 p.m. at the Lady Altar. All are welcome.

NO KINGS: 1 SAMUEL ON POLITICS AND FIDELITY

Join Mother Turner for a three-week exploration of 1 Samuel, which tells the story of the rise of the monarchy in ancient Israel. This book addresses questions around dangerous leadership and the sovereignty of God. We meet Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on November 5, 12, and 19. Rsvp to anneturner@gracealex.org to receive the readings for each week.

GRACE FRIENDSGIVING & COOKIE COMPETITION ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH FROM 5:30-7:30 P.M.

It will be a night of good food, great company, and a little friendly competition.
Bring your favorite dish to share and show off your baking skills in the Grace Bake-Off. There will be sweet bragging rights up for grabs across multiple categories.
Bring your homemade cookies and get voted as best in show! Stick around for the Dessert Auction Fundraiser, where you can bid on heavenly homemade treats (and support Grace while satisfying your sweet tooth). It's all about food, fun, and fellowship. Mark your calendars and start preheating those ovens! Scan the QR Code for details. Questions or want to help out? Email FriendsGiving@gracealex.org



Announcements As Of October 25, 2026 *(Continued)*

Thanksgiving Baskets

Our Outreach Ministries, Youth Group, and La Gracia need your support in donating gifts of food baskets, money, and/or time to make this year's Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive a success! You can use our shopping list as a guide to create a basket or make a monetary donation and let EYC shop for you. Scan the QR code for more information including access to the shopping list and to donate online. Please donate by Tuesday, November 10, so that we know how many baskets we can make available. Thank you for your support.

Regional Kid's Retreat - November 14

Kids in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join children from around northern Virginia for a morning retreat hosted at The Falls Church. Through exciting stories, hands-on STEAM challenges, games, music, acting, crafts, and creative activities, children will journey alongside the prophets, discovering how God calls ordinary people to speak with courage, seek justice, share hope, and trust God's promises.

Along the way, they'll make new friends, grow in faith, and discover that God invites each of us to listen for God's voice and boldly participate in God's story. The cost is $25 per child, and the event runs from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 14. Scan the QR code for more info and/or to register.

Serving Grace Church: Seeking Nominations for the Vestry

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. (1 Peter 4:10)

Are you looking for a meaningful way to share your gifts and help shape the future of our parish? We are currently seeking faithful, energetic, and dedicated individuals to discern running for election to the Grace Church Vestry in January 2027. Vestry is the legal and spiritual governing board of our church. Working closely with our clergy and lay staff, vestry members help manage the parish finances, care for our buildings, and provide leadership for our mission and vision.

We are looking for a diverse group of leaders who:

- Have a deep love for Grace Church and a desire to see it thrive;
- are confirmed (or willing to be), pledge, and regularly participate in worship and parish life;
- can commit to a thee-year term, attending monthly meetings, and supporting interim projects.

If you feel called to this ministry, would like to learn more, or would like to nominate a willing parishioner who you believe would be a great leader, please contact Sarah Schultz, Senior Warden/Nominating Committee Chair at sarahschultz9@gmail.com or Mother Anne Turner at anne.turner@gracealex.org.

Birthdays @ Grace This Week

Sunday, October 25	*Paul Rugaber, Matthew Whelpley*
Tuesday, October 27	*Paul Hanley, Bill Malone*
Thursday, October 29	*Christine Harris, Ted Prosser, Willem Schultz*
Friday, October 30	*Benjamin Kong*
Saturday, October 31	*Pedro Hernandez*
Sunday, November 1	*Kathie Burgess, Phoebe Humphries*



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, 10/25	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. Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
	Shrine Mont Debrief Meeting – *12 Noon*	St. Mark Room	Eleanor
	Trunk or Treat Event – *3 – 5 p.m.*	Parking Lot	emma.brice@gracealex.org
	5:00 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist	Nave	
	Alexandria Region Youth Night – *6 p.m.*	Offsite	emma.brice@gracealex.org
Monday, 10/26	Grace Episcopal School Board Meeting – *7 p.m.*	St. Mark Room	
Tuesday, 10/27	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, 10/28	Feast of St. Simon & St. Jude Eucharist – *7:30 am*	Lady Altar, Nave	
	Morning Prayer – *9 a.m.*	Malm Narthex	
	Evening Prayer – *5:30 p.m.*	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed– 703.842.3121
	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, 10/29	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
	Choir Rehearsal – *7 p.m.*	Choir Room	josh.harrington@gracealex.org
Friday, 10/30	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, 10/31	Altar Guild Set Up – *9 a.m.*	Narthex, Sacristy	

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, Reba, Cricket, Phil, Doug, Lucy-Lee, Bette, Suzi & Jen, Jan, Lisa, Chrissie, Phil & Sharon, Colleen.

- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Sally, Clare, Marilyn, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Cynthia, Elly, Valerie, José, Madison, Henry, Gustavo, Félix, Don.

- **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, Larry, Anica & Ophelia, Bill, Michael, Velma, Paul J., Holly, Key, Susan, Andy, Martha.

- **Members of our staff:** Amorita, Mother Anne, Aubrynn, 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**: Parishioner Cynthia Fors; all 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 & Kristen Woodiwiss, Dan & 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**: St. Aiden's, Alexandria; St. Martin's, Richmond; St. Peter's, Kent.

- **Anglican Prayer Cycle**: Church of the Province of Central Africa; Diocese of El Camino Real, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, Anglican Church of Australia; Diocese of Canterbury, Church of England; Diocese of Cape Coast – The Church of the Province of West Africa; Diocese of Cape Town, Anglican Church of Southern Africa; Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba; Church in the Province of the West Indies.

You can fill out a Prayer Request Form on our website or email your request to prayers@gracealex.org.