Grace Episcopal Church

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All Saints' Day

November 1, 2026 – 10:30 am

Festival Eucharist and Holy Baptism, Rite I



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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 Communion.

ALL SAINTS' DAY
FESTIVAL EUCHARIST, RITE I

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

PRELUDE — It is Well with my Soul — *David Schwoebel*

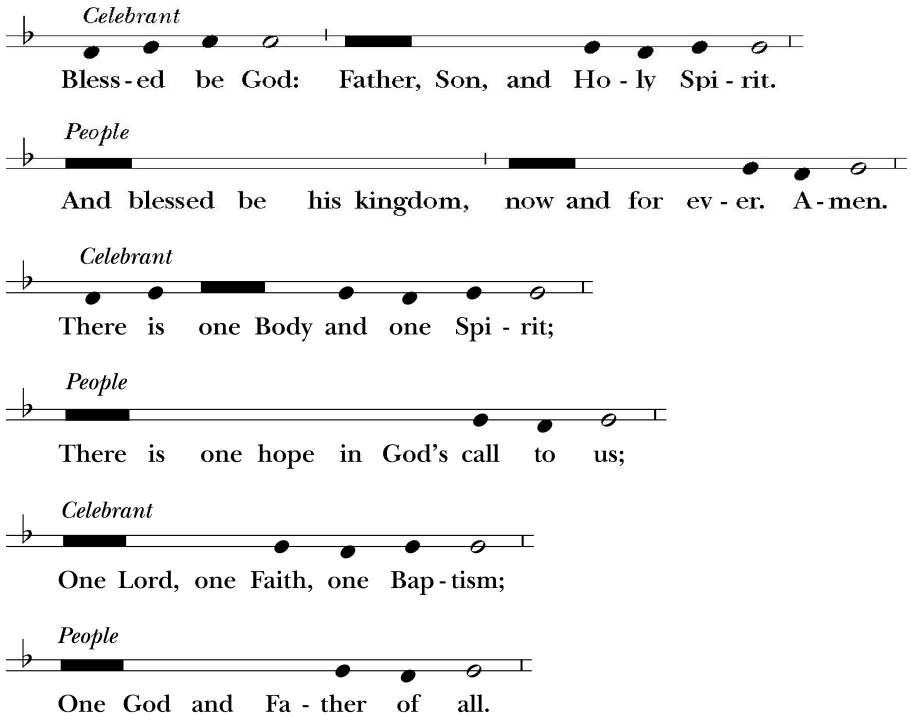
The people stand.

INTROIT

Antiphon: Rejoice we all, and praise the Lord, celebrating a holy day in honor of all the saints, in whose solemnity the Angels are joyful, and glorify the Son of God. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful. [Antiphon]

HYMN 287 — For all the saints, who from their labors rest — *Sine Nomine*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION



Music: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Hymnal 1982. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **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 Revelation 7:9-17

Lector A reading from the Book of Revelation.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

PSALM 34 1-10, 22

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



1 I will bless the LORD at all | times; *
his praise shall ever be in my | mouth.

2 I will glory in the | LORD; *
let the humble hear and re-| joice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the | LORD; *
let us exalt his Name to-| gether.

4 I sought the LORD, and he | answered me *
and delivered me out of all | my | terror.

5 Look upon him and be | radiant, *
and let not your faces be a-| shamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD | heard me *
and saved me from all my | troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who | fear him, *
and he will de-| liver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is | good; *
happy are they who | trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his | saints, *
for those who fear him lack | nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer | hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is | good.

22 (2nd part) The LORD ransoms the life of his | servants, *
and none will be punished who | trust in him.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 John 3:1-3

Lector A reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

The Alleluia is introduced by the Choir, sung by all, then sung again after the verse.



Verse: Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [Alleluia]

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Deacon Glory be to thee, O Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The people are seated.

SERMON Mother Anne Turner

Silence is kept.
The people stand.

HYMN 294 Baptized in water *Point Loma*

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents and Godparents I present Carina Nakai Munzvandi 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.

Celebrant 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 her 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 her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her 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 *Carina Nakai*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest *Carina Nakai*, 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 her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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

PLEDGE INGATHERING

A PRAYER OF SELF DEDICATION BCP, P. 832

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 ANTIPHON

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God; and there shall no torment touch them: in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace, alleluia.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM The Journey Home *Craig Courtney*

Alleluia.

We walk by faith and not by sight, this life a winding journey home. Although at times the path is dark, we do not travel it alone. There is no cause for fear or dread. The Spirit knows what lies ahead, remaining faithful by our side, an ever-present help and guide.

Alleluia.

We know in part; we dimly see as through a darkened glass, yet as we are known, our vision clear at last. What waits for us beyond the veil lies hidden from our sight in mystery until the time we cross into its light.

Our journey does not go unseen by those who stand on heaven's shore. They do not sleep. They watch and wait, the saints who traveled here before. Like them, we too will run the race and meet the Savior face to face in-side the new Jerusalem, our homeward journey at an end!

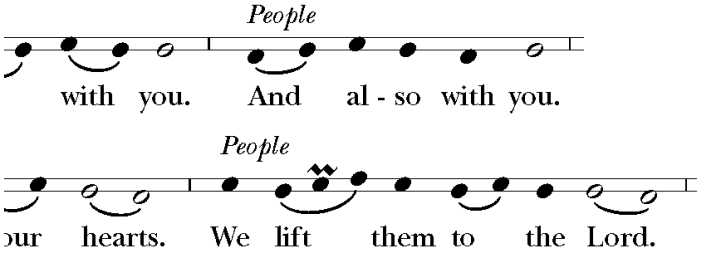
Alleluia.

We walk by faith and not by sight.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

OFFERTORY HYMN 366 Holy God, we praise your name *Grosser Gott*

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





The Celebrant continues.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, who, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus Hymnal S-117



Music: James McGregor (b. 1930), after *Verbum caro factum est*, Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612). Copyright © 1976 James McGregor.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

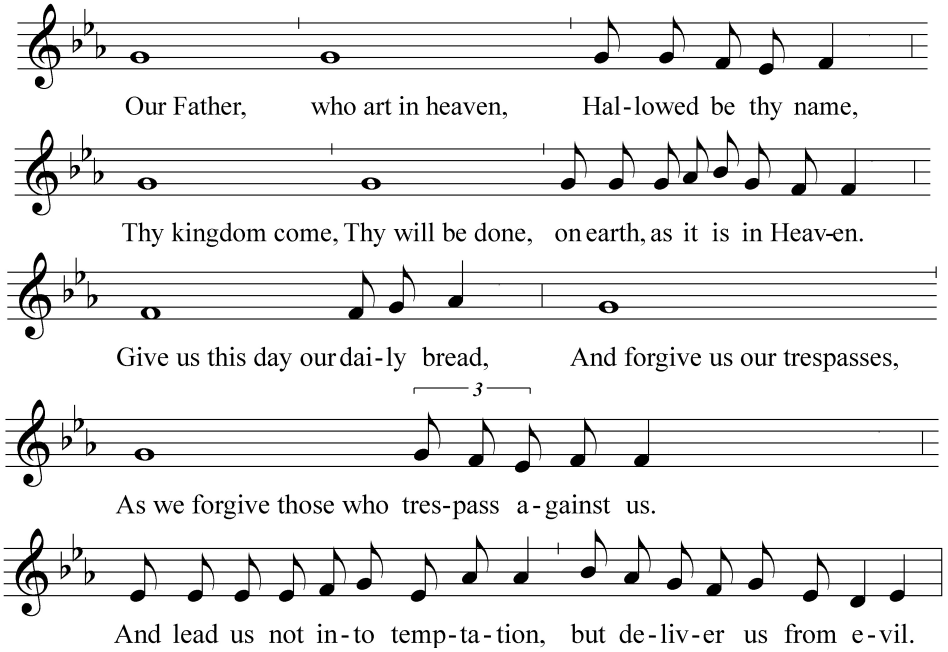
And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

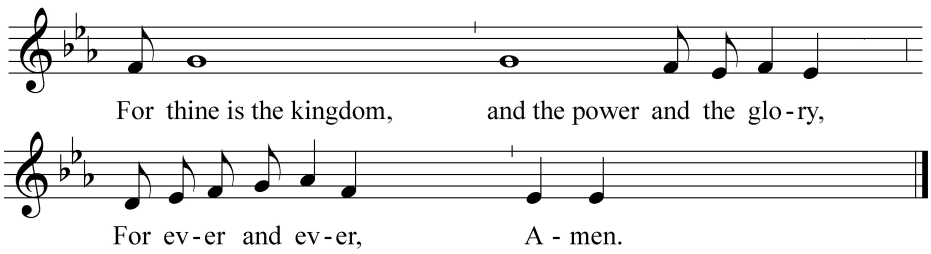
And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to sing:

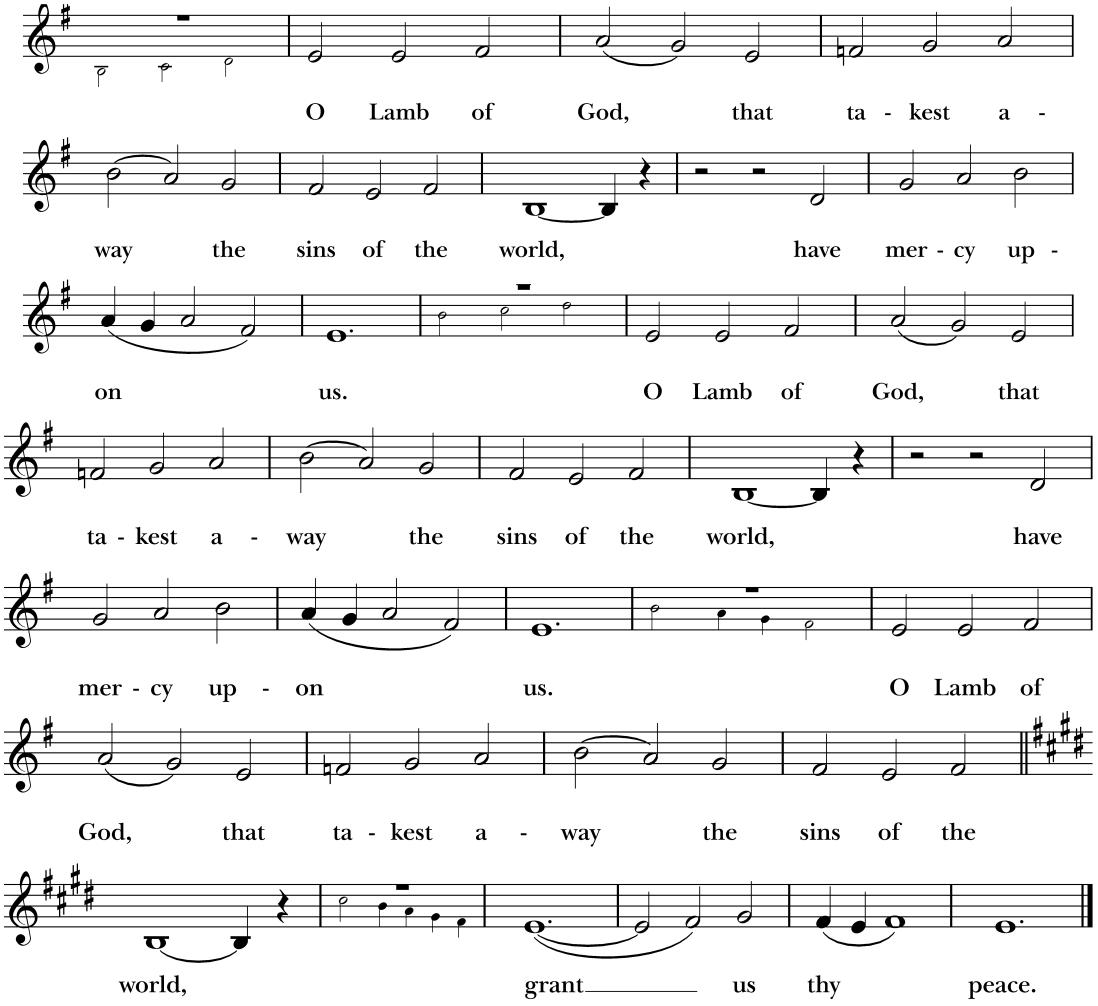
THE LORD'S PRAYER — William H. Plant





THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM Hymnal S-158



Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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 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

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God: blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS 213 Children of the Heavenly Father *Swedish Folk Melody*

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

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 625 Ye holy angels bright *Darwall's 148th*

THE DISMISSAL BCP, p. 366

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Voluntary Toccata *Boellmann*

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant	Mother Emma Brice
Deacon & Preacher	Mother Anne Turner
Subdeacon	Samuel Manirakiza
Assisting & Children's Chapel	Father Jon Scarffe
Lay Eucharistic Minister & Lector	Duncan King
Music Director	Josh Harrington
Altar Guild Crew Leaders	Kristine Hesse, Beth Yancey
Livestream Crew	Alison Campbell
Ushers	Mike Crane, Chuck Dodd, Cleveland Eason, Laura Weidenfeld

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 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 by
Mary Hix in Thanksgiving for the life of Wm. Michael Hix.

If you would like to dedicate Altar Flowers for an upcoming Sunday, scan the QR code on the right.

VESTRY NOTES: A monthly brief from our Senior Warden on our latest Vestry meeting.

- Ramee Gentry, Treasurer, affirmed a successful financial audit. Thank you to Kimberly Savage, Financial and Facilities Administrator, for her leadership. Ramee also gave an overview of 3rd quarter financial activity.
- Vestry is developing nominations for the January 2027 vestry election of four parishioners; see announcements if you're interested!
- Discussed the Diocesan call of The Rev. Edgar Otero in September to serve as its new Minister for Hispanic/Latino Communities and our hope for his support of our La Gracia congregation.
- Discussed concerns about a significant dip in attendance at the 10:30 a.m. service over the last 6 months.
- Approved minutes from the September meeting, which are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. The Vestry meets next on Tuesday, November 17.

Please reach out to Senior Warden Sarah Schultz, or any member of the vestry, with questions.

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

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Today, All Saints' Sunday, we will present our pledges for 2027. Please follow the directions at each of the services. If you have forgotten to bring your pledge with you, additional cards will be available.

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.

- 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*
- December 13: Bedtime Prayer Round Robin: Exploring the Episcopal Tradition for Little Ones, *by Jessica Dickinson Goodman*

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.

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

This evening, 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.

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.



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 KIDS' 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.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS FORUM NOVEMBER 15- MERROW HALL AUDITORIUM

Please join Robby Schrum, Building and Grounds (B&G) Committee Chair, and Sarah Schultz, Senior Warden, for a B&G presentation and Q&A on Sunday, 11/15 at coffee hour (12:15pm in Merrow Hall). Robby will guide parishioners through an overview of the relaunched work to operationalize the 2023 Reserve Study, detailing the repairs and structural improvements needed to preserve our campus, and ways for the Church and School to collaborate in planning for this work. Questions? Please contact Sarah Schultz (sarahschultz9@gmail.com).

JOIN THE SILVER DINERS!

What: Silver Diners
Who: Parishioners 65 and older
When: 6 pm on November 18th or 19th
Where: St. Mark's room
Why: See friends for longer than coffee hour!
RSVP: Anne McFadden (aemcf221@gmail.com) so we have a head count.

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, November 1	*Kathie Burgess, Phoebe Humphries*
Monday, November 2	*Sam Heaney*
Tuesday, November 3	*Alexandra Willson*
Wednesday, November 4	*Bette Yancey*
Thursday, November 5	*Skyler Caceres Yoc*
Friday, November 6	*Peck Davis, Jr., Jennifer Pease*
Saturday, November 7	*Amy Barron, Annelise Whitlock*



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, 11/1	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	
	Youth Council Meeting – *12 Noon*	St. Mark Room	emma.brice@gracealex.org
	5:00 p.m. All Souls Requiem	Nave	emma.brice@gracealex.org
Monday, 11/2	No Activities Planned		
Tuesday, 11/3	Morning Prayer (w/ election day prayers) – *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
	Election Day Eucharist	Nave	
	Men's Fellowship	Offsite	
Wednesday, 11/4	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, 11/5	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, 11/6	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, 11/7	Altar Guild Set Up – *9 a.m.*	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study – *10 a.m.*	Zoom	
	Friendsgiving Event	MH Auditorium	FriendsGiving@gracealex.org

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, 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, 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; Lawrence J. Frick, father of parishioner Laura Weidenfeld; Joseph Greene, cousin of Fr. Jon Scarffe; 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 and Kristen 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**: St. Thomas, McLean.

- **Anglican Prayer Cycle**: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; Diocese of Carlisle, Church of England; Diocese of East Carolina, Episcopal Church; Diocese of North Carolina, Episcopal Church; Diocese of South Carolina, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Upper South Carolina, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Western North Carolina, Episcopal Church.

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