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Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026 – 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



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WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

 Please silence your cell phones during worship.

Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

through life-giving liturgical worship + joyful community + empowering others

Contacting Grace

Please feel free to contact our staff.

Our office hours are Monday to Thursday 9 am - 3 pm, and 9 am - 12 pm on Fridays.
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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 pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday on which they would like to receive Home Communion.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
FESTIVAL EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

PRELUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Jason Payne

The people stand.

INTROIT ANTIPHON (choir) *Quasi modo geniti infantes*

Plainsong, Tone VII

As newborn babes, alleluia: desire ye the sincere milk of the word, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing we merrily unto God, our helper: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. (1 Peter 2:2; Psalm 139)

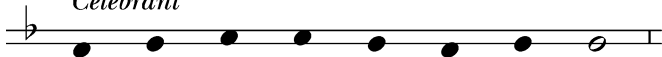
HYMN 205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

Gelobt sei Gott

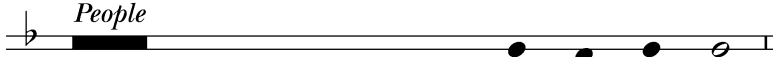
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People



The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

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THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, P. 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

William Mathias, Hymnal S-278



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 222

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

Sung by all.

James Frazier
(b. 1947)

Protect me, O God, for I take re-|fuge in you; *
 I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
 my good above all | other."
 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the | land, *
 upon those who are noble among the | people.
 But those who run after other | gods *
 shall have their troubles | multiplied.
 Their libations of blood I will not | offer, *
 nor take the names of their gods upon my | lips.
 O Lord, you are my portion and my | cup; *
 it is you who uphold my | lot.
 My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land; *
 indeed, I have a goodly | heritage.
 I will bless the Lord who gives me | counsel; *
 my heart teaches me, night after | night.
 I have set the Lord always be-|fore me; *
 because he is at my right hand I shall not | fall.
 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit re-|joices; *
 my body also shall rest in | hope.
 For you will not abandon me to the | grave, *
 nor let your holy one see the | Pit.
 (2nd half) You will show me the path of | life; *
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,
 and in your right hand are pleasures for ever-|more.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

Lector A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

GRADUAL ANTIPHON (choir) *Haec dies*

Plainsong, Tone V

This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will be joyful and glad in it. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever. (Ps. 116:24, 1)

ALLELUIA VERSE (choir) *In die resurrectionis*

Plainsong, Tone VI

Alleluia, alleluia. "In the day of my resurrection," saith the Lord: "I will go before you into Galilee," alleluia. After eight days, when the doors were shut: stood Jesus in the midst of the disciples and said, "Peace be unto you," alleluia. (Matt. 28:7; John 20:26)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Anne Turner

Silence is kept.

The people stand.

NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 326

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form III; BCP, p. 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Remembering Anne Doyle, aunt of Father Jon Scarffe, give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray in thanksgiving for the birth of Joanne Jessica Van Gilder Dickinson-Holmes to the Dickinson-Holmes family. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Celebrant

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 360

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION



THE OFFERTORY *If you prefer to give electronically, you can scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit www.gracealex.org, click the red give button at the top, and click the green "Give Online" button.*

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (choir) Angelus Domini *Plainsong, Tone II*
The angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and said unto the women: "He whom ye seek is risen, as he said," alleluia. (Matthew 28:2, 5, 6)

OFFERTORY It is Well with My Soul *Jeff Perks*
The people stand and sing the hymn.

HYMN 212 Awake, arise, lift up your voice *Richmond*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B *BCP, p. 367*

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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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; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

William Mathias, Hymnal S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-losed be thy name,
 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en.

Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,
 As we forgive those who tres-pass a-gainst us.
 And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glo-ry,
 For ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, P. 338

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Eucharist.

Please come forward to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers.

A full communion is made with the bread alone, but if you choose to receive the wine, you may either drink from the cup, or you may offer your wafer to the person holding the chalice, who will dip the bread in the wine for you.

If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; simply ask the priest.

If you do not wish to receive communion at the altar, please let an usher know, and communion can be brought to you in your pew.

Reach hither thy hand, and behold the print of the nails, alleluia: and be not faithless, but believing, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (John 20:27)

HYMN 242

How oft, O Lord, thy face hath shone

Jacob

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

BCP, p. 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All stand and sing the hymn.

CLOSING HYMN 209

We walk by faith and not by sight

St. Botolph

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

Sing the first verse only

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain, By His coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain, 'Neath His wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain, When life's per - ils thick con - found you,
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain, Keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you,

With His sheep se - cure - ly fold you, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Put His arms un - fail - ing round you, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Smite death's threat - ning wave be - fore you, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

VOLUNTARY

Celtic Blessing

Jeff Perks

A priest will be available at the Lady Altar for prayers for healing.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Anne Turner

Deacon

The Rev. Gabriel Oakes

Subdeacon

Seth Wise Buck

Lector

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Alison Campbell, Sarah Schultz

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF APRIL 12, 2026

The weekly announcement deadline is Monday at 12 pm.

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 are given to the Glory of God.

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



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

IN THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

Our liturgies during Holy Week and Easter were made possible by many people: acolytes, Altar Guild, choirs, eucharistic ministers, lectors, St. Isidore Guild, ushers, and more. We give thanks to God for their dedication and devotion.

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

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

April 12: Faith Leaders in Defense of Human Rights, by Jennifer Ibanez Whitlock and Anne Clift Boris

April 19: Grace at Work: Helping Hands, by Sarah Glass

April 26: For Such a Time as This: Spirituality and Moral Action, by Mother Anne Turner

May 3: TBD

May 10: Catching Hope: The Hidden Spiritual Wisdom of Fishing, by Father Pete the Wilderness Priest, founder of Water and Wilderness Church.

HAIKUS AND HOLY SILENCE – MONDAY APRIL 13; 6 – 8 P.M.

Come and engage in contemplative prayer and fellowship to begin the week. Haikus and Holy Silence is a chance to deepen our connection with the upcoming Sunday's Gospel through the contemplative practice of Lectio Divina as well as a space afterward to write a haiku (or haikus!) and have discussion and fellowship. No prior experience is required for either lectio divina or haiku. Feel free to bring a beverage or snacks! For any questions, please email Seth Wise Buck at swisebuck@vts.edu. Scan the QR code on the right to sign up for the session. We will meet in the Saint Mark Room.



BOOK LAUNCH AT VTS – POVERTY ABOLITIONISTS WITH AUTHOR DAVID BECKMANN

Join the Saint Nicholas Center for Faith and Justice on Tuesday, April 14, 2026; 7:00-8:30pm for a book launch and discussion of *Poverty Abolitionists: Faith, Activism, and Hope for Difficult Times*. The author, The Rev. David Beckmann, will be joined in conversation with Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner, Co-Convener of the National African American Clergy Network and President of the Skinner Leadership Institute; The Very Rev. Ian Markham, PhD, Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary; and Dr. Kyle Lambelet, Director of the Saint Nicholas Center for Faith and Justice. Register at <https://bit.ly/BeckmannBookLaunch> or scan the QR code on the right.



VIGIL FOR OUR COUNTRY – APRIL 21

The monthly Vigil for Our Country, with Eucharist and special prayers, will be held on Tuesday, April 21, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lady Altar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF APRIL 12, 2026 (continued)

NATIONAL REBUILDING DAY – APRIL 25

On Saturday, April 25, for the fourth year in a row, Grace will be participating in National Rebuilding Day. Joining thousands of teams across the country, we will be supporting repairs at a group home managed by Cri in Arlington. This organization has been serving the community for 45 years, helping to empower individuals with disabilities & mental health needs to live as high a quality of life as possible.

The main efforts this year will be yard work, interior and exterior painting, as well as replacing porch decking. There will be something for everyone, and youth participants are very welcome. Please e-mail robertsschultz@hotmail.com to be included.

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE AND IT'S TIME TO PLAN OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC!



Save the date for Sunday, May 31st after the 10:30 service. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the planning committee or be a picnic volunteer, please sign up by scanning the QR code.

If you are new to Grace, please plan to join us for this relaxed, family-friendly event and make some new friends in our community. Planning meetings will take place over Zoom to accommodate everyone's schedules. If you have any questions, ask Angie Crane (angiebcrane@gmail.com) or Colleen McArdelle (cooolleen@gmail.com).

NOW ENROLLING: JOIN THE GRACE EPISCOPAL SCHOOL FAMILY!

Limited spaces are now available in select grades at Grace School for the 2026-27 academic year. We invite you to see how our Episcopal tradition inspires students to grow in faith and lead with grace, providing a foundation of academic success and character development. To learn more about our programs or to schedule a personal tour of our campus, please email admissions@graceschoolalex.org. You can also explore our curriculum and mission by visiting www.GraceSchoolAlex.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES @ GRACE EPISCOPAL SCHOOL FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

GES is currently seeking dedicated educators to join their school team for the upcoming academic year:
2nd Grade Teacher (Full-Time) & Art Teacher (Part-Time).

If you or someone you know is passionate about fostering academic excellence, as well as social emotional and spiritual growth in our students, we would love to hear from you! Those interested in joining our team, should please send your resume or CV to office@graceschoolalex.org.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 12	Angel Lopez Bonilla
Tuesday, April 14	Alexander Cline, Rebecca Prosser
Wednesday, April 15	Linda Hernandez, Mike Hughes
Thursday, April 16	Lisa Bellantoni, Khacki Berry
Friday, April 17	Laura Epifanovskaya, Molly Sim
Saturday, April 18	Mina Campos, Brian Foucart



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, 4/12	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am La Gracia Santa Eucarist	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Auditorium	
	Formation Hour, Children & Youth - 9:40 am	Various Rooms	
	Adult Forum - 9:40 am	Saint Mark	
	10:30 am Festival Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist	Nave	
Monday, 4/13	Haikus & Holy Silence - 6 pm	Saint Mark Room	wisebuck@vts.edu
	Executive Committee Meeting - 7 pm	Zoom	
Tuesday, 4/14	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 4/15	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed- 703.842.3121
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 4/16	12:00 pm Midweek Eucharist	Lady Altar	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6 pm	Malm Narthex	
	Scotland Pilgrimage Meeting - 7 pm	St. Mark Room	
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm	St. Cecilia/Nave	
Friday, 4/17	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 pm		Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Saturday, 4/18	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study	Zoom	cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com

PRAYER @ GRACE THIS WEEK

We continue praying for all those in need of healing of mind, body, or spirit. We also pray for wisdom and strength for our communities, our elected officials, and our leaders as they make difficult and important decisions. As we join in common prayer this weekend, let us remember those who are in any need or trouble.

- **Parishioners:** Hector, Debbie, Ed, Colin, Jennifer, Joanie, Jean, Linda, John, Ismael, Wendy, Lisa, Liz, Anne, Claire, Lesley & Kelly, June, Alex, Cristina, Bob, Lisa, Luke, Nancy, Joe, Don, Steve.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Sally, Clare, Marilyn, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette, 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, Ron, Charlotte, Todd, Ellyn, Robert, Barbara, Joan, Cal & Bonnie.
- **Members of our staff:** Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Gabriel, Ginny, Jane, Father Jon, Josh, Kevin, Kris, Mary, Miranda, Pedro, 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:** Anne Doyle, aunt of Father 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:** 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:** Christ Church, Glen Allen; St. Paul's, Alexandria; St. Francis, Great Falls; Bishop Harris - Holy Land pilgrimage.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola; Diocese of Wandí, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Diocese of Wangaratta, Anglican Church of Australia; Diocese of Wanglei, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Diocese of Wanyjok, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Diocese of Warri, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Washington, Episcopal Church.

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