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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 – 10:30 am

Festival Eucharist with Holy Baptism, Rite II



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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.

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Clergy and staff are available for pastoral care. Please call the church office at (703) 549-1980 if you're ill or need pastoral care. For emergencies after hours, please call the **After-hours Emergency Number: (703) 261-9079**, and the priest on call will assist you.

HOME COMMUNION

Home Communion is available upon request for parishioners who desire this service by Eucharistic Visitors every Sunday. Home Communion will be in one form, Bread only. To request Home Communion, parishioners are asked to contact the Parish Office by telephone at 703-549-1980 no later than 12 pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday on which they would like to receive Home Communion.

FOURTH 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

The King of Love
The people stand.

Shelton Love

INTROIT ANTIPHON (choir) *Misericordia Domini*

Plainsong, Tone VII

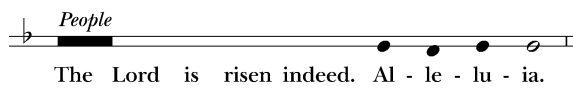
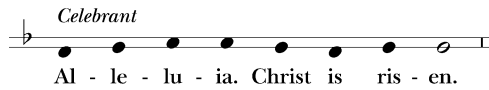
The loving kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia. By the word of the Lord the heavens were established, alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful. (Ps. 33:5-6)

HYMN 304

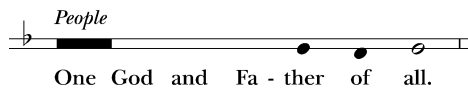
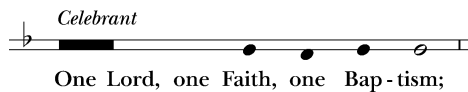
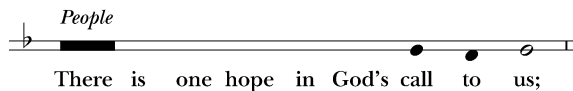
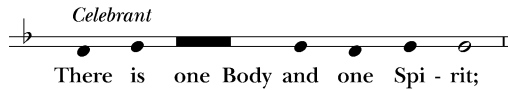
I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION



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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.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

ALLELUIA VERSE (choir) *Redemptionem*

Plainsong, Tone VI

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord hath sent redemption unto his people, alleluia. I am the good shepherd: and know my sheep and am known of mine, alleluia. (Ps. 111:9; John 10:14)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

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

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Emma Brice

Silence is kept.

BAPTISM HYMN LEVAS 138

Lord, I Want to be a Christian (vs 1-3)

Deas

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents **I present Eliza Mae Schulenburg 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 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 *Eliza Mae*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest *Eliza Mae*, 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.**

STEWARDSHIP TEAM COMMISSIONING

Celebrant

Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

A representative of the congregation

Anne Berry, Ford Chinworth, Sarah Glass, Mary Hix, Barry Joyner, Elizabeth Legere, Stephanie Reed, and Matt Williams have been called to the ministry of the Stewardship Team.

People

Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.

Celebrant

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that they may minister in their chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Celebrant

In the Name of God, we recognize you, Anne, Ford, Sarah, Mary, Barry, Elizabeth, Stephanie, and Matt, as our Stewardship Team.

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) *Deus, Deus meus*

Plainsong, Tone II

O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee: and lift up my hands in thy Name, alleluia. (Ps. 63:2, 5)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lord's My Shepherd

Roger Price

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie in pastures green;
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
My soul He doth restore again, and in His love abide.*

*Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale;
Yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
and Thy rod and staff my comfort still.
My table Thou has furnished, my cup Thou overfills.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.*

The people stand and sing the hymn.

HYMN 645

The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba

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; 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:

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;

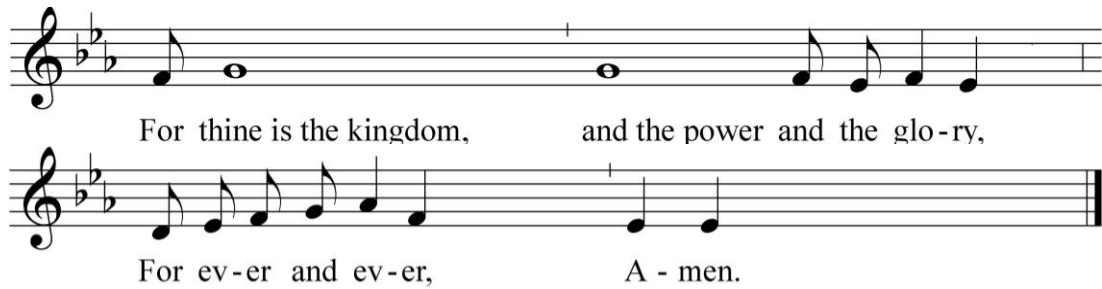
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite 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-lowed 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,
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

BCP, p. 364

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-155



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

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

Celebrant

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

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Eucharist.

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

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

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

If you 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 ANTIPHON (choir) *Ego sum pastor bonus*

Plainsong, Tone I

I am the good shepherd, alleluia: and know my sheep, and am known of mine, alleluia. (John 10:14)

HYMN 664

My Shepherd will supply my need

Resignation

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 334

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

Alles ist an Gottes Segem

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

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

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Dr. Anne Turner
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Gabriel Oakes
<i>Subdeacon & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Emma Brice
<i>Lector</i>	Jonathan Doelp
<i>Intercessor</i>	Khacki Berry
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Seth Wise Buck, Miranda Peters
<i>Interim Music Director</i>	Josh Harrington
<i>Livestream Crew</i>	Eleanor Reed
<i>Ushers</i>	John Boris, John Hall, Mary Hix, Cindy MacIntyre
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Kristine Hesse, Kemp Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF APRIL 26, 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 by David Koegel and his siblings
Michael & Valerie, in loving memory of their mother, Theresa Koegel.**

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. *****

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

Adult forum is offered Sundays 9:40-10:15 am in the St. Mark room (2nd floor) or virtually via Zoom link sent in the Sunday morning email. Tea and coffee are available just outside the St. Mark Room from 9:30 am. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

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

May 3: Everything in its Place: Personal & Practical Stewardship, by Elizabeth Legere and Mary Hix

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

May 17: Learning to Love through Racial Reconciliation: The Conversation Continues, by Tracy Enger

SEMINARIAN FAREWELL TODAY

Today, Sunday, April 26, we will bid farewell to two of our seminarians, Gabriel Oakes and Miranda Peters. It will also be the last Sunday for Ginny Leebrick, our Interim Family Minister. Please come to a festive coffee hour after the 10:30 am. service to celebrate their ministries among us.

FEAST DAY EUCHARIST – SAINT PHILIP & SAINT JAMES – SATURDAY, 5/2, 8:30 AM

We invite you to celebrate the Feast of St. Philip & St. James Eucharist in the nave (Lady Altar) on Saturday, May 2nd at 8:30 am. This service lasts about 30 minutes and provides opportunity for prayer & reflection.

TIME TO PLAN SHRINE MONT!

Come and join for some snacks and some planning for this year's Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont (September 11-13). Our theme is "Find Rest for Your Souls", but before that comes a little bit of planning. Come and talk about what's possible! Meet us on May 3rd in the St. John's Room at 9:30-10 a.m. and after the 10:30 a.m. service. All are welcome. Any questions beforehand, contact Beth Yancey or Eleanor Reed.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS BOOK STUDY

Join Mother Anne to read through *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional*, by Hanna Reichel. This timely resource seeks to offer spiritual grounding in this era of eroding democratic norms and rising authoritarianism. The study will meet on Thursday evenings April 30, May 7, May 14, and May 21 from 6:00-7:00 pm. Please RSVP to anne.turner@gracealex.org to receive the readings for each class.

WHAT ONCE WAS LOST CAN NOW BE FOUND! LOST & FOUND CLEAN OUT

It's that time again, we are cleaning out the lost and found bins. If you think you may have lost an item here at Grace, feel free to stop by the credenza outside of the church office to view unclaimed Lost & Found Items. Items will remain on display through Sunday, May 3rd, at which time they will be discarded.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A DISASTER DRILL

The Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) is holding a drill and needs "actors" to play roles. This exercise helps VRC staff prepare for disaster response. Saturday, May 16 from 9:45 a.m. to noon. No acting experience necessary. Beverages and snacks are provided. Register at <https://bit.ly/3Onn9OV>

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF APRIL 26, 2026 *(continued)*

CREATIVITY & CREATION: WATERCOLORS IN THE GARDEN, SATURDAY, MAY 16 - 11:00 AM

Come find a moment of peace and fellowship in our very own Grace Gardens! Whether you are a seasoned artist or haven't picked up a brush in years, we invite you to join us under the Magnolia tree for a morning of fresh air, light refreshments, and watercolor painting. We will be gathering in the shade of the magnolia tree to celebrate the beauty of our local flora. It's a wonderful opportunity to slow down and appreciate the details of the world around us.

What to Expect:

- **Stewardship Spotlight:** Doug Prince will share a brief update on our plans to rejuvenate the garden area with beautiful, eco-friendly native plants.
- **Creative Guidance:** Hannah Sternberg will provide basic instruction on watercolor techniques to help you capture the garden on paper.
- **Supplies & Snacks:** All painting materials and light refreshments will be provided.

To keep the setting intimate and ensure we have enough supplies, the event is limited to 10 participants. A \$5 free-will donation is requested to help cover the cost of materials and treats. **Reserve your spot today** by contacting Hannah Sternberg at hsternberg@gmail.com or Doug Prince at DouglasLPrince61@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC – MAY 31!

Save the date for Sunday, May 31st after the 10:30 am service. 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. If you have any questions, ask Angie Crane (angiecrane@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 26	Ellen Rugaber
Tuesday, April 28	Donna Plunkett
Wednesday, April 29	Suzi Pease
Friday, May 1	Richard Wilmer, Benjamin Zoeller
Sunday, May 3	Dave Arnold



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, 4/26	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	
	Youth/Adult Advisory Councils - 12 Noon		
	5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist	Nave	
Monday, 4/27	No Activities Scheduled Currently		
Tuesday, 4/28	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, 4/29	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, 4/30	12:00 pm Midweek Eucharist	Lady Altar	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	For Such a Time as This Bible Study - 6 pm	St. Mark	Anne.turner@gracealex.org
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6 pm	Malm Narthex	
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm	St. Cecilia/Nave	
Friday, 5/1	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Saturday, 5/2	St. Philip & James Feast Day Eucharist - 8:30 am	Nave, Lady Altar	
	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, Jean, Linda, John, Ismael, Wendy, Lisa, Liz, Anne, Claire, Lesley & Kelly, June, Alex, Cristina, Bob, Lisa, Luke, Nancy, Joe, Don, Steve; Jennifer, Blanca, Delia.
- **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, Robert, Barbara, Joan, Shelton.
- **Members of our staff:** Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Gabriel, Ginny, Jane, Father Jon, Josh, Kevin, Kim, 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:** 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:** Grace & Holy Trinity, Richmond; Good Shepherd, Burke; Beckford Parish (Emmanuel, Woodstock & St. Andrew's, Mt. Jackson).
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Windward Islands, Church in the Province of the West Indies; Diocese of Wondurba, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Diocese of Worcester, Church of England; Diocese of Wulu, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, Diocese of Wusasa, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Wyoming, Episcopal Church.

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