



Grace Episcopal Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.

Festival 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 a.m. – 3 p.m., and 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Fridays.
(Mother Anne & Mother Emma are out of the office on Mondays & Father Jon is out of the office 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 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday on which they would like to receive Home Communion.

SIXTH 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 people stand.

INTROIT ANTIPHON (CHOIR):

Vocem jucunditatis

Plainsong, Tone VII

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia; utter it even unto the ends of the earth: the Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia, alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honor of his Name; make his praise to be glorious. (Is. 48:20; Ps. 66)

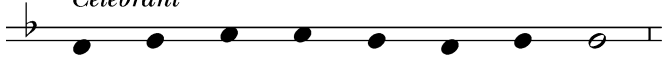
HYMN 492

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

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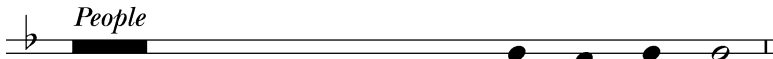
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 17:22-31

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

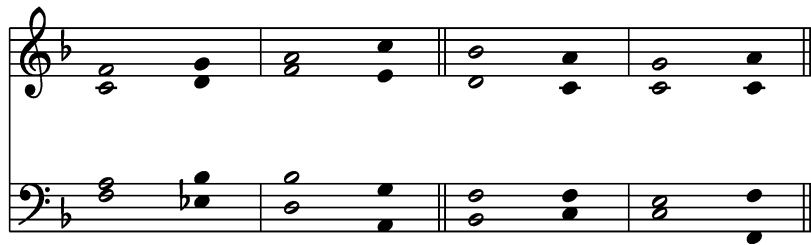
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:1-8

Simplified Anglican Chant, S-413

Sung by all.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



Be joyful in God, all you | lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his | praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your | deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe be-| fore you.

All the earth bows down be-| fore you, *
sings to you, sings out your | Name."

Come now and see the works of | God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all | people.

He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on | foot, *
and there we re-| joiced in him.

In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the | nations; *
let no rebel rise up a-| gainst him.

Bless our God, you | peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be | heard;

Who holds our souls in | life, *
and will not allow our feet to | slip.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-22

Lector A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.

Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you~ not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (choir)

Surrexit Christus

Plainsong, Tone VI

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen, and hath showed light unto us: who he hath redeemed with his most precious Blood.

Alleluia. The Holy Ghost shall teach you: whatsoever I said unto you. Alleluia. (John 14:26)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Pete Nunnally

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.
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.
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Celebrant

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who settest the solitary in families: We commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh.

Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Deacon and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Celebrant

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

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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)

Benedicite gentes

Plainsong, Tone II

O praise our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard; who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip. Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer: nor turned his mercy from me, alleluia. (Ps. 66: 7, 8, 18)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Be Joyful in the Lord

John Rutter

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands.

*Serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.*

Be ye sure that the lord he is God:

*It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise.*

Be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

*For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands.

Glory be to the Father;

*Glory be to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen.*

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,
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 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)

Spiritus Sanctus

Plainsong Tone I

The Holy Ghost shall teach you, alleluia; whatsoever I have said unto you, alleluia, alleluia. (John 14:26) (John 14:26)

HYMN 455

O Love of God, how strong and true

Dunedin

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 191

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise

Lux eoi

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

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Dr. Anne M. Turner
<i>Deacon & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Pete Nunnally
<i>Subdeacon</i>	Jay Legere
<i>Lector</i>	Anne Boris
<i>Intercessor</i>	Khacki Berry
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	John Thompson, Matt Williams
<i>Interim Music Director</i>	Josh Harrington
<i>Ushers</i>	John Boris, Mike Crane, Chuck Dodd, Bill Eckel
<i>Livestream Team</i>	Alison Campbell
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Kristine Hesse, Sarah Schultz

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MAY 10, 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 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. *****

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 a.m. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

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*

May 24: Memorial Day Weekend – Adult Forum goes on break for the summer

DIOCESAN GLOBAL MISSION BOOK GROUP (MAY 4, 11, 18 AND JUNE 1)

Join Diane Wright, *Diocesan Global Mission Advocate*, and others from around the Diocese of Virginia to read *Going Global with God: Reconciling Mission in a World of Difference* by Titus Presler over four weeks this spring. Together the group will meet virtually (3 – 4 p.m.) on Zoom and explore fresh models and practical tools for joining and participating in God's mission in the world. To register, send an email to GlobalMissionDioVA@gmail.com.

ASCENSION DAY EUCHARIST, MAY 14, 7:00 P.M.

Grace Church will observe the Feast of the Ascension with a Choral Eucharist on Thursday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. The Eucharist will feature music and be held in the Malm Narthex.

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 continues on Thursdays May 14 and May 21 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to anne.turner@gracealex.org to receive the readings for each class.

CREATIVITY & CREATION: WATERCOLORS IN THE GARDEN, SATURDAY, MAY 16 - 11:00 A.M.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MAY 10, 2026 (continued)

ALEXANDRIA REGIONAL YOUTH GAMES NIGHT - MAY 17, 6 - 8 P.M.

Come together with youth (6th-12th grade) from Episcopal Churches across Alexandria for a night of fellowship and games. Dinner will be provided, but please send your youth with \$5 to help offset the cost of food. We are hosting here at Grace Church and will play games outside on the field and playground (weather-permitting). Both chill games and active games will be offered, so there's something for everyone. Please scan the QR code to RSVP. Questions? Contact Mother Emma (emma.brice@gracealex.org).



MONTHLY VIGIL FOR OUR COUNTRY – MAY 19

This month we will hold the Vigil for our Country on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m. This liturgy includes Holy Eucharist as well as time to offer prayers for vulnerable individuals and groups: immigrants, LGBTQ+ individuals, federal workers, and others.

SHARE THE PEACE AT PENTECOST

Do you speak a language other than English? Help offer the peace on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. Parishioners will say "The peace of the Lord be always with you" in different languages. Please contact Mother Anne (anne.turner@gracealex.org) to participate.

CELEBRATE PENTECOST SUNDAY @ GRACE ON MAY 24TH

We will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, May 24th, with ice cream socials following Little Church in the amphitheater (weather-permitting) and during Fellowship Hour in the Auditorium. Also, don't forget to wear red to symbolize the Holy Spirit on this special day in the church calendar.

LA GRACIA INVITES ALL TO BINGO EVENT - SATURDAY, MAY 30 AT 3:30 P.M.

Join us for an afternoon of fun playing bingo (in English) on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. We invite you to the Merrow Hall Auditorium for a family-friendly experience. All proceeds will go directly to the 'La Gracia Fund'. Each bingo card is priced at \$5. Don't miss this chance to join La Gracia at an event that will make a difference! We look forward to seeing you on May 30.

MUSIC DIRECTOR UPDATE

Josh Harrington has agreed to remain at Grace on a permanent basis as our half-time Music Director. He will begin this role on August 1. We are delighted that Josh will be staying as a part of our staff.

Grace's Annual
Parish Picnic

Date: *May 31, 2026*

Time: *After the 10:30 Service*

Please scan the QR code for details. We need help with setup, cleanup, and food contributions. Grace will provide hot dogs. If desired bring your own blankets & sunshade. ♡ Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MAY 10, 2026 *(continued)*

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.

FIRST QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS

First Quarter donors to Grace received their first quarter giving statement by email on April 28th. If you didn't receive your statement, check your spam folder and if it's not there, reach out via giving@gracealex.org. Also, if you prefer a printed copy, you can request one at the same email. Thank you for your generosity and support of Grace Episcopal Church!

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 10	Benny Milnor, Maricruz Pascual, Amanda Ruff
Monday, May 11	Lee Meeks
Wednesday, May 13	Leo Schrum, Christine Washington
Thursday, May 14	Caroline Hennigan
Friday, May 15	Maddy Arnold, Erin Kelly
Saturday, May 16	Halina Banas-Jones, Mike Dobbs
Sunday, May 17	Sonia Hernandez, Meredith Hudson



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, 5/10	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	Auditorium	
	Formation Hour, Children & Youth - 9:40 a.m.	Various Rooms	
	Adult Forum - 9:40 a.m.	Saint Mark	
	10:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
	5:00 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist	Nave	
Monday, 5/11	No Activities Scheduled Currently		
Tuesday, 5/12	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 p.m.	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 5/13	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, 5/14	12:00 p.m. Midweek Eucharist	Lady Altar	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	For Such a Time as This Book Study - 6 p.m.	St. Mark	Anne.turner@gracealex.org
	Ascension Day Eucharist - 7:00 p.m.	Malm Narthex	
Friday, 5/15	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 p.m.	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 p.m.	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Saturday, 5/16	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 a.m.	Narthex, Sacristy	
	COHI Training - 9 a.m.	St. Mark Room	Jon.scarffe@gracealex.org
	Bible Study - 10 a.m.	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, Claire, Lesley & Kelly, June, Alex, Cristina, Bob, Lisa, Nancy, Joe, Steve, Jennifer, Blanca, Delia, Don, Reba.
- **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, Shelton, Chrissy.
- **Members of our staff:** Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, Father Jon, Josh, Kevin, Kim, 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:** St. Dunstan, Mclean; St. Mary, Goochland; all mothers.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Church of Pakistan (United); Diocese of Yokohama, Nippon Sei Ko Kai; Diocese of Yola, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of York, Church of England; Diocese of New York, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Western New York, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Ysabel, Anglican Church of Melanesia.

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