



Grace Episcopal Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026 – 10:30 am

Festival Eucharist, 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.

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.

FIFTH 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):

Cantate Domino

Plainsong, Tone VII

O sing unto the Lord a new song, alleluia; for the Lord hath done marvelous things, alleluia. In the sight of the nations hath he showed his righteous judgments, alleluia, alleluia. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory. (Ps. 96:1-2)

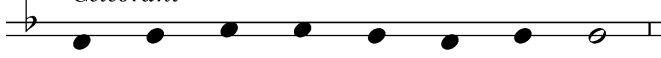
HYMN 525

The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

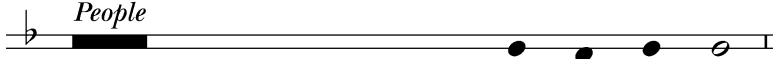
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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 seated 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 God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON

Psalm 31: 5a

Organ: *Everyone:*

In-to your hands I com-mend my spir-it.

Choir: In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me. Take me out of the net they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth. “Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me.”

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

Lector A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (choir)

Dextera Dei

Plainsong, Tone VI

Alleluia, alleluia. The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass, alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him, alleluia. (Ps. 118:16; Rom. 6:9)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Anne M. 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.

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

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

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) Jubilate Deo *Plainsong, Tone II*
O be joyful in God, all ye lands; sing praises unto the honor of his Name; O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what things he hath done for my soul, alleluia. (Ps. 66:1, 14)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM How Firm a Foundation *John Rutter*
Congregation sings bold text

ALL:

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

CHOIR ONLY:

*Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

ALL:

**When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

CHOIR ONLY:

*When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.*

ALL:

**The soul that to Jesus has fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no, never forsake.**

The people stand and sing the hymn.

HYMN 484

Praise the Lord through every nation

Wachet auf

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-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) Simon Joannis

Plainsong, Tone I

Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee, alleluia. (St. John 21)

HYMN 359

God of the prophets

Toulon

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.

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 518

Chris is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

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

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

Celebrant	The Rev. Emma Brice
Deacon & Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Anne Turner
Subdeacon	The Rev. Jon Scarffe
Lector	Bill Malone
Intercessor	Mary Hix
Lay Eucharistic Minister	John Thompson, Matt Williams
Interim Music Director	Josh Harrington
Ushers	John Hall, Mary Hix, Elizabeth Legere, Laura Weidenfeld
Livestream Team	Alison Campbell, Stephen Lovell
Altar Guild Crew Leaders	Sherryl Dodd, Lucy-Lee Reed

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MAY 3, 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. *****

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR NATIONAL REBUILDING DAY PARTICIPANTS!

On Saturday, April 25th, Grace Church completed its fourth consecutive year participating in National Rebuilding Day. Our incredible volunteers spent the day at a CRI group home in Arlington, an organization that has served individuals with disabilities and mental health needs for 45 years, completing yard work, interior and exterior painting, and adding porch decking, among other activities. None of this would have been possible without the generous hearts and willing hands of everyone who showed up and gave of their time. Thank you for representing Grace so beautifully and making a real difference in the community. We'll do this again next year!

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.

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*

TIME TO PLAN SHRINE MONT!

Come join us for some snacks & 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 today, 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 today, Sunday, May 3rd, after which time they will be discarded.

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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MAY 3, 2026 (continued)

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.

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>

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

LA GRACIA INVITES ALL TO BINGO EVENT - SATURDAY, MAY 30 AT 3:30 PM

Join us for an afternoon of fun playing bingo (in English) on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 3:30 pm. 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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC & HELP MAKE IT A SUCCESS - MAY 31!

Save the date for Sunday, May 31st after the 10:30 am service. You can help make our picnic a success by signing up to help with setup, clean up, and/or to bring a dish. Sign up by scanning the QR code on the right. 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 (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.

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MAY 3, 2026 *(continued)*

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, May 3	Dave Arnold
Monday, May 4	Jason Holleran
Tuesday, May 5	Mary Montequin, David Shaver, Holland Sturmfelz
Wednesday, May 6	Christian Portillo, Martha Tschetter
Thursday, May 7	Aiden Guernsey, Claire Guernsey
Saturday, May 9	Vylma Leslie-Khanna
Sunday, May 10	Benny Milnor, Maricruz Pascual, Amanda Ruff



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, 5/3	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am La Gracia Santa Eucaristia	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Auditorium	
	Shrine Mont Planning Meeting - 9:30 am	St. John Room	
	Formation Hour, Children & Youth - 9:40 am	Various Rooms	
	Adult Forum - 9:40 am	Saint Mark	
	10:30 am Festival Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	Shrine Mont Planning Meeting - 11:45 am	St. John Room	
	5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist	Nave	
	Youth Event - 6 pm		emma.brice@gracealex.org
Monday, 5/4	No Activities Scheduled Currently		
Tuesday, 5/5	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, 5/6	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed- 703.842.3121
	COHI Meeting - 7 pm	St. Mark Room	jon.scarffe@gracealex.org
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 5/7	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 Book 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, 5/8	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, 5/9	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, Claire, Lesley & Kelly, June, Alex, Cristina, Bob, Lisa, Luke, Nancy, Joe, Steve; Jennifer, Blanca, Delia, Anne, Don.
- **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, Ginny, 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:** Grace Church, Goochland; Christ Church, Charlottesville; St. John's, McLean; St. Mary's, Fleeton.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Church of North India (United); Diocese of Yambio, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Diocese of Yangon, Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma); Diocese of Yei, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Diocese of Yeri, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Diocese of Yewa, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Yirol, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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