



Grace Episcopal Church

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Founders' Day Sunday
September 27, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.
Festival Eucharist, Rite I



Founders' Day 2026

*Celebrated on the final Sunday of September, Founders' Day serves
as an opportunity to mark the anniversary of Grace Episcopal Church's founding in 1855,
to reflect on the church's past, and to look with hope towards the future God is calling us into.*

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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.

The church office is open 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 9 a.m. – Noon on Fridays.
(Mothers Anne & Emma are out of the office on Mondays, Father Jon is in the office on Monday & Tuesday mornings.)

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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.

FOUNDERS' DAY SUNDAY
FESTIVAL EUCHARIST, RITE I

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

INTROIT

Psalm 33

Antiphon: O how dreadful is this place! This is the house of God, and gate of heaven: and men shall call it the palace of God.

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts: my soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord

HYMN 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant



Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People



And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 323

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

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP, p. 324

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

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

GLORIA S-202

Willan



1. Glo-ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,



good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,



we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee, we give



thanks to thee for thy great glo-ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven-ly



King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty.

4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;

5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the

right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou

on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most

high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —

A - - - - - men.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1881-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give thee thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek thee here may find thee, and be filled with thy joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.

Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84:1-8

Simplified Anglican Chant, S-411

Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of | hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living | God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her | young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my | God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your | house! *
they will always be praising | you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in | you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' | way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of | springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of | water.
- 6 They will climb from height to | height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in | Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of | Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O | God; *
and look upon the face of your a- | noointed.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:1-5,9-10

Lector A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. 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. 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 for the Gospel Procession.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

Sung by the Choir

*This dwelling is God's handiwork: it is mystery beyond all price, that cannot be spoken against.
O God, in whose presence the choirs of Angels are standing: Graciously hear the prayers of thy servants.*



Choir: I will worship toward thy holy temple: And will sing praises unto thy Name. [Alleluia].

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:12-16

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer"; but you are making it a den of robbers.' The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David', they became angry and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?''

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The people are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Anne M. Turner

Silence is kept.

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

**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.

A LITANY OF GOD'S MISSION FOR THE CHURCH

2022 Book of Occasional Services pg. 267

The Leader and people pray responsively.

Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,
Have mercy on us.
 Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,
Have mercy on us.
 Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,
Have mercy on us.
 Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.
 From blind hearts and petty spirits that refuse to see our need for your love,
Savior, deliver us.
 From pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion,
Savior, deliver us.
 From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness,
Savior, deliver us.
 From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,
Savior, deliver us.
 O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.
Hear us, O Christ.
 Open our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.

Hear us, O Christ.

Open our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

Hear us, O Christ.

Open our lips, that we may tell in every tongue the wonderful works of God.

Hear us, O Christ.

Open our hearts, that we may discern the work to which you call us.

Hear us, O Christ.

Send us with your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen us, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.

Hear us, O Christ.

Sustain and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous, and unresponsive places.

Hear us, O Christ.

Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.

Hear us, O Christ.

Silence

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 330

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The people stand.

Celebrant

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The people are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR GUILD & SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER 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

Angie Crane, Ramee Gentry, David Koegel, Wendy Molzahn, and Erin Preston have been called to the ministry of the Altar Guild.

A representative of the congregation

Megan Braza, Breen Byrnes, Sheng Davis, Katy Kelly, Leigh Ann Killian, Cindy MacIntyre, Anne McFadden, Andrew Serke, Kelly Serke, Tacie Williams, and Matt Williams have been called to the ministry of Sunday School Teacher for the 2026-2027 Sunday School year.

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, Angie, Ramee, David, Wendy, and Erin, as our newest members of the Altar Guild of Grace Church.

In the Name of God, we recognize you, Megan, Breen, Sheng, Katy, Leigh Ann, Cindy, Anne, Andrew, Kelly, Tacie, and Matt as Sunday School Teachers for the 2026-2027 Sunday School Year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

O Lord God, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now I have seen with joy thy people, which are present here. O Lord god of Israel, keep for ever this imagination: of the heart of thy people.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Create in me a clean heart, O God

Carl Mueller

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
Create in me a clean heart, O God!
The people stand and sing the hymn.*

OFFERTORY HYMN 397

Now thank we all our God

Nun danket alle Gott

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP, p. 340

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; through Jesus Christ our great High Priest; in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before thee a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in thy sight. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S-114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plan

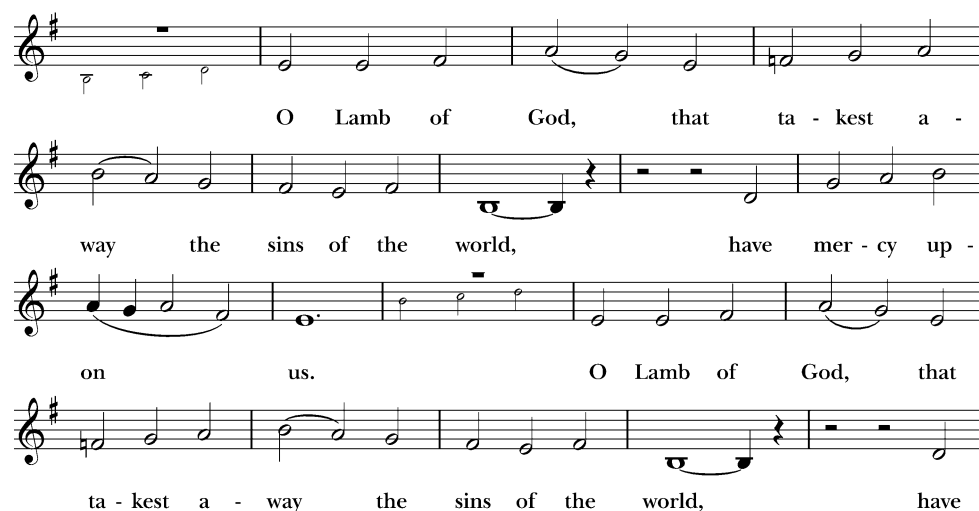


Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-lowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who tres-pass a-gainst us.
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glo-ry,
For ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

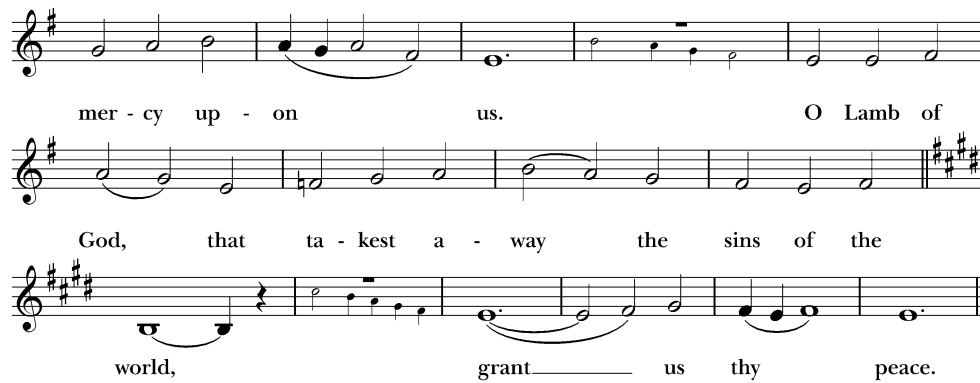
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

HYMNAL S-158



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have



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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

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

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the eucharist. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

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

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer, saith the Lord: in it every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth. And to him that knocketh: it shall be opened.

COMMUNION HYMN 315

Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

Song 1

THE SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we share in one bread, one cup.**

The people stand or kneel.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All stand and sing the hymn.

*Commissioned by Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia
for its 150th Anniversary Celebration, 2005*

1 Gra - cious God, you call your peo - ple to your Ta - ble through your
2 Word In - car - nate, dwell - ing with us, shar - ing hu - man joy and
3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, life - be - stow - er, po - tent wind and ur - gent
4 Tri - une God, di - verse, u - ni - ted, source of true com - mu - ni -

Word: sum - mon us through all our sen - ses, let our hearts and minds be
pain, heal - ing, bless - ing, dy - ing, ris - ing, mak - ing all things new a -
flame, may your gifts and fruits bring bless - ing to all those who bear Christ's
ty, from whose shared im - plant - ed im - age comes all hu - man dig - ni -

stirred. Root us in th'a - pos - tles' teach - ing, joined in fel - low - ship and
gain: still pro - claim your Good News through us in life's dai - ly give and
name. Guard us from the snares of ev - il, but when on sin's path we
ty: help us guide the plow of jus - tice well and right - ly, deep and

prayers, yet, like bread that breaks to feed us, give us faith that risks and dares.
take; help us love and serve our neigh - bor with your grace and for your sake.
stray, give us grace to turn, re - pent - ant, back to God's life - giv - ing way.
true, carv - ing room for peace to flou - rish, op' - ning hearts to grace a - new.

Tune: RUSTINGTON, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

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THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Voluntary

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Emma Brice
<i>Deacon & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Dr. Anne M. Turner
<i>Assisting & Children's Chapel</i>	The Rev. Jon Scarffe
<i>Subdeacon</i>	Evan Robinson
<i>Lector</i>	Anne Boris
<i>Intercessor</i>	Christina Ritter
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Kelly Gable
<i>Director of Music</i>	Josh Harrington
<i>Ushers</i>	Bill Eckel, Elizabeth Legere, Steve Lovell, Laura Weidenfeld
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	John Barker

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

The weekly announcement deadline is Monday at 12 p.m.

Submissions after the deadline will be held for the following week. Please limit submissions to 75 words.

Announcements will be edited for content/length. Email requests to announcements@gracealex.org.

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by
Lawrence Thompson in Memory of Catherine Thompson and by
Sherryl Dodd in Memory of the life well lived of Dr Robert W Powell, Jr.*

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



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

- The Stewardship Team (Stephanie Reed, Elizabeth Legere, Sarah Glass, Barry Joyner) joined to share exciting plans for the 2027 pledge campaign. We all committed to pledging by Founders' Day (Sunday, 9/27) and discussed stewardship as a year-round activity and a critical effort for the sustainability of Grace Church. Many thanks to Judy Willard for a beautiful pledge card design, which every parishioner will receive with a letter.
- Robby Schrum guided the Vestry through a comprehensive overview of the relaunched Building and Grounds Committee's work to operationalize the 2023 Reserve Study, detailing the long-term repairs and structural improvements needed to preserve our campus, and ways for stakeholders to collaborate in planning for this work. Stay tuned for a presentation on this to the parish.
- Ramee Gentry, Treasurer, provided an overview of the 2027 budget planning process, highlighting recommendations from the Personnel Committee for right-sizing clergy compensation, and needed investments in our physical plant.
- Vestry approved minutes from the July meeting, which are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. The Vestry meets next on Tuesday, October 20.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

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

THE 2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS TODAY!

Our theme is Where Our Hearts Are—Giving in Love and our pledge goal is \$835,000. In the next week or so, you will receive a pledge card in the mail. We ask that you complete the card and return it by our ingathering on All Saints' Sunday, November 1, or use the QR code on the card to access an online form to complete your pledge.

You will hear more about the campaign at today's services and in the weeks ahead. For now, we invite you to prayerfully consider what Grace Church means in your life and how you can financially support the parish in the coming year. If you have questions about how to make a pledge or if you do not receive a card in the mail, please reach out to the church office.

FOUNDERS' DAY BREAKFAST TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27!

Today, Sunday, September 27, we kick off the program year with the first day of Sunday School and look forward to the October 4th kickoff of Adult Forum. To celebrate the program year's start and Founder's Day, we invite everyone to join us for a breakfast of eggs, bacon, pancakes, coffee, juice and fruit from 9:15 to 10:20 a.m. in the Merrow Hall Auditorium on the third floor! Come talk to old friends, meet new friends, and get ready for the first day of Sunday School! Come any time 9:15 - 10:20 a.m.

TAKE YOUR PHOTO FOR BREEZE

Our online parish directory, Breeze, allows for parishioners to upload photos of themselves. Haven't added yourself? After our 9:00 and 10:30 services, we'll have staff members available in the amphitheater (9:00) or auditorium (10:30) to help take your picture. You can always contact the church office for more information about accessing Breeze and adding a photo of your choice.

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YOUTH NIGHT IS BACK TONIGHT, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Calling all 6th-12th graders! After a long summer break, we will have our first youth night of the year on Sunday, September 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Dinner will be Chipotle, and our activity will be games at church. Please RSVPs using the link or scanning the QR code. Make sure you've registered for the program year too!

HELP MAKE FELLOWSHIP HOUR A SUCCESS!

Choose a Sunday this fall to assist the fellowship team with Fellowship Hour set-up or clean-up. Scan the QR code to sign-up or email fellowship@gracealex.org. If you have questions ask Mother Emma, Colleen McArdelle or Angie Crane.



MORNING PRAYER RESUMED

The clergy have resumed their practice of beginning the day, Tuesday through Thursday, with Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. You are welcome to join them in the Malm Narthex for this short (15 minute) service of psalms, scripture readings, and prayers. Please enter through the glass doors by the parking lot.

NO MORNING PRAYER OCTOBER 1

Morning Prayer will not be held on Thursday, 10/1, and will resume the following week on Tuesday, 10/6.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

A new season of music is about to begin! Parish Choir rehearsals are back, and we'd love for you to be part of the music at Grace.

Come sing, learn, laugh, and make some beautiful music together. Whether you're a longtime choir member or you're thinking about joining for the very first time, there's a place for you in the choir. Come as you are – and bring your voice! The next rehearsal is Wednesday, Sept. 30th at 7pm. All subsequent rehearsals will be held on Thursdays at 7pm.

Prefer ringing to singing? We would love to see you in the bell choir this season!

Questions? See Josh Harrington or email josh.harrington@gracealex.org.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Grace Church holds two ongoing bible studies:

- The Grace Church Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets weekly from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. on Zoom. Our approach to Scripture is along the lines of believing it is a Divine Revelation through which God speaks to us, not just a piece of human literature that merely reflects the faith journey of a community. We dig deep into the meaning, both intended in its day and its application to today. Our studies are whole book-at-a-time studies with a question-and-answer format that does have some homework (not a lot!) and involves group participation. Contact Stephen Lovell [lovellsjl@aol.com] for more information.
- The Saturday Grace Church Bible study meets the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10 am on Zoom (link below). We use the 'African' (or Lambeth) model of reflection. It's a spinoff of Ignatian study, where we begin with hearing the lesson and listening for a word or phrase. After another reading (different translations of the Bible are provided), we discuss how the passage resonates in our lives today. Third reading prompt is what challenge or invitation do we hear from God? Everyone is welcome to join us! Please email Chrissie Crosby (cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com), so she knows to let you into the Zoom meeting! Here's the Zoom link—it is the same every meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81872778826>

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Bring your dogs, cats, and other family pets for the annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4 at 4 p.m. All pets will receive special prayers & blessings from our clergy in the Saint Francis Garden, located outside of the glass doors near the parking lot. If your pet does not do well with being around other animals, you can also bring a photo of the pet. Photos of pets who have died during the past year are also welcome.

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ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

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

- October 4: Creation Care: Native Plantings at Grace, by *Doug Prince*
- October 11: Scottish Pilgrimage Report, by *Mother Anne and others*
- October 18: TBD
- October 25: Made by Hand: Prayer Shawl Ministry, by *Hannah Sternberg and Laura Weidenfeld*
- November 1: Grace at Work: Holocaust Museum, by *Ramee Gentry*
- November 8: Hospice/Palliative Care, by *Father Jon Scarffe*

MEN'S GROUP FELLOWSHIP

The Men's group fellowship occurs every other Tuesday (next gathering is 10/6) at locations in either Del Ray or Arlington at 7pm. Email Todd Egaas (todd.egaas@gracealex.com) and Michael Crane (michael.crane@gracealex.org) to get on the mailing list. We would love to have you.

HELPING ALIVE! ONE STEP AT A TIME

Sunday, October 18th is ALIVE!'s annual Step ALIVE! Walkathon that draws Alexandrians from across the city for a major fundraiser to help neighbors facing food insecurity and housing instability in our city. The event starts at George Washington Middle School on Mt. Vernon Ave and winds its way through the city. We would love to see many smiling faces from Grace at this event. You can sign up as individuals or sign up as a team. Registration can be found by scanning the QR code with your smart phone. If you have any questions, please reach out to John Berry (kpbjab@yahoo.com) or Keith Davis (kjd6164@gmail.com)



PROTECT OUR NAVE

Please do not bring drinks (even in a sealed cup) or food into the nave during worship. Help us keep the space clean and preserve our reverent environment.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Friday, October 2	George Harrigan
Saturday, October 3	Alex Braña, Mia Braña
Sunday, October 4	Ruth Corlett



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, 9/27	7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 a.m. La Gracia Santa Eucaristía	Nave	
	9:00 a.m. Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	Formation Hour (Sunday School)	Various Rooms	emma.brice@gracealex.org
	Founders' Day breakfast - 9:15 - 10:20 a.m.	MH Auditorium	eric.waskowicz@gracealex.org
	10:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
	Eucharistic Ministry Training - 12:30 p.m.	Nave	anne.turner@gracealex.org
	5:00 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist	Nave	
	Youth Night - 6 p.m.		emma.brice@gracealex.org
Monday, 9/28	No Activities Currently Scheduled		
Tuesday, 9/29	Morning Prayer - 9 a.m.	Malm Narthex	
	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, 9/30	Morning Prayer - 9 a.m.	Malm Narthex	
	Evening Prayer - 5:30 p.m.	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed- 703.842.3121
	Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.	Zoom	stephen.lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 p.m.	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 p.m.	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 10/1	Morning Prayer - 9 a.m.	Malm Narthex	
	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
Friday, 10/2	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, 10/3	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 a.m.	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 a.m.	Zoom	cmcfaddencrosby@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, Linda, John, Ismael, Wendy, Lisa, Liz, Claire, Lesley & Kelly, June, Alex, Cristina, Bob, Lisa, Joe, Jennifer, Blanca, Don, Reba, Cricket, Phil, Doug, Lucy-Lee, Bette, Suzi & Jen, Jan, Lisa, Chrissie.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Sally, Clare, Marilyn, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, 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, Charlotte, Robert, Barbara, Shelton, Chrissy, Dave & Donna, Carole, Gretchen, Jack & Susan, Frank, Bob, Elaine & Bill, Miles, Eugene, Rick, Larry, Anica and Ophelia.
- **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:** Noah Woodiwiss, Dan and Katy Pattarini, Karen & Eric Coulson, Erika Olander, for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war, and for physical and mental well-being of all veterans.
- **Others who are overseas serving the Church or our nation or teaching or studying abroad:** Chris & Melissa Reed, Virginia Robinson, Julie Mills Cizek & Theo Halliwell, the Epifanovskiye family.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** the Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, the Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, the Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas and all bishops participating in the House of Bishops meeting.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Church of Bangladesh; Diocese of Central Buganda, Church of the Province of Uganda; Diocese of West Buganda, Church of the Province of Uganda; Diocese of Buhiga, Anglican Church of Burundi; Diocese of Bujumbura, Anglican Church of Burundi; Diocese of Bukavu, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; Diocese of Bukedi, Church of the Province of Uganda.

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