



Grace Episcopal Church

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The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Candlemas February 5th, 2023 – 10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite I



The Rood Beam

“Rood” is an old English word, meaning “cross,” and it is the suffering of the Crucified One that is depicted here. The Rood Beam represents forgiveness mediated to us by Christ’s atoning sacrifice. As is traditional, the figure to the left of the Cross is Jesus’ Mother, Mary, who is so grief stricken that she cannot even raise her eyes to look at her Son. The figure on the right is St. John, the Beloved, the only one of the twelve who dared keep vigil with the faithful women. He is pointing to the Cross to remind us all of its saving power. These figures were carved by Sarah Bagwell Smith.

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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.

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 Fridays 9 am – Noon.
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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.

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE I

The Feast of the Presentation, or Candlemas, falls on February 2.

It commemorates the presentation of Jesus in the temple forty days after his birth described in the gospel for the day. In the Eastern church, it is referred to as the Feast of the Meeting, focusing on the encounter between Jesus and Simeon. Traditionally, the liturgy includes a procession with lighted candles and a blessing of the candles to be used in the church in the coming year.

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

PRELUDE Chorale Presule on 'Mit Fried und Freud ich farh dahin' Healey Willan (1880-1968)

The people stand.

INTROIT ANTIPHON (choir) *Suscepimus* Plainsong, Tone VII
We have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple; according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill. (Ps. 48:10, 11 & 12)

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, thou hast made this day holy by the presentation of thy Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness to be the birth-giver of the only-begotten, may rejoice for ever in our adoption as his sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

Almighty and everlasting God, who on this day didst present thine only-begotten Son in thy holy temple to be received in the arms of blessed Simeon: we humbly entreat thy mercy, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to bless, hallow, and kindle with the light of thy heavenly benediction these candles which we thy servants desire to receive and to carry, lighted in honor of thy holy Name. By offering them to thee our Lord and God, may we be inflamed with the fire of thy love, and made worthy to be presented in the holy temple of thy glory. Through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSION

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen**

HYMN 257

O Zion, open wide thy gates

Edmonton

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ Our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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.

GLORIA

Healey Willan, Hymnal S-202

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 - might - y.



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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The psalm is sung by the choir.

PSALM 84: 1-4, 9-12



- 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 you're A-|nointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own |room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the |wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and |shield; *
he will give grace and| glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord with-|hold *
from those who walk with in-|tegrity.
- 12 O Lord of |hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in| you!

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 2:14-18

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Senex puerum

Plainsong, Tone VI

Alleluia, alleluia. The old man carried the Child, but the Child governed the old man. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

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

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed- and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Mother Nina Bacas

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form II; BCP, p. 385

The Leader and People pray responsively.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop, for E. Mark Stevenson, our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Eddie Seymour, friend of parishioner Peter Iovino. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 330

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Deacon and People

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.

Priest

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 people stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The people are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF NEW CUSHIONS AND BAPTISMAL BANNER

Celebrant

This is the offering which you shall receive from the people gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet cloth, and finely woven linen.

Celebrant O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness:

People **You are clothed with majesty and splendor.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O glorious God, all your works proclaim your perfect beauty: Accept our offering of these cushions and baptismal banner, and grant that it may adorn this sanctuary and show forth your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMISSIONING OF NEW ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

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

These people have been called to the ministry of the Altar Guild.

People

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

Celebrant

Let us pray. 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, as members of the Altar Guild.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY *If you prefer to give electronically, you can scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit the giving page at www.gracealex.org and click on "Make an Offering."*



OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (choir)

Diffusa est gratia

Plainsong, Tone II

Full of grace are thy lips: because God hath blessed thee for ever. (Ps. 45:2)

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

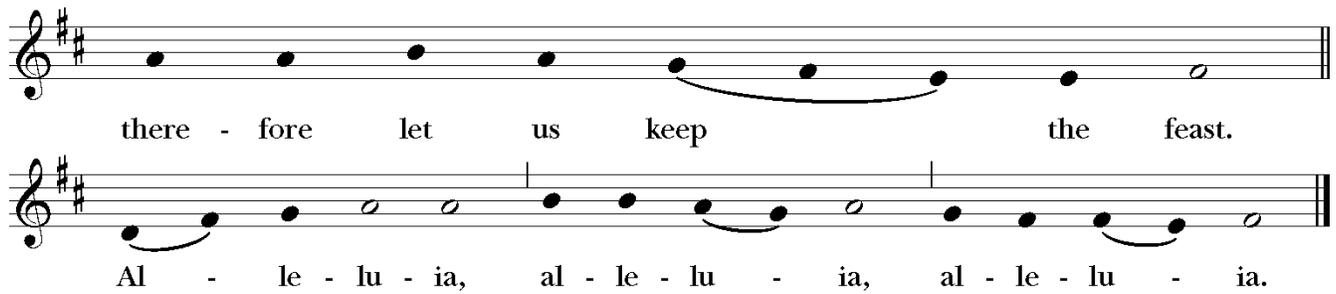
BCP, p. 364

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Behold what you are.

People **May we become what we receive.**

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. If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

At communion, gluten-free wafers are available by request.

To request the bread only, please put out both hands, palm up, with one hand crossed over one another.

To request a wafer that has been dipped in wine, please put out one hand only.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

COMMUNION HYMN 258 Virgin born we bow before thee

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

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

Celebrant May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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 259

Hail to the Lord who comes

Old 120th

The people stand.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Herr Gott nun schleuss den Himmel auf, BWV 619

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF FEBRUARY 5TH, 2023

Announcement deadline is Monday at 4 pm. Announcements arriving after that time will be held for the following week. Please limit announcements to 75 words. Email requests to announcements@gracealex.org.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

FUNERAL FOR BARBARA "POLLY" SPAHR

The funeral service for Polly Spahr will take place here at Grace Episcopal in the Nave on Saturday, February 18th at 1 pm.

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES – CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Adult Forum will focus on individual spiritual development during Lent. We are looking for parishioners who are willing to share about a person or a place that brought them closer to God. No one will need to prepare a whole presentation; presenters will each share one picture and speak for about three-five minutes. One session will focus on beloved mentors and guides, personal saints who were important to our personal development. Another session will look at places and/or moments when we felt particularly close to God - "Thin Places" - with a photo of a place representing the moment. Those who want to present virtually are also welcome. If you can participate - and I hope many of you can! - please contact Anne Boris.

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL REMINDER

Please remember that the only fundraising sales or events that we allow at Grace Church (whether for our parish or for an outside organization) are fundraisers approved by the vestry in advance. If you have questions, please speak with any member of the vestry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

ADULT FORUM RESUMES (ST. MARK ROOM AND VIRTUALLY, 9:40-10:15)

Tea and coffee are available from 9:30 just outside the St. Mark room. Come and chat before we get started! Please see our schedule below:

February 5: *Books that Changed Us*, presented by parishioners and moderated by Mary Stewart

February 12: *Learning About Our New Bishop*, presented by Rushad Thomas

February 19: *Good Governance Begins at Home*

THE GRACE CHILI BOWL IS TONIGHT, FEBRUARY 5!

Put your chef's hat on! The famed Grace Chili Bowl returns tonight, Sunday, February 5, at 5 p.m. This chili cook-off and fundraiser is a highlight of Grace's social calendar. Bring your appetites and your dollar bills to vote for your favorites. Admission is \$5 and includes all the chili you can eat!

ALIVE FURNITURE PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Outreach Committee needs volunteers to help Grace Church staff the Alive Furniture program on Saturday morning, February 11. It involves a commitment of about four hours picking up donated furniture and delivering it to families in need. To volunteer or get more information, email larry.thompson@gracealex.org or call or text 571-458-8194.

BAROQUE CONCERT AT GRACE ON FEBRUARY 17TH AT 7:30 PM

We're excited to announce an exciting upcoming concert at Grace. On Friday, February 17, 2023 we invite you to join us for an evening with [RELIC ensemble](http://relicensemble.org) - an ensemble specializing in performance on period instruments. Winter Oasis will weave music of Bach, Buxtehude, Handel, and Vivaldi. RELIC was founded in 2022 by six Juilliard graduates with the mission to bring live performances of early music to communities in every corner of the country and the world. Please join us. Admission is free and tickets are available at relicensemble.org/events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK *(continued)*

FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

On Sunday, February 19, we will have a videographer present at services and throughout the building with the goal of capturing video/photographs for use on the refreshed website this spring. The goal is for the videographer to capture footage and photos in as discreet a manner as possible as to not distract from Parishioners' Worship experience. If you have any questions, please email director.of.operations@gracealex.org.

INQUIRER'S CLASS - FOR SEEKERS AND RETURNERS

New(ish) to Grace? The Episcopal Church? The Christian faith? Start your journey with our Inquirer's Class. It is a 5-week introduction for those who want to know more about our church and our faith - whether newcomers to the church or life-long Episcopalians. In this safe, small group community, we explore the Episcopal Church and its history, worship, and mission. The capstone event to this class for many is baptism, confirmation, reception from another Christian tradition or reaffirmation of your baptismal vows. Everyone is welcome and questions are encouraged. The class meets every Tuesday in Lent (Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, and 28) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend any of the classes! For more information, please contact Father Santi Rodriguez.

J2A IS GOING TO JUNEAU, AK!

Buy a mile to help us get there! Each mile is \$5. Donate 10 miles (\$50), and we'll send you a postcard from Alaska! 20 miles (\$100) gets you an Alaskan souvenir! Scan the QR code to donate, or support our youth through cash, check, or tithe.ly, noted as "J2A 2023 donation."



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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.

We pray for:

- **Parishioners:** Virginia, Nancy, Michael, Lisa, Lina, Elizabeth, Mario, Ismael, Cristina, Tina, Hector, Betty & Reg, Conway, Amorita, Caz & family, Debbie, Amber, Wendy, Sara, Kelly, Elle, Susie, Jo-Anne, John, Michael, Carl.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Rose, Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Nancy, Charlie, Eles, Mary Ann, Jill, Marilyn, Cynthia.
- **Family & friends:** Michael, Chris & Eileen, Peter, Robert, Beth, Madison, Charlotte, Jerry & Dawn, Robert, Morgan, Melissa, Brian, Lexi, Landon, Jamison, Barbara, Charlotte & Michael, Dennis, Becky, Rebecca, Tom & Beth, Maggie, Joel, Etta & Perry, Stormy, Taylor.
- **Members of our staff:** Mother Anne, Mother Nina, Father Santiago, Mother Amanda, Durango, Patti, Samantha, Mary, Kevin, Pedro, Amorita.
- **Grace School:** Students, families, and staff.
- **Outreach partners:** Alive; Carpenter's Shelter; Casa Chirilagua; Christ Church Refugee and Lazarus Ministries; Community Lodgings; Cristosal, El Salvador; Haiti Micah Project; Meade Memorial Lunch Program; St. James Hospital, Tanzania; Tenants and Workers; V.O.I.C.E.
- **In the news:** family of Khacki Berry and others in Selma, AL, who suffered tornado & storm damage; other victims of winter storms; victims of gun violence; the people of Ukraine and any remaining Americans detained by Russia until the Ukraine war is over.
- **Those who have died:** Eddie Seymour, friend of parishioner Peter Iovino; those who have died from coronavirus and other illnesses; those who have died from fires & floods; and all those killed in acts of terror, violence, and war around the world.
- **Those serving in the Armed Forces:** LCDR Claire S. Eudy, USN; SSgt Chip Fowler, USAF; all those in the Middle East; all others at risk; and for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war and their caregivers.
- **Others who are overseas serving the Church or our nation or studying:** Virginia Robinson; Melissa & Edi Jurkovic with Elena, Ana, Mia & Olivia; Julie Mills Cizek; Chris & Melissa Reed; Connor Murphy; Christopher Corlett; Karen Coulson.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** For our bishop, E. Mark Stevenson; Diocese of Virginia staff; Immanuel, Old Church, Mechanicsville
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; The Territory of the People- The Anglican Church of Canada, The Diocese of Perth- The Anglican Church of Australia, The Diocese of Peru- The Anglican Church of South America, The Diocese of Peshawar- The (united) Church of Pakistan, The Diocese of Peterborough- The Church of England, The Diocese of Central Philippines.

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BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 2/7	Mario Chamorro, Vivienne Egaas, Kelly Gable, Joseph Giacomo, Dan Wakefield
Wednesday, 2/8	Peter Madigan, Sofia Reyes
Friday, 2/10	Bert David, Dina Martinez
Saturday, 2/11	Kelley Miller



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, 2/5	7:30 am Holy Eucharist in English, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am Santa Eucaristía en Español	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	MH Auditorium	
	Sunday School - 9:40 - 10:20 am	Various Rooms	
	Adult Forum - 9:40-10:15 am	St. Mark Room, Zoom	
	10:30 am Festival Eucharist, Rite I	Nave / Livestream	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
	The Annual Chili Bowl- 5 p.m.	Auditorium	
Monday, 2/6	Food Pantry Bagging - 4:30 - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Judy.Willard@gracealex.org Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday, 2/7	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Judy.Willard@gracealex.org Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 2/8	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Judy.Willard@gracealex.org Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed- 703.842.3121
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	Saint Luke Room	
Thursday, 2/9	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Bible Study - 11 am	Saint Mark Room	bobbyd020@gmail.com
	12 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer	Nave, Lady Altar	
	Handbell Rehearsal - 6 pm	Choir Room	samantha.scheff@gracealex.org
	Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	Choir Room	samantha.scheff@gracealex.org
Friday, 2/10	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm		Judy.Willard@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Saturday, 2/11	Vestry Retreat (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)	Offsite	
	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Nave & Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1-3 pm	1 st floor Lobby Area	Judy.Willard@gracealex.org Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Anne Michele Turner
Preacher	The Rev. Nina Bacas
Deacon	Father Santi Rodriguez
Subdeacon	Durango Jenkins
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Stephanie Reed
Lector	Mary Hix
Intercessor	Mary Stewart
Music Director	Samantha Scheff
Ushers	Bill Eckel, John Hall, Diana Jarrett, Cindy MacIntyre
Livestream Crew	Vance Allen, Geoffrey Whitlock
Altar Guild Crew Leader	Kemp Williams