



# Grace Episcopal Church

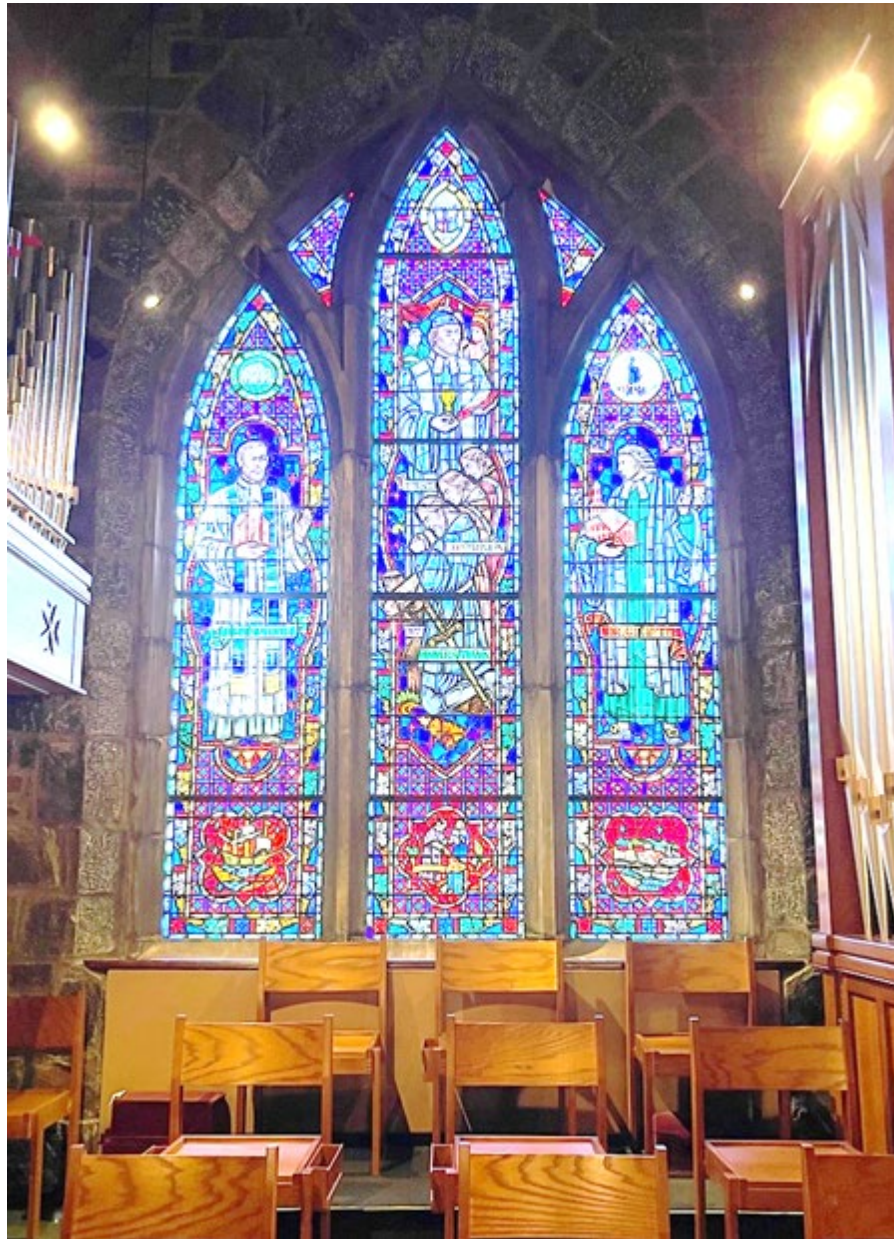
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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 7th, 2023 – 10:30 am**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**



**The great west window overlooking the choir loft.**

*The window represents the founding of the Episcopal Church in America and the formation of Grace Church.*

## 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](mailto: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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### IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE?

Clergy and staff are available for pastoral care. Please call the church office at (703) 549-1980 or send an email to Mtr. Anne Turner, [rector@gracealex.org](mailto:rector@gracealex.org), if you're ill or need pastoral care. For emergencies after hours, please call the **After-hours Emergency Number: (571) 308-3219**, 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  
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**

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

PRELUDE Ein feste Berg ist unser Gott Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)  
*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 518 Christ is made the sure foundation Westminster Abbey

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**  
*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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*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.**

*Children ages 3 years – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.*

*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.**

*All join in singing the Psalm.*



1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to | shame; \*  
deliver me in your | righteousness.

2 Incline your | ear to me; \*  
make haste to de-| liver me.

3 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.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of | strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my | spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of | truth.

15 My times are in your | hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who | persecute me.

2<sup>nd</sup> 16 Make your face to shine upon your | servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness | save me."

## 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 VERSE (choir) *Dextera Dei*

Plainsong, Tone VI

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

*Deacon* 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."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people are seated.*

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Anne Michele Turner

HYMN 295

Sing praise to our creator

*Silence is kept.*

### PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

*Priest* The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.  
*Parents and Godparents* **I present *Violet Mei Woodiwiss* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Priest* Violet, do you desire to be baptized?  
*Candidate* I do.

*Parents and Godparents* **I present *Olivia Rose Woodiwiss* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Priest* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidate,  
Parents and  
Godparents **I renounce them.**

Priest Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidate,  
Parents and  
Godparents **I renounce them.**

Priest Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Candidate,  
Parents and  
Godparents **I renounce them.**

Priest Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Candidate,  
Parents and  
Godparents **I do.**

Priest Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidate,  
Parents and  
Godparents **I do.**

Priest Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Candidate,  
Parents and  
Godparents **I do.**

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Priest Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words*

Priest Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

#### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

### PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.  
*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE BAPTISM

*Celebrant* Violet Mei, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead  
the sign of the cross using Chrism if desired and saying*

*Celebrant* Violet Mei, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Olivia Rose, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead  
the sign of the cross using Chrism if desired and saying*

*Celebrant* Olivia Rose, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant* Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE PEACE

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*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS





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.

*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,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant*

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

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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

Hymnal S-151

*Cantor*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*All*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Cantor*

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us  
keep the feast.

*All*

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. 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.*

*If you prefer to drink from the chalice, there is a common cup available at the crossing.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (choir) Tanto tempore Plainsong, Tone I  
*Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father, alleluia.  
 Believest thou not that I am in the Father: and the Father in me? Alleluia, alleluia.*

HYMN 487 Come my way, my truth, my life The Call

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. 366

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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 296 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more Engleberg

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 339

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

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY

Toccata in F major, BruxWV 156 Deiterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

**SERVING @ GRACE TODAY**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Father Santi Rodriguez
<i>Deacon &amp; Preacher</i>	The Rev. Dr. Anne Michele Turner
<i>Subdeacon</i>	Durango Jenkins
<i>Assisting</i>	The Rev. Nina Bacas
<i>Lector</i>	Teresa Preston
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Bill Malone
<i>Music Director</i>	Samantha Scheff
<i>Ushers</i>	John Boris, Chuck & Sherryl Dodd, Mike Stancil
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Vance Allen, Eleanor Reed
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leader</i>	Chad Eckles

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MAY 7TH, 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](mailto:announcements@gracealex.org).

*Altar Flowers for today are given to the Glory of God.*

If you would like to dedicate Altar Flowers for a particular Sunday in loving memory of someone or in thanksgiving, scan the QR Code on the right with your smart phone to access the form.



## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

### DONUTS AND THE LIVESTREAM!

Come to an open house in the library after the 10:30 a.m. service to see how the livestream works. We have donuts AND we will show you what happens "behind the scenes." Whether you are just curious, or are considering joining the livestream ministry, stop by!

### ASCENSION DAY SERVICE & YOUNG ADULTS RECEPTION, MAY 18 AT 7:30 PM

Join us to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension on Thursday, May 18th in the nave at 7:30 pm. The Eucharist will be followed with a reception for young adults in the Malm Narthex. If you are in your 20s, 30s, or early 40s, single or married, join us. Your families and friends are also welcome. Whether you grew up at Grace, or are new to the area or the Episcopal faith, we would love to have you participate!

### YOUTH SUNDAY, BILINGUAL SERVICE & PARISH PICNIC – MAY 21

Join us on Sunday, May 21st for Youth Sunday and our Parish Picnic. It will also be the last day of Sunday School and Adult Forums before the summer break. We will have a bilingual Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am, followed by our Parish Picnic. Bring a side or dessert. Grilled hot dogs, burgers, chicken, and drinks will be provided. If it rains, we will move into the auditorium! Please note, the 7:30 am and 5:00 pm services will be held at their regular times on this day.

### MOTHER NINA FAREWELL – MAY 28

Mother Nina's last Sunday at Grace will be Pentecost, May 28. We will celebrate her time with us at a festive reception after the 10:30 service that morning. As is our custom, we will also collect a purse for Mother Nina. If you would like to make a donation, you may do so through Tithe.ly via the Grace website by choosing "Farewell Purse - Mother Nina" from the drop-down menu on the giving page. You can also write a check to Grace Church with "Mother Nina purse" in the memo line. The deadline for gifts is Tuesday, May 23.

### VESTRY UPDATE

In accordance with the Canons of the Episcopal Church, the vestry voted at the April meeting to appoint Khacki Berry to fill a vestry vacancy for a term expiring in 2024. The vacancy was created by vestry member Bob Boyd needing to step down to tend to family matters.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

### 6th-12th grade Youth Mini-Golf

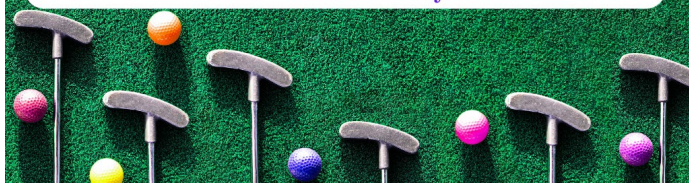
*Our last outing of the program year!*

**Sunday, May 7 3:30pm**

**Cameron Run Regional Park**

4001 Eisenhower Ave, Alexandria

**No RSVP Needed -- See you there!**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK *(continued)*

### ADULT FORUM (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:

**May 7: Anglo-Catholicism: From Oxford to Alexandria**, presented by *Durango Jenkins*

**May 14: National Rebuilding Day: Grace Volunteer Experiences**, presented by *John Berry, Dan Pattarini, Keller Smith, and Eric Waskowicz*

**May 21: How Far Away is Heaven?** presented by *Fr. Santi Rodriguez*

### J2A SPRING FLOWER SALE

Support J2A and beautify your home with gorgeous Green Street Gardens flowers. Pick up after all morning services at church on Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Hanging baskets (Sun or Shade) are \$25 each, hanging Boston Ferns are \$28 each, and a flat of ten annuals (Sun or Shade) are \$50 each. Order in person at coffee hour, online by scanning the QR code to the right, or via email by emailing Liz Rugaber at [lizrugaber@gmail.com](mailto:lizrugaber@gmail.com). **Orders must be placed by Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.**



### HAITI MICAH ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

The Grace Church annual Haiti Micah Project campaign officially kicks off Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> in honor of Mother's Day and continues through Father's Day, June 18<sup>th</sup>. This important mission provides feeding and education programs to children in Mirebalais. The need is significant due to the current unrest and the resulting hardship.

An annual sponsorship for one child is \$415 (\$35 per month). A donation of any amount will make a difference. Contributions are also welcome after the after the campaign and may be submitted in installments if preferred. To donate, please write a check to Grace Church referencing the 'Haiti Micah Project' in the memo line or select 'Haiti Micah Project' to designate your contribution in Tithely or Breeze. Contact Jen Pease at [jennifer.pease@gracealex.org](mailto:jennifer.pease@gracealex.org) for questions.

### DONATE OLD DEVICES TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA TRIBAL CONGREGATIONS

The Rosebud Episcopal Mission laptop program invites you to donate old laptops to the South Dakota Tribal Congregations. The Lakota Episcopal congregations in South Dakota are in desperate need of functional laptops. Any working laptop with a power cord and working Wi-Fi will help.

Please send the machines to:

ATTN: Laptop Program / Rosebud Episcopal Mission / PO Box 188 / Mission, SD 57555

### THE YOUNG ACOLYTE CORPS WANTS YOU!

Grace Church's Young Acolyte Corps is open to children and youth in grades 3 through 12. They serve on Sundays and at other special services throughout the year. Are you interested in joining us, or just learning more about the corps?

#### **Sunday, May 7: Informational session for parents and prospective new acolytes**

- Anyone interested in joining the acolytes, regardless of grade or experience level, is welcome. We'll review the acolyte program and the roles through which acolytes progress.

#### **Sunday, June 4: First-time training for new acolyte recruits**

- A follow-up from May 7. Once trained, we will begin placing new recruits on the service schedule.

Each session will begin in the nave following the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. If you have any questions or you are interested and these dates don't work for you, contact Molly Sim at [molly.sim@gracealex.org](mailto:molly.sim@gracealex.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK *(continued)*

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) SPRING MEETING MAY 20

All women are invited to attend the spring meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Virginia on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Christ Episcopal Church in Spotsylvania, Virginia. The theme will be “Be Not Afraid” and will be led by the Rev. Sara Palmer, of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Arlington and by Michelle Trampe of the Central Justice Initiative. Register via email to Kaaron Austin at [ausink11@aol.com](mailto:ausink11@aol.com) with a \$25 check payable to ECW to 7319 Willson Rd, Henrico, VA 23231 by May 13<sup>th</sup>.

## 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, Michael, Lisa, Lina, Elizabeth, Mario, Ismael, Tina, Hector, Reg, Conway, Amorita, Caz & family, Debbie, Amber, Wendy, Kelly, Elle, John, Anne, Carl, Michael, Jeannie, Sigrid, Ed, Clara, Cathy, Larry, Susie, Otto.
- **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, Madison, Charlotte, Robert, Morgan, Melissa, Brian, Lexi, Landon, Jamison, Barbara, Charlotte & Michael, Becky, Tom & Beth, Maggie, Joel, Etta & Perry, Carolyn, Betsy, Shannon, Anthony, Michael and family, Teresa, Ann, Taylor, Derrick, Herman & Donna, Mark.
- **Members of our staff:** Mother Anne, Mother Nina, Father Santiago, Mother Amanda, Durango, Patti, Samantha, Mary, Kevin, Pedro, Amorita, Isabel.
- **Grace School:** Students, family 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.; Kathleen and Eddie Arthur Hearts of Love Fund.
- **Those who have died:** Owen Walker, friend of parishioners Richard & Wendy Wilmer; those who have died from coronavirus and other illnesses; those who have died from earthquakes, fires, storms & 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; Julie Mills Cizek; Chris & Melissa Reed; Connor Murphy; Christopher Corlett; Karen Coulson.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Bishop E. Mark Stevenson, Bishop Gayle Harris, and all Diocese of Virginia staff; Christ Church, Charlottesville; St. George’s, Fredericksburg; St. Paul’s Memorial, Charlottesville; Ware, Gloucester.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church in Wales; The Diocese of Spokane, The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Springfield, The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Port Sudan, Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; The Diocese of Sul-Occidental (South Western), Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; The Diocese of Sunyani, The Church of the Province of West Africa; The Diocese of Sur, Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

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

## BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 7	Aiden Guernsey, Claire Guernsey
Tuesday, May 9	Vylma Leslie-Khanna
Wednesday, May 10	Maricruz Pascual, Amanda Ruff
Thursday, May 11	Lee Meeks, Skitsi Rein
Friday, May 12	Reginald Jones
Saturday, May 13	Leo Schrum, Christine Washington



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, 5/7	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 II	Nave / Livestream	
	11:30 am Livestream open house	Library	
	3:30 pm Youth Mini Golf	Cameron Run Park	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday, 5/8	Food Pantry Bagging - 4:30 - 6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby Area	<a href="mailto:Judy.Willard@gracealex.org">Judy.Willard@gracealex.org</a> <a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Tuesday, 5/9	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby Area	<a href="mailto:Judy.Willard@gracealex.org">Judy.Willard@gracealex.org</a> <a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Executive Committee - 7 pm	Zoom	
Wednesday, 5/10	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby Area	<a href="mailto:Judy.Willard@gracealex.org">Judy.Willard@gracealex.org</a> <a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	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	
Thursday, 5/11	Alanon - 8 pm	Saint Luke Room	
	Morning Prayer - 9 am		
	Bible Study - 11 am	Saint Mark Room	<a href="mailto:bobbyd020@gmail.com">bobbyd020@gmail.com</a>
	12 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer	Nave, Lady Altar	
	Handbell Rehearsal - 6 pm	Choir Room	<a href="mailto:samantha.scheff@gracealex.org">samantha.scheff@gracealex.org</a>
Friday, 5/12	Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	Choir Room	<a href="mailto:samantha.scheff@gracealex.org">samantha.scheff@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm		<a href="mailto:Judy.Willard@gracealex.org">Judy.Willard@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Saturday, 5/13	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Nave & Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	<a href="mailto:cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com">cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com</a>
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1 - 3 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby Area	<a href="mailto:Judy.Willard@gracealex.org">Judy.Willard@gracealex.org</a> <a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>

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