



Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

8:00 am (said)

10:30 am (sung)

Grace Episcopal Church
The Plains, Virginia

Welcome to Grace Church in The Plains. We are grateful for your presence in worship today. If you would like to learn more about our life at Grace, or become more closely associated with this community, we encourage you to complete a pew card, which may be placed in the offering plate, given to our rector, or mailed to the church office. For detailed information about the ministry and witness of our parish, including the complete schedule of worship services and weekly events, visit: www.gracetheplains.org. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Please remember to silence all mobile phones and other electronic devices.

Please remain seated as the cantor sings the Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Lamb of God

Twila Paris

Your only Son, no sin to hide.
But You have sent Him from Your side
to walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified.
They laughed and scorned Him as he died.
The humble King they named a fraud,
and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Refrain

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God,
I love the Holy Lamb of God.
Oh wash me in His precious Blood,
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died,
but You have brought me to Your side
to be led by Your staff and rod,
and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God.
I love the Holy Lamb of God.
Oh wash me in His precious Blood,
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

The people stand as able at the ringing of the tower bell

Descant

6 And so through all the length of days thy

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
 * 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with
 5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy

6 good - ness fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep-herd, may I

1 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 2 ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 3 yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 4 thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port

6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
 2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!

6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never:
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house for ever.

Celebrant
People

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

Hymn of Praise S 280

Said by all at 8:00

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Gloria

Robert Powell

Sung by all at 10:30

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Acts 4:5-12

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

Anglican chant by C. Hylton Stewart

Said by all at 8:00

Sung by the Grace Church Choir at 10:30

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Lesson 1 John 3:16-24

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 663

The Lord my God my shepherd is

Crimond

1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how
2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and
3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the
4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -
5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for

1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by
2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for
3 val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for
4 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and
5 all the days to come, that I may tell thy

1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.
2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.
3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.
4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.
5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

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Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. E. Weston Mathews

The people stand as able

The Nicene Creed

**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 worshipped 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.**

Prayers of the People

*The Intercessor and People pray responsively
Congregational responses are in bold font*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Christ, Alexandria; Good Shepherd, Burke; St. John's, McLean; and Varina, Richmond, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For The Grace Church Vestry, Peas and Grace, Shakespeare Opera Theatre, the families and teachers of Grace Montessori School including Head of School **Jillian** Johncox, and Seminarian and Deacon **Austin** Wendt.
Lord, have mercy.

For those away from home in the service of our country, including **Bishop Anne** Ritonja. Are there others?
Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those preparing for Holy Baptism, including **Talen** Cunningham, and **Theodore** Kesner, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for the people of **Ukraine, Israel and Palestine**, and for those on our parish prayer list, including **Enid** Adams, **Nancy** Albert, **Richard** Asher, **Don** Austin, **Tina** Blake, **Frank** Crosen, **Kaitlin** Crosen, **Morgan** Delaney, **Obie and Claudia** Dugan, **Teresa** Gordon, **Caroline** Havens, **Gene** Higgins, **Ruth** Hooper, **John** Johnson, **James** Karney, **Hope** Laingen, **Elizabeth** Lenhardt, **John** Murphy, **Larry** Murray, **Delilah** Ohrstrom, **Jeff** Patnaude, **Brandon** Paulson, **Brian** Robson, **Allan** Rogoff, **Pat** Tucker, **Scott** Wehner, **Bunny** Wisecarver, and **Phil** Cunningham and **Libba** McKenzie. Are there others?
Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The people are seated

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All comes from God, so from what God has given, we offer gifts to sustain God's work in the world.
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The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

My Shepherd will supply my need

American Folk Melody
arr. Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back
When I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk thru the shades of death,
Thy presence is my stay;
A word of Thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
Doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows;
Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be mine abode,
And all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest
(While others go and come),
No more a stranger or a guest,
But like a child at home.

Sung by the Grace Church Choir

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
 *3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
 truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
 shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
 Music: Old 100th, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

The people remain standing as able

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer C

Said at 8:00

Sung at 10:30

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord
 our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks
 and praise.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy S 125

Said by all at 8:00

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus Richard Proulx
Sung by all at 10:30

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah: God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

Fraction Anthem

Said at 8:00

Celebrant

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast,
Alleluia.

Pascha nostrum

David Hurd

Sung at 10:30

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are. Become what you receive.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping at home & online *adapted from St. Alphonsus de Ligouri*
Said by all

Celebrant and people

Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since members of your body cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into their hearts. As though you have already come, we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. Amen.

At the Communion of the People

All are welcome at the altar in this place. Communion is distributed at the high altar. The altar also extends to your pew if you need us to bring the sacrament to you; just let an usher know. To receive Communion, place your hands together, palms up. You may consume the bread and then drink from the wine in the larger chalice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms against your chest. When you finish receiving Communion, please exit through the doorway to your left and return to your pew.

You are invited to sing the hymns during Communion

Hymn 645

The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;
 3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;
 5 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;



1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.
 2 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.
 3 and let us love each o - ther well in Chris-tian ho - li - ness.
 4 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.
 5 as mem-bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
 if honored be God's Name;
 our common life embraces all
 whose Father is the same.

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The people kneel as able

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Paraphrase of Henri-Frédéric Amiel

Celebrant Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who are traveling the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 478

Jesus, our mighty Lord

Monk's Gate



1 Je - sus, our might - y Lord, our strength in sad - ness, —
2 Good shep-herd of your sheep, your own de - fend - ing, —
3 Glo - rious their life who sing, with glad thanks-giv - ing, —



the Fa - ther's con - quering Word, true source of glad - ness; —
in love your chil - dren keep to life un - end - ing. —
true hymns to Christ the King in all their liv - ing: —



your Name we glo - ri - fy, O Je - sus, throned on high;
You are your - self the Way: lead us then day by day
all who con - fess his Name, come then with hearts a - flame;



you gave your - self to die for our sal - va - tion.
in your own steps, we pray, O Lord most ho - ly.
the God of peace ac - claim as Lord and Sa - vior.

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The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Closing Voluntary

Fanfare

William Mathias

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Serving Today

Celebrant and Preacher The Rev. Weston Mathews
Seminarian The Rev. Austin Wendt, Deacon
Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Jason Farris
Reader & Intercessor 8:00 am Kathy Daunt | ***10:30 am*** Sarah Roberts
Ushers 8:00 am Scott Wehner | ***10:30 am*** Alan Caudill
Audio Visual Minister Shane Pixton
The Grace Church Choir
The Grace Church Altar Guild
The Grace Church Flower Guild
Tellers

The Grace Vestry

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Coffee Hour

After the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, Coffee Hour is held in the Parish Hall.

If you'd like to volunteer for this ministry of hospitality,
please contact Ginny-Len Hazel-Potter at ginnylenhazel@gmail.com.



Peas and Grace Volunteers Needed

The Peas & Grace Food Pantry is open to serve the public Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Peas & Grace is in need of two drivers for the month of April. Drivers should have access to a pickup truck or large SUV and be available to drive to pick up food on Thursdays or Fridays. Please share this information with those in the community who may need food assistance. Please contact April Gaines to volunteer or to ask questions about volunteering: fredaprl@gmail.com OR 703-217-3133

Alcoholics Anonymous at Grace

For more information on the time and meeting place of our meeting or other services,
please call the Northern Virginia Intergroup of AA at **703-293-9753**.

Small Group Engaging Scripture at Grace Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Room

Looking for an opportunity to enhance your spiritual development and connect with others in Christian Fellowship? Each meeting features a short worship, time to connect with other participants, and a discussion of the four lectionary readings for that Sunday's service. Rather than structured Bible study, SGES is an opportunity to simply explore how God is speaking to each of us through scripture. Participants find that their Sunday worship experience is enhanced by having read and discussed the four readings ahead of time.

For more information on Sunday SGES email Scott Christian at fscott5195@gmail.com

The Rev. Austin Wendt's Last Sunday at Grace Sunday, May 5, 2024

After the 8 am & 10:30 am services you will have a chance to wish our VTS seminarian Austin Wendt farewell. We are thankful for Austin's presence with us from September of 2022 until now.

Grace Forum Hour

A Time for Listening and Coming Together
With the Rev. Weston E. Mathews & the Grace Church Vestry
Sunday, May 26, 2024 after the 10:30 a.m. Service

CHRISTIAN FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA

Spiritual Practices IV: St. Bonaventure, *The Itinerarium*

Thursday, April 18, 12:00 p.m. via ZOOM

We will discuss personal spiritual practices and reflect on St. Bonaventure. Contact The Rev. Canon Chanta Bhan CBhan@episcopalvirginia.org

BraveSpace Book Group Arab-American Culture

Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. via ZOOM

We will read and discuss 25 Million Sparks: The Untold Story of Refugee Entrepreneurs by Andrew Leon Hanna (click to purchase). Contact The Rev. Canon Chanta Bhan CBhan@episcopalvirginia.org.

For more information or to register for a Diocesan Formation Event:

<https://episcopalvirginia.org/events/>

PASTORAL OFFICES CALENDAR

Memorial Services

Keith Stroud | Memorial Stone Dedication
Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Little Georgetown Cemetery

Elizabeth Randolph Cox Calvert
Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Weddings

Phil Cunningham & Libba McKenzie
Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
at the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration (Shrine Mont)

Baptisms

Theodore Kesner
Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

Talen Cunningham *TBD*



News from Head of School Jillian Johncox

Parent's Night Out is happening on Saturday, April 20, from 4:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
Currently, all three classrooms are at full enrollment and we have waitlists for Primary and Toddler students.

If you or someone you know is interested in scheduling a tour of the school,
please call 540-253-5177 x105 or email for more information.

Space is limited so do not delay!

jillian@gmstheplains.org

| <https://www.gracetheplains.org/grace-montessori-school>

Grace Montessori School Eucharist at Grace Church Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

Let us come together.

On Sunday, May 19 at the 10:30 service of Holy Eucharist, you are invited to join Grace Montessori School students and staff in worship.

The service will begin with a special musical performance by students of the Primary Classroom. Those that feel called to support Grace Montessori School, a mission of Grace Church, are invited to make a special donation at the GMS offering plate located in the back of the church. All donations will go towards supporting GMS staff members and their continuing professional development in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd faith formation training.

Please join us after worship for light refreshments at coffee hour. The school will be open to those who would like a tour and a chance to meet GMS families and staff.

Thank you for your support of Grace Church and its mission.

-The Staff of Grace Church and Grace Montessori School

The Grace Church Concert Series
Artistic Director Dr. Jason Farris

presents

Musicians of the Washington National Opera Orchestra
Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Paragon Philharmonia in Residence at Grace
Directed by Dr. Miriam Burns

present

Musical Portraits
Sunday, April 28, 2024
at Rice Theater in Warrenton, VA

Dark Horse Theatre in Residence at Grace
Directed by Natasha Parnian

presents

Calamity Improv: The Show
Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

&

Go Shawty: The Short Plays
Saturdays in June 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Sundays in June at 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Shakespeare Opera Theatre
Directed by Dr. Lori Lind

presents

Macbeth
Saturday, July 20, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.



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