



Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Third Sunday
in Lent

March 23, 2025

8:00 am (said)
10:30 am (sung)

Nursery Care Available

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 on 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.

Hymn 152

Kind maker of the world, O hear

A la venue de Noël

1 Kind Ma - ker of the world, O hear the fer - vent
 2 Each heart is man - i - fest to thee; thou know - est
 3 Spare us, O Lord, who now con - fess our sins and
 4 Give us the dis - ci - pline that springs from ab - sti -
 5 Grant, O thou bless - ed Trin - i - ty; grant, O un -

1 prayer, with man - ya tear poured forth by all the
 2 our in - fir - mi - ty; now we re - pent, and
 3 all our wick - ed - ness, and, for the glo - ry
 4 nence in out - ward things with in - ward fast - ing,
 5 chang - ing Un - i - ty; that this our fast of

1 pen - i - tent who keep this ho - ly fast of Lent!
 2 seek thy face; grant un - to us thy par - doning grace.
 3 of thy Name, our weak-en ed souls to health re - claim.
 4 so that we in heart and soul may dwell with thee.
 5 for - ty days may work our pro - fit and thy praise!

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 Music: *A la venue de Noël*, melody from *Fleurs des noëls*, 1535

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures forever.

The Decalogue

The Congregation kneels as able. Said at 8:00. Sung at 10:30
Musical responses are found at the bottom of the page

Celebrant

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our heart to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our heart to keep this law.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our heart to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our heart to keep this law.

Honor your father and your mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our heart to keep this law.

You shall not commit murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our heart to keep this law.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our heart to keep this law.

You shall not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our heart to keep this law.

You shall not be a false witness.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our heart to keep this law.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

People



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and in - cline our hearts to keep this law.

After the 10th Commandment

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and write all these thy laws in our

hearts, we be - seech thee.

Celebrant

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

A Penitential Order continues overleaf →

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson Exodus 3:1-15

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.”

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

Psalm 63:1-8

Read by all at 8:00

Dominus illuminatio
Sung by the Cantor at 10:30

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no
water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy
place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

Plainsong Tone II.1

- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and
fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful
lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night
watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I
will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

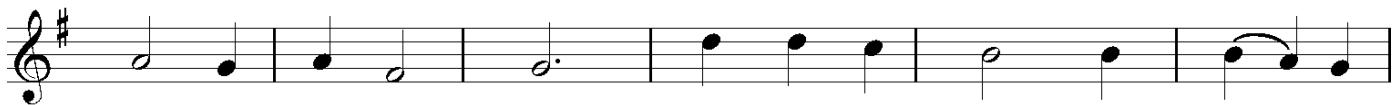
Sequence Hymn 148

Creator of the earth and skies

Uffington



1 Cre - a - tor of the earth and skies, to whom the
2 We have not known you: to the skies our mon - u -
3 We have not loved you: far and wide the wreck - age
4 For this, our fool - ish con - fi - dence, our pride of
5 Teach us to know and love you, Lord, and hum - bly



1 words of life be - long, grant us your truth to make us
2 ments of fol - ly soar, and all our self - wrought mis - er -
3 of our ha - tred spreads, and e - vils wrought by hu - man
4 know - ledge and our sin, we come to you in pen - i -
5 fol - low in your way. Speak to our souls the quick - ening



1 wise; grant us your power to make us strong.
2 ies have made us trust our - selves the more.
3 pride re - coil on un - re - pent - ant heads.
4 tence; in us the work of grace be - gin.
5 word, and turn our dark - ness in - to day.

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The Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Celebrant
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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People

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Kate Bryant

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, for la Iglesia Anglicana de la Región Central de América, let us pray to the Lord
Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, for Shrine Mont Camps; for Bishop E. Mark Stevenson, Bishop Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Bishop James Joseph “Bud” Shand, and for all Bishops participating in the House of Bishops meeting, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For The Grace Church Vestry, The Grace Church Flower and Altar Guilds, The Potter’s House, and the families and teachers of Grace Montessori School including Head of School **Jillian** Johncox, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those away from home in the service of our country, including **Bishop Anne** Ritonia. Are there others? 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 **Nancy** Albert, **Richard** Asher, **Bruce & Tina** Blake, **Andrew** Cook, **Frank** Cosen, **Kaitlin** Cosen, **Tom** Delashmutt, **Obie & Claudia** Dugan, **Bob** Gallucci, **Teresa** Gordon, **Gene** Higgins, **Ruth** Hooper, **John** Johnson, **Hope** Laingen, **Annelle** Murphy, **John** Murphy, **Delilah** Ohrstrom, **Joanne** Reiss, **Brian** Robson, **Allan** Rogoff, **Matthew** Tucker, **Christopher** Turner, **Scott** Wehner, **Celeste** Wheelwright, and **Bunny** Wisecarver. Are there others? Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Almighty and ever-living God, hear our prayers for our parish family during this period of transition and help us as we move forward in our life together as a congregation. May we be guided by your love and strengthened in our mission to serve you through worship, service and fellowship. Grant us all things necessary for our common life within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

Welcome & 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.

If you wish to make your offering electronically,
please scan the QR code.



The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Sicut cervus (Sung in Latin)

G. P. da Palestrina

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad Te, Deus.

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks:
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

Psalm 42:1

Sung by the Grace Church Choir

Presentation Hymn 380, st. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Old 100th

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 A***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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy S 114*Said by all at 8:00**Celebrant & 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**Sung by all at 10:30*

Healey Willan

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

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Celebrant

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant & People***We remember his death.****We proclaim his resurrection.****We await his coming in glory.***The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

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 S 158

Said by all at 8:00

Celebrant *c'z* People

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world: grant us peace.

Agnus Dei

Sung by all at 10:30

Healey Willan

Agnus Dei
Sung by all at 10:30

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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

Celebrant & 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.

You are invited to sing the hymns during Communion

Communion Hymn 439

What wondrous love is this

Wondrous Love

Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835 Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

Communion Hymn 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

St. Agnes

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The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant & People

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 forever. 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.**

Unison or harmony

1. E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
 2. So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
 3. If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,
 walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love, dead;
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful
 led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,
 moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,
 far off yet here - the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

The Dismissal

Deacon
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

Air I from *Water Music Suite*

G. F. Handel

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Serving Today

Celebrant & Preacher

8:00 & 10:30 am

The Rev. Kate Bryant

Organist & Choirmaster

Dr. Jason Farris

Reader & Intercessor 8:00 am

Nigel Ogilvie

Usher 8:00 am

Tim Karney

Reader & Intercessor 10:30 am

Robin Pegler

Eucharistic Minister 10:30 am

Teresa Duke

Usher 10:30 am

Neil Polhemus

Audio Visual Minister

Shane Pixton

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The Grace Church Altar Guild

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The Rev. Rob Banse's Contact Information

You may now email Rev. Banse at rob@gracetheplains.org or call the church's main line ([540-253-5177](tel:540-253-5177)) and dial extension 102.

The Grace Church Vestry

is in Need of a Clerk of the Vestry (Registrar)

The Grace Church Vestry is in need of a Clerk of the Vestry (Registrar). The duties of the Registrar are to attend the vestry meeting on the third Sunday of the month, take notes, and submit the minutes for the next vestry meeting. If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Rob Banse or Robin Pegler.

Lenten Adult Forum Series led by Rev. Kate Bryant

A Five Part Series Continues

Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 9:15 a.m.

Continuing the series of Adult Forums which resumed last month, The Rev. Kate Bryant will return to Grace to lead a community conversation about

“Discipleship, Spiritual Gifts, and Ministries”

during the season of Lent. The forums continue this Sunday at 9:15 am in the Parish Hall where Rev. Kate will help us explore such questions as, “Who and what does Jesus call me to be and do as a disciple?”, “What are my spiritual gifts and how do I discern them?”, and “How can I put these gifts to good use here at Grace in a way that is rewarding, fulfilling, and gratifying to me, to Grace, and to God?” All are welcome and encouraged to join the conversation. Please plan on attending all five meetings if possible to get the most out of the gifts that Rev. Kate is bringing to us.

Peas and Grace

The Peas & Grace Food Pantry is open to serve the public on **Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.** 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](tel:703-217-3133)

Coffee Hour

After the 10:30 a.m. service, 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.



Grace Montessori School
Volunteers Needed to Stuff Easter Eggs
Saturday, April 19, 2025 from 9-11 a.m.
Please RSVP by Emailing Jillian:
jillian@gmstheplains.org



News from Head of School Jillian Johncox

Email: jillian@gmstheplains.org

Web:

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

Scan to Donate to the Ministries of Grace Montessori School:



Grace Montessori School is looking for a partial sponsor(s) for one of our students!

In partnership with GEC, GMS strives to provide access to a high-quality, faith-based education to all of the children in our community. We work with families to meet their needs, and we are happy to share that one-third of our students receive tuition assistance through the GMS scholarship program, grant money from Learning Starts Early, or, in some cases, special “angel” sponsors from our church community or surrounding area.

Our sponsorship goal is \$300, per month, but any contribution, no matter how small, helps tremendously. If you are interested in supporting one of our children, please reach out to Jillian!

All sponsors will be eligible to receive a receipt for a charity donation for your 2025 taxes.

Join Grace Montessori School

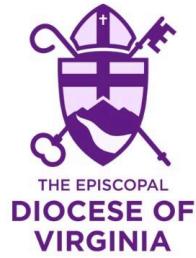
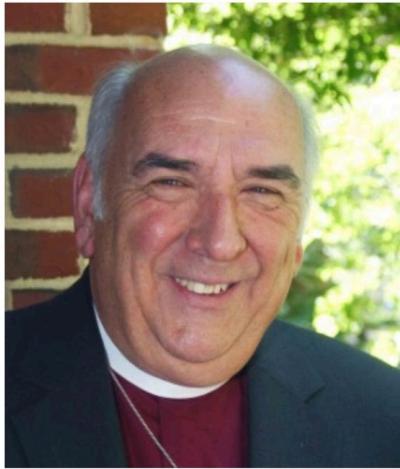
for a Glow-in-the-Dark Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15. Please RSVP by Emailing Jillian:

jillian@gmstheplains.org





PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 13, 2025

*Join us at 10:30 a.m. for a visit from
The Rt. Rev'd James Joseph "Bud" Shand*

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH MEMORIAL LILIES IN HONOR OF YOUR LOVED ONES

Celebrate Easter with Memorial Lilies in honor of your loved ones.

To make a donation to the Easter Altar Flowers, please write "Easter Flowers" on the Memo Line of your check and write the name of the loved one you are honoring.

Additionally, you can make a donation online via the Grace Church website.

Donations must be received by April 15th.



**Maundy Thursday Worship Service at Grace
Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.**



GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18

**Good Friday Liturgy
in the Sanctuary
Noon**

**Stations of the Cross with GMS
5:30 p.m.**

**The Seven Last Words of Christ
in the Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.**



**Easter Sunday Worship Service
with Festival Brass
Sunday, April 20 at
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary**



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Dr. Jason Farris, *Director of Music*; Kyle Cosen, *Director of Operations and Communications*;
Jillian Johncox, *Head of Grace Montessori School*; Scott Wehner, *Little Georgetown Cemetery Manager*