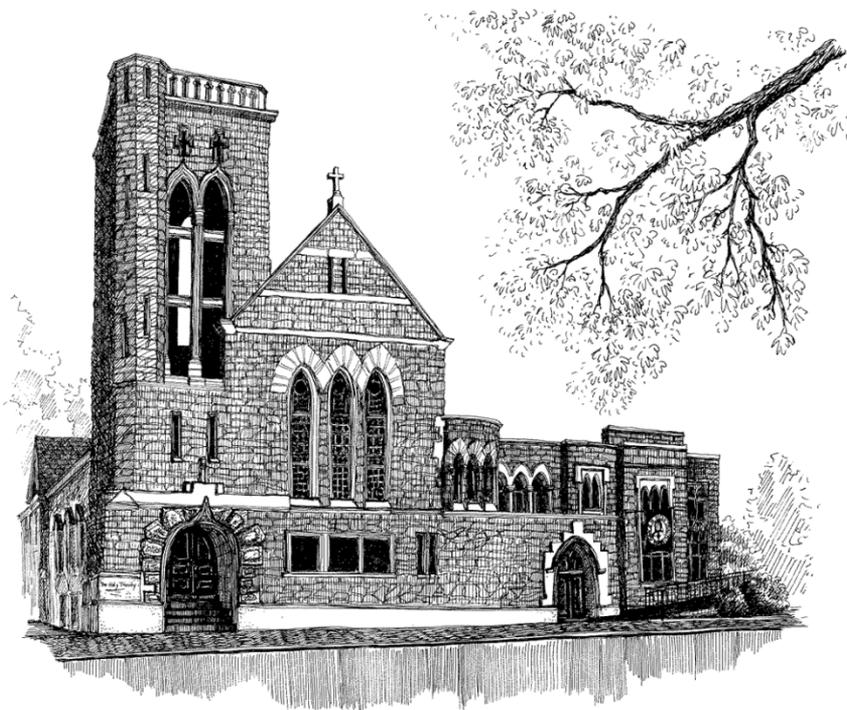


GRACE & HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Communion, Rite I



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

10:30 A.M.

First Sunday after Christmas

WELCOME

You are welcome at Grace & Holy Trinity. All are invited to join as active participants in the worship of God through word, music and sacrament. When we celebrate together, all are always invited to God's table for Communion.

**Words in this bulletin listed in BOLD
we say or sing together.**

You can watch a live-stream of our 10:30 a.m. service on our website at www.ghtc.org and on our YouTube Channel. If you miss the live stream you can watch a recording of the service at any time after the service.

VISITORS

We welcome all new visitors to Grace & Holy Trinity! We invite you to join us in worship by following along in the bulletin and checking out the “visitors” page on our website at www.ghtc.org/visitors/

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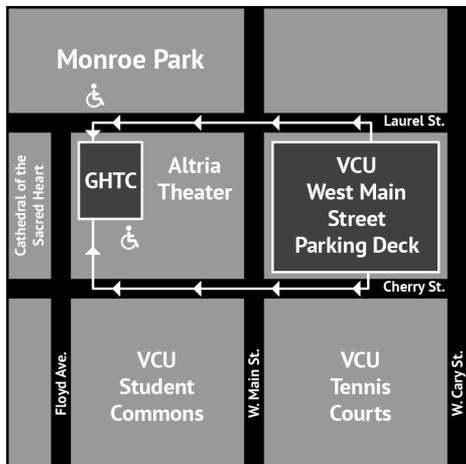
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COVID UPDATES

Please continue to wear a mask when inside the church. Sunday morning activities for children, youth, and adults will continue, with restrictions on eating and drinking when transmission rates are above 25 new COVID cases per 100,000. For children and youth, we are following practices from our diocesan schools. If you feel unwell, please join us via YouTube livestream at 10:30 a.m. We are also broadcasting our service on the church's Facebook page each week.

RELEASE INFORMATION

Photographs and video of our services help keep our community connected during COVID and give visitors an idea of what to expect attending our church. If you do not want to be photographed or appear in our live and recorded services, please let an usher know so that you can be seated in an area that is not visible on camera.

A friendly reminder to silence your mobile phones before the service.

PRELUDE

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Paul Manz, Timothy Albrecht

Mark Koontz, *Organist*

Thank you to the Rev. Bruce Birdsey who is assisting today while Rev. Duane Nettles, Rector, is away from the office.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(For weekly news, updates, and upcoming events see the “Announcements” at the end of this bulletin.)

Silence may be kept.

All: **Almighty and most merciful father,**
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices
 and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things
 which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things
 which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live
 a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

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

All: **Amen.**

Please stand.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

The Hymnal 1982 #96

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Please sit.

THE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (RSV)

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147Coverdale (1662 BCP)/*The Hymnal 1982 S-410**Chanted by Choir**Laudate Dominum*

- 1 Praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing
praises unto our God *
yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.
- 2 The Lord doth build up Jerusalem *
and gather together the out-casts of Israel.
- 3 He healeth those that are broken in heart *
and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.
- 4 He telleth the number of the stars *
and calleth them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord, and great is his power *
yea, and his wisdom is infinite.
- 6 The Lord setteth up the meek *
and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.
- 7 O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving *
sing praises upon the harp unto our God;
- 8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and
prepareth rain for the earth *
and maketh the grass to grow upon the
mountains, and herb for the use of men;
- 9 Who giveth fodder unto the cattle *
and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.
- 10 He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse *
neither delighteth he in any man's legs.
- 11 But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him *
and put their trust in his mercy.
- 12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem *
praise thy God, O Sion.
- 13 For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates *
and hath blessed thy children within thee.
- 14 He maketh peace in thy borders *
and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

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- 15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth *
and his word runneth very swiftly.
- 16 He giveth snow like wool *
and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.
- 17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels *
who is able to abide his frost?
- 18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them *
he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob *
his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.
- 20 He hath not dealt so with any nation *
neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

EPISTLE

Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7 (RSV)

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then an heir.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GRADUAL HYMN

“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”

The Hymnal 1982 #105

GOSPEL

John 1:1-18 (RSV)

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.’”) And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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All: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

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**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord,
and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Presider: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, devoutly kneeling.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [especially _____], that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [especially _____], that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [_____ and] all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially _____], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [_____ and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

All:

Amen.

Please stand.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

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Presider: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1*

John 2:1-2

THE PEACE

BCP p. 332

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Officiant: All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. *-1 Chronicles 29:14b*

OFFERTORY SOLO

“I Wonder As I Wander”

adapted and arranged by John Jacob Niles and Lewis Henry Horton

Abigail Stinnett, *Soloist*

Mark Koontz, *Organist*

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die,
For poor on’ry people like you and like I,
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, ‘twas in a cow’s stall,
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all,
But high from God’s heaven a star’s light did fall,
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God’s angels in heav’n for to sing,
He surely could have it, ‘cause he was the King.

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die,
For poor on’ry people like you and like I,

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DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 1982 #380 (v. 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP p. 340

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Presider continues with the Proper Preface.

Presider: Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

The Hymnal 1982 S-114

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel or remain standing.

The Presider continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

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

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP p. 364

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

Lift Every Voice and Sing II #264

Arranged by Fred Bock

All: **Our Father which 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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All: **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

ALL ARE INVITED TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.

*If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive communion,
please inform a priest and communion will be brought to you.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

The Hymnal 1982 #81

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

The Hymnal 1982 #78

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Presider: Let us pray.

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

BLESSING

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All respond AMEN.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”

The Hymnal 1982 #99

DISMISSAL

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Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

“In dulci jubilo” (“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”)

Norman Dello Joio

Mark Koontz, *Organist*

WEEKLY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Closed 12/27-12/31

Christmas is a busy time of year at the church—your hard-working staff will be taking a break in the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. If you wish to make a donation during this time, please mail it to the church, drop it in the offering plate on 12/24-12/26, or use our secure online giving via ghtc.org/give

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