

Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



Good Friday

**The Passion Gospel, Solemn Collects
and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
(Year B)**

March 29, 2024

3:00 p.m.

Release Information

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Welcome

Welcome to Grace & Holy Trinity. Ever aspiring to be more like Christ, we strive to be a warm and welcoming Episcopal parish, ever mindful of the needs of others. We seek to be inclusive to all, including the LGBTQIA+ community. We hope you will find a family here with us, whether you are a college student, Richmond newcomer, out-of-towner, or a long-time resident looking for a new church home. We open our arms and our hearts to you! **If you are visiting**, please fill out the **Connect Card** in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate during the service. Sign up for the **Weekly News** with the Connect Card or at ghtc.org/news. We also provide **children's bulletins** for children staying with their parents. If young children get restless, you are welcome to use our library. **Changing tables** are located in the family restroom near the choir room. A greeter can direct you. Information about **Complimentary Sunday Parking** can be found in the back of this bulletin or on the Connect Table in the hallway across from the library.

Today's Worship Participants

The Reverend Stephen Y. McGehee, *Celebrant*

The Reverend Paul Evans, *Preacher*

The Reverend Gregory Bezilla, *Deacon*

Flowers and Greens at the Altar

During Lent, greens are placed at the altar. This Sunday's greens at the altar are given to the Glory of God. *If you would like to remember or honor a loved one by giving the altar flowers, please call Cathy Saunders at (804) 359-5628 x13 with dates and specific requests.* Altar flowers can also be given for recognition, birthdays, anniversaries, or special occasions. The cost is \$100. You may mail a check or handle the cost online at ghtc.org/give.

A Word about The Good Friday Offering

The Good Friday offering is designated for the benefit of the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. You are invited to place your offering in the offering plates located at the back of the church. For more information and to make mobile donations, scan the QR code below to visit episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering.



Please silence your devices.



On this day the ministers and the Quartet Choir enter in silence.

All then kneel for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins the liturgy with the Collect of the Day.

Celebrant Blessed be our God,

All For ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect for Good Friday

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Collect for Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Lector A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals—

so he shall startle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.
Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.
Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 69: 1-23

BCP p. 679

Salvum me fac

The Hymnal 1982 S 414 | Robert Knox Kennedy

Keely Borland, *Soprano*; Abigail Stinnett, *Alto*; Brendan Landes, *Tenor*; Cannon West, *Bass*
Quartet

- 1 Save me, O God, *
for the waters have risen up to my neck.
- 2 I am sinking in deep mire, *
and there is no firm ground for my feet.
- 3 I have come into deep waters, *
and the torrent washes over me.
- 4 I have grown weary with my crying;
my throat is inflamed; *
my eyes have failed from looking for my God.
- 5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs
of my head;
my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. *
Must I then give back what I never stole?
- 6 O God, you know my foolishness, *
and my faults are not hidden from you.
- 7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me,
Lord GOD of hosts; *
let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me,
O God of Israel.
- 8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *
and shame has covered my face.
- 9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *
an alien to my mother's children.
- 10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

- 11 I humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.
- 12 I put on sack-cloth also, *
and became a byword among them.
- 13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, *
and the drunkards make songs about me.
- 14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, *
at the time you have set, O LORD:
- 15 "In your great mercy, O God, *
answer me with your unfailing help.
- 16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; *
let me be rescued from those who hate me
and out of the deep waters.
- 17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,
neither let the deep swallow me up; *
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.
- 18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; *
in your great compassion, turn to me."
- 19 "Hide not your face from your servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- 20 Draw near to me and redeem me; *
because of my enemies deliver me.
- 21 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; *
my adversaries are all in your sight."
- 22 Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; *
I looked for sympathy, but there was none,
for comforters, but I could find no one.
- 23 They gave me gall to eat, *
and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews.

The Holy Spirit testifies saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,"

he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

John 18: 1-19:42

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion. The congregation should follow along in the Passion Narrative leaflet. Please make the responses of the congregation and stand at the arrival at Golgotha.

Please be seated.

The Homily

The Rev. Paul Evans

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

“Were you there when they crucified my Lord?”

The Hymnal 1982 #172

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
*3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh! _____
there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh! _____
there when they pierced him in the side? Oh! _____
there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh! _____

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Solemn Collects

BCP. 277

Deacon Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life. We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

Please kneel as you are able.

Deacon Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;
For its unity in witness and service
For all bishops and other ministers
and the people whom they serve
For *Mark, Gayle, Bud, and Susan*, our Bishops, and all the people of this diocese
For all Christians in this community
For those about to be baptized, particularly *Sarah Philippa Brown* and
Elizabeth Rivers Overton.
That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth,
and for those in authority among them;
For *Joseph*, the President of the United States
For the Congress and the Supreme Court
For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations
For all who serve the common good
That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence

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

Deacon Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed

For the sick, the wounded, and the disabled

For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish

For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair

For the sorrowful and bereaved

For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger

That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

Celebrant Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;

For those who have never heard the word of salvation

For those who have lost their faith

For those hardened by sin or indifference

For the contemptuous and the scornful

For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples

For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others

That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

Celebrant Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

Celebrant O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Choral Anthem

“God So Loved the World” *The Crucifixion*
John Stainer

Keely Borland, *Soprano*; Abigail Stinnett, *Alto*; Brendan Landes, *Tenor*; Cannon West, *Bass*
Quartet

God so loved the world,
That He gave His only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth in Him should not perish,
But have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
But that the world through Him might be saved.

The Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel as you are able and say,

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Lord's Prayer

Ecumenical Version | BCP p. 364

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **Our Father in heaven,**
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

All **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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to come forward to receive the Sacrament. The ministers will distribute communion from the table located in front of the chancel steps.

Please stand as you are able.

*The service concludes with the following prayer. **No blessing or dismissal is added.***

The Final Prayer

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The ministers and the Quartet Choir leave the Church in silence.

At the close of the liturgy, please refrain from conversation until you have left the Church in respect for those who may wish to remain in prayer.

**Holy Week at GHTC continues with The Great Vigil and
First Eucharist of Easter tomorrow, Saturday, March 30th at 7:30 p.m.**

The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter*

Saturday, March 30 | 7:30 p.m.

(Choral | Church)

Easter Day, Rite One with Brass Quintet

Sunday, March 31 | 9:00 a.m.

(Choral | Church)

Easter Day, Rite Two with Brass Quintet*

Sunday, March 31 | 10:30 a.m.

(Choral | Church)

*Livestream Available

Complimentary parking is available in the VCU W. Main Street Parking Deck for all Holy Week & Easter services.

Please use the parking instructions in each respective service bulletin to redeem your parking.

The Parish Office will be closed from April 1st - April 5th, 2024.

Childcare During Holy Week

Today, on Palm Sunday, March 24th, the nursery will be open for children ages 3 and under starting at 10:00 a.m. Please pick up your children from the nursery following 10:30 a.m. worship. On Easter, Sunday, March 31st, the nursery will be open for children ages 3 and under starting at 9:00 a.m. Please pick up your children from the nursery following 10:30 a.m. worship. During other Holy Week services, no nursery care will be provided. There will be no Sunday School on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

Complimentary Good Friday Parking

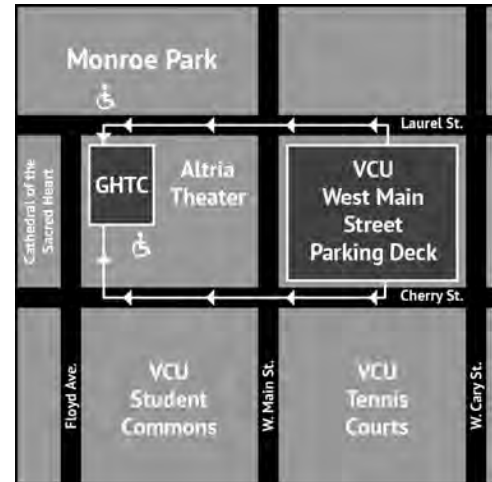
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1. Enter the parking deck from N. Laurel Street or N. Cherry Street.
2. At the parking gate arm, press the button to receive a ticket.
3. Park in any available space in the deck.
4. After visiting Grace & Holy Trinity, exit the parking deck in your vehicle and scan your parking ticket into the machine at the parking gate arm.
5. When the machine asks for payment, hold the QR code to the scanner.
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**If you need assistance, press the “i” button at the gate and someone will assist remotely.*

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