Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park





Holy Eucharist Rite Two

The Second Sunday in Easter (Year B)

April 7, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Communion Instructions for 10:30 a.m. Services

- Communicants will drink from the Chalice at the Altar in the church. Alternatively, communicants who receive the Bread may refrain from drinking from the Chalice; those who refrain from drinking from the Chalice are encouraged to cross their arms and to say "Amen" when the Chalice is offered by the Chalice Bearer: their "Amen" is their verbal acknowledgment of the grace of the sacrament. The full grace of the sacrament is communicated through the Bread.
- Intinction will be offered only at the Altar in the Chapel and for those who are served Communion in the pews. Prior to the start of worship at 10:30 a.m., the side doors of the chapel will be opened for communicants to enter the chapel to receive Communion from a Priest and Chalice Bearer, who will bring the sacrament from the Altar in the church to the Altar in the chapel. The Priest will intinct the Bread into the Common Cup, which the Chalice Bearer will hold. We will use a larger size wafer to facilitate intinction.
- The communion team who serves Communion at the Chapel will then move into the church and bring Communion to persons who are not able to go forward to the Altar in the church or the chapel. The same intinction method will be observed in the pews.
- Clergy and Chalice Bearers will apply hand sanitizer before administering the sacrament.

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. Children and Youth activities are located in the second floor classrooms in the Parish House. A wonderful nursery staff is available from 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. should you wish to drop off your infant during worship. We also provide children's bulletins for children wishing to stay 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. Information about Holy Communion at the 10:30 a.m. services can be found on the previous page.

Today's Worship Participants

The Reverend Gregory Bezilla, Celebrant
The Reverend Russ Kerr, Preacher
The Reverend Paul Evans, Assistant at the Holy Communion
The Reverend Stephen Y. McGehee, Deacon
Leslie Winn, Abigail Stinnett & Jodie Pully, Chalice Bearers
Jodie Pully, Vicky Bleick, Elizabeth Baker & Aanu Adewusi, Altar Guild
Caroline Whisnant, Cantor

Flowers at the Altar

This Sunday's flowers 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**.

The Word of God

The Prelude marks the beginning of our worship and is intended as a time of quiet prayer and reflection for all.

Please silence your devices.



Prelude

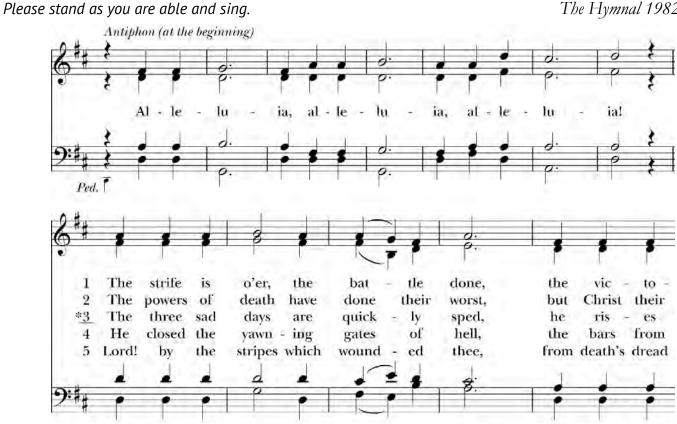
"Sonatina in C" | William Duncombe "Fanfare Minuet" | W. Duncombe

Mary Hetherington, Pianist

Processional Hymn

"The strife is o'er"

The Hymnal 1982 #208





Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt.

Music: Victory, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Easter Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

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

All sing.

"Christ our Passover" Wonder, Love, and Praise #880





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The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 224

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please he seated.

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133 BCP p. 787

Read responsively by whole verse.

Ecce, quam bonum!

Lector 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

- All 2 It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,
 - 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
 - 4 It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.
 - 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

Second Reading 1 John 1:1-2:2

Lector A reading from the First Letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able and sing.



Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: St. Kevin, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

The Gospel John 20:19-31

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon The Rev. Russ Kerr

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

All 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 worshiped 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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Lector For all people in their daily life and work;

All For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Lector For this community, the nation, and the world;

All For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Lector For the just and proper use of your creation;

All For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Lector For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Lector For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Lector For Michael, Mark, Gayle, Bud, and Susan our Bishops; and other ministers;

All For all who serve God in his Church.

Lector For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence | The People may add their own petitions.

The Parish Prayer List

The Deacon will read the names of those on the parish prayer list.

Deacon We pray together as we discern the calling of a Priest-in-Charge.

Come Holy Spirit. Open our ears to hear your quiet whispers, our eyes to see clearly the challenges and possibilities before us, and our hearts to feel your loving presence. Guide us in these search processes so that we may seek to do your will. Give us the mind of Christ. Bestow upon us the gifts we need to do the task that has been set before us. Hear our prayers, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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.**

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

BCP p. 360

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

Silence may be kept.

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**.

The Peace BCP p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence BCP p. 377

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

1 Chronicles 29:11



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Please remain seated.

Offertory Hymn

All sing.

"The day of resurrection"

The Hymnal 1982 #210



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Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: Ellacombe, from Gesangbuch... der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784, alt.; adapt. Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-2889); desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973)

Doxology

Please stand as you are able and sing.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

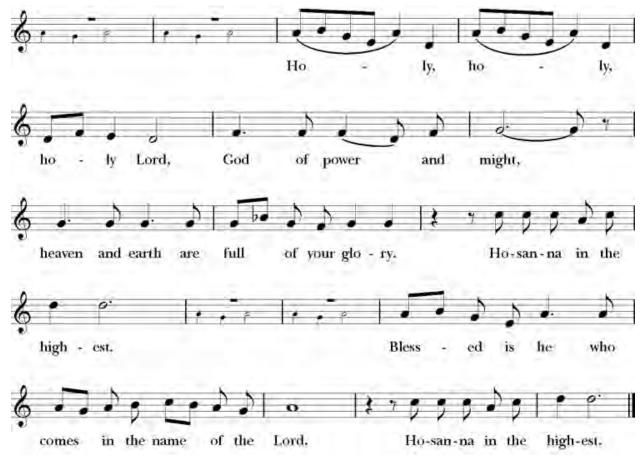
The Celebrant continues by saying the Proper Preface.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Sanctus & Benedictus

All sing.



Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

Please remain standing, as you are able.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son...

The Celebrant continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory

The Celebrant continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving...

Celebrant 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**.

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP p. 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Communion by intinction is available in the Chapel and for those who are seated in the pews.

If you prefer to receive the sacrament while seated in the congregation, please raise your bulletin and the Eucharistic Ministers will bring the sacrament to you. For a gluten-free wafer, please bring a blue gluten-free card from the pew rack to the altar rail. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you may come forward for a blessing.

"I want to walk as a child of the light"

The Hymnal 1982 #490





Words: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934) | Music: Houston, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)





Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915) | Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908)

The Easter Blessing

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 366

Please kneel as you are able.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Please stand as you are able and sing.

The Hymnal 1982 #174



The Dismissal BCP p. 366

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

"Christ our Passover" (Sine nomine) | Hugo Gehrke

Stanley M. Baker, Organist

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Complimentary Sunday Parking

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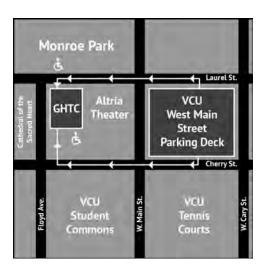


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