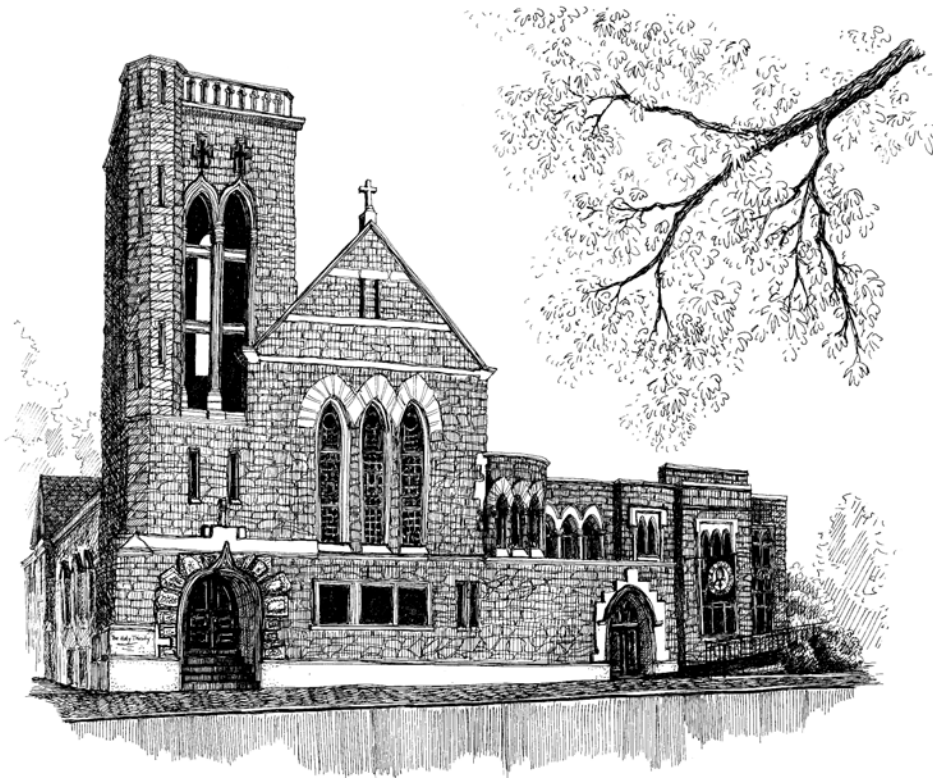


Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



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Holy Eucharist Rite One

The Second Sunday in Easter (Year B)

April 7, 2024

8:00 a.m.

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.

Today's Worship Participants

The Reverend Gregory Bezilla, *Celebrant*

The Reverend Russ Kerr, *Preacher*

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.

Communion Instructions for 8:00 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.

The Word of God

Easter Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 323

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

Christ Our Passover

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22 | BCP p. 46

All say,

Pascha nostrum

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *

 therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven,

neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, *

 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; *

 death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once; *

 but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, *

 but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, *

 and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, *

 by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

 even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be 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.

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.**

Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb

Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13 | BCP p. 93

Please stand as you are able and say,

Dignus es

All **Splendor and honor and kingly power ***
 are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
 and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
 for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
 a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
 and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
 for ever and for evermore.

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

Please stand as you are able.

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

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Russ Kerr

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 326

Please stand as you are able.

Prayers of the People

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Please remain standing as you are able.

Parish Prayer List

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 330

The Absolution

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The Peace

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Welcome & Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

BCP p. 344

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in heaven and in the earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

1 Chronicles 29:11



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The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP p. 340

Please stand as you are able.

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Post-Communion Prayer

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Please remain standing as you are able.

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.**

The Dismissal

BCP p. 340

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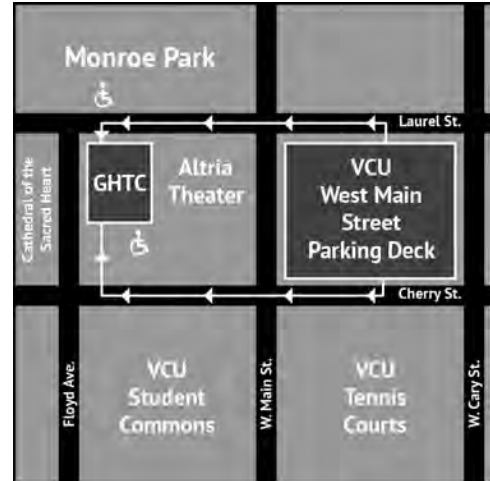
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