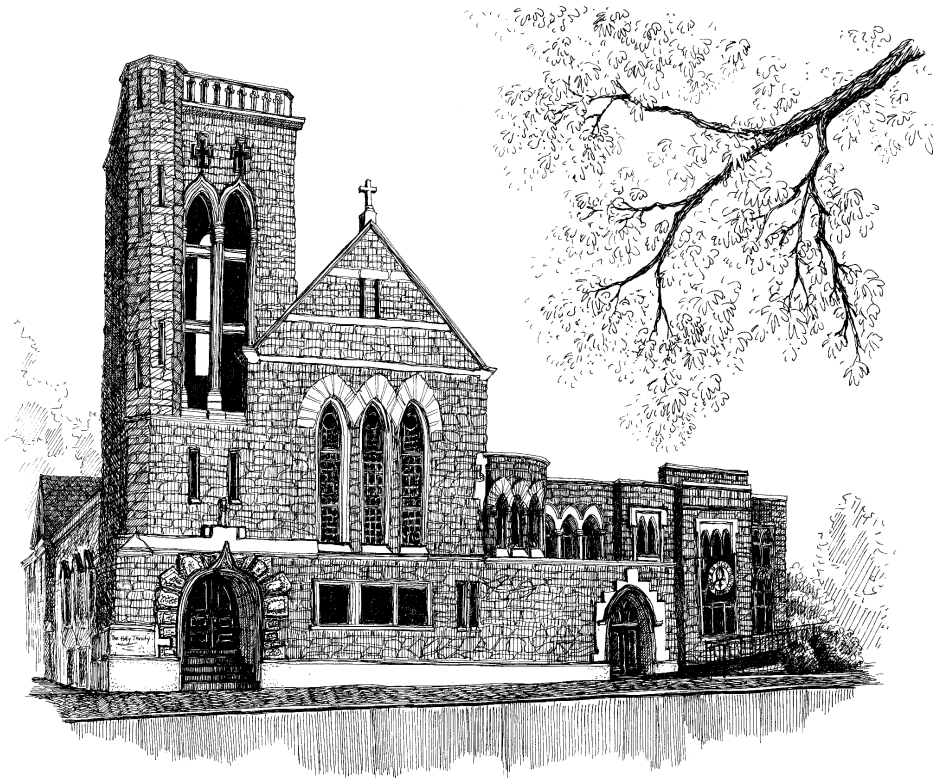


Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



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Holy Eucharist Rite One

The Third Sunday in Easter (Year B)

April 14, 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*

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.

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.

The 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.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 173

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

BCP p. 587

Read responsively by whole verse.

Cum invocarem

- Lector*
- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
 - 2 **"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"**
 - 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
 - 4 **Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 **Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 **I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

Lector A reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand and say,

Dignus es

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

Luke 24:36b-48

Please stand as you are able.

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

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Gregory Bezilla

The Nicene Creed

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Please stand as you are able.

Prayers of the People

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Parish Prayer List

Please remain standing as you are able.

Confession of Sin

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The Absolution

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The Peace

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Welcome & Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

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Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the 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

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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

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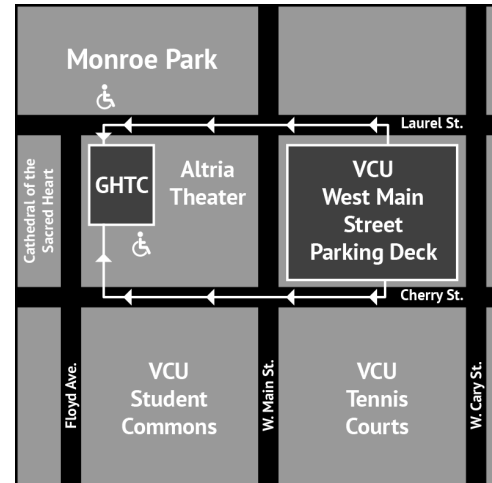
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