

Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



Holy Baptism & Eucharist Rite Two

The Fourth Sunday in Easter (Year B)

April 21, 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 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. should you wish to drop off your infant or young child (3 and under) during worship. 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. **Information about Holy Communion** can be found on page 1.

Today's Worship Participants

The Reverend Paul Evans, *Preacher & Celebrant*
Elizabeth Rivers Overton, *Baptismal Candidate*

Flowers at the Altar

This Sunday's flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Thomas Malcom (Mac) Deadmore and James Robert Chaffin, Jr. and for the birthday and anniversary of Jerry (Dolores) Deadmore and Thomas Malcom (Mac) Deadmore by the Deadmore and Chaffin families. *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

*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.



Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 299

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 225

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health

by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

Read responsively by whole verse.

Lector 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

All 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

Lector A reading from the First Letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

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

John 10:11-18

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there

will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Paul Evans

Please be seated.

The Presentation & Examination

BCP p. 301

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents &

Godparents I present *Elizabeth Rivers Overton* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents &

Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents &

Godparents I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in Christ's grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey Jesus Christ as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support
Elizabeth Rivers in her life in Christ?

All **We will.**

Please stand.

The Baptismal Covenant

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Celebrant Let us join with *Elizabeth Rivers* who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

All I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

All I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Church and the World

The Celebrant will read the names of those on the parish prayer list located in the back of the bulletin.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for *Elizabeth Rivers* who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please remain standing and face the font.

Thanksgiving over the Water

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

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Celebrant *Elizabeth Rivers*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Chrism

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Celebrant Elizabeth Rivers, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

All Amen.

The Presentation of a Candle

The Celebrant presents a candle to the Godparents and Parents.

Celebrant On behalf of *Elizabeth Rivers*, receive the light of Christ.

Prayers over the Newly Baptized

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All Amen.

Welcoming the Newly Baptized

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Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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. 376

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2



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Please remain seated.

Doxology

The Hymnal 1982 #380 (vs. 3)

When the altar is set for communion, all stand as you are able and sing the following:

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

Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.

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.

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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:

All sing.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

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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.

Please be seated after receiving communion.

Post-Communion Prayer

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Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant 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.**

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

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Complimentary Sunday Parking

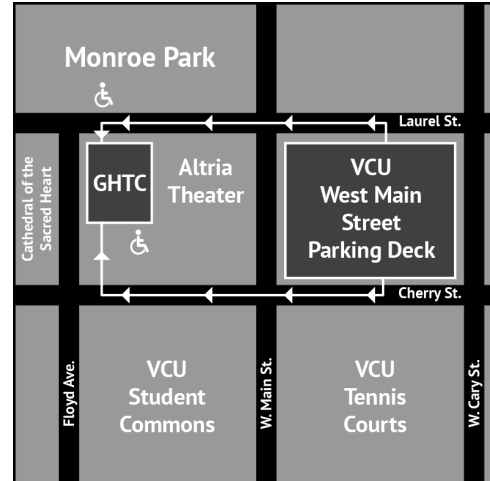
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