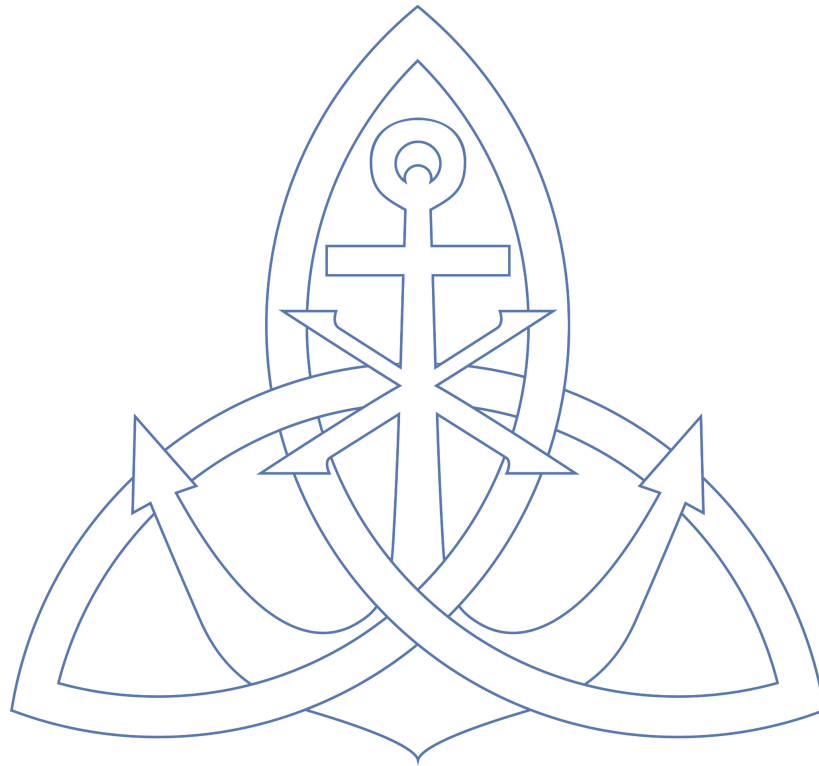


Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



Evensong

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)

Priory of St. John

June 23, 2024

4:00 p.m.

We are pleased to welcome at this evening's Evensong service The Order of St. John, short for Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem. Also known as St. John International, the Order is a British royal order of chivalry constituted in 1888 by royal charter from Queen Victoria and dedicated to St. John the Baptist. The history and original purpose of the Order of St. John - one that began over 900 years ago in Jerusalem in a hospice for sick pilgrims - continues to this day. Throughout those nine centuries, two things have remained constant and are preserved in the motto of the Order: Pro Fide (For the Faith) and Pro Utilitate Hominum (In the Service of Humanity). As it has developed into a modern charity, the Order has never forgotten its roots in the integral connection between faith and action. We welcome you to Grace & Holy Trinity Church!



*Our service offering today is given to the glory of God and
for the music ministry of Grace & Holy Trinity Church.*

Evensong

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Randolph Bell, *Volunteer Coordinator, Order of St. John*
Ellen LeCompte, *Chancellor, U.S. Priory*

*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

“Adagio” *Symphonie No. 5* | Charles-Marie Widor

Stanley M. Baker, *Organist*

Processional Hymn

Please stand as you are able and sing.

“Lift High the Cross”

The Hymnal 1982 #473

Descant
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain
the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); alt. Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)

Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugio Nicholson (1875-1947); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 61

Officiant If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,” darkness is not dark to thee, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to thee are both alike. *Psalm 139:10,11*

Phos Hilaron

“O Gracious Light”

All sing.

The Hymnal 1982 #25

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of *O Gracious Light*

Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585)

The Bidding

Officiant Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. We meet in the presence of Almighty God to worship him in spirit and in truth; to give him thanks for the long history of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem and its Foundations; to pray to him for members of the Order past and present; to ask his blessing on its continuing work for all in sickness and distress; and to dedicate ourselves afresh to his service. May Almighty God bless us with his grace; may Christ our Lord give us joy of life eternal; and into the fellowship of the redeemed may the Spirit of Truth and Love bring us all. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Please kneel as you are able. A period of silence is kept.

All Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Invitatory and Psalter

Please stand as you are able and chant.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Officiant Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

All **Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim ***
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Some went down to the sea in ships *
and plied their trade in deep waters;

They beheld the works of the LORD *
and his wonders in the deep.

Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, *
which tossed high the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; *
their hearts melted because of their peril.

They reeled and staggered like drunkards *
and were at their wits' end.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

He stilled the storm to a whisper *
and quieted the waves of the sea.

Then were they glad because of the calm, *
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people *
and praise him in the council of the elders.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

First Reading 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Lector A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn Paraphrase of Magnificat

All stand as you are able and sing.

“Tell out, my soul”

The Hymnal 1982 #438



1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on *The Song of Mary* | Music: *Woodlands*, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

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Please remain standing as you are able.

The Gospel Mark 4:35-41

Lector A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still

no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn Paraphrase of Nunc Dimittis

“Lord God, you now have set your servant free”

Please remain standing as you are able and sing.

The Hymnal 1982 #499

Unison or harmony

Lord God, you now have set your ser - vant free to go in
peace as prom - ised in your word; my eyes have seen the
Sa - vior, Christ the Lord, pre - pared by you for all the
world to see, to shine on na - tions trapped in dark - est night,
the glo - ry of your peo - ple, and their light.

Words: Rae E. Whitney (b. 1927); para. of *The Song of Simeon*

Music: *Song 1*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Please be seated.

The Homily

The Rev. Stephen Y. McGehee

Please stand as you are able.

The Apostles' Creed

BCP p. 66

Officiant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

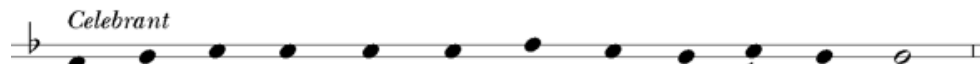
The Prayers

Please kneel as you are able and sing.

The Lord's Prayer


Contemporary Version | The Hymnal 1982 S 148

Celebrant




As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

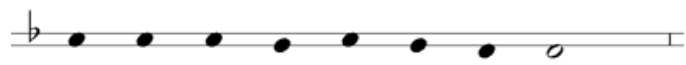
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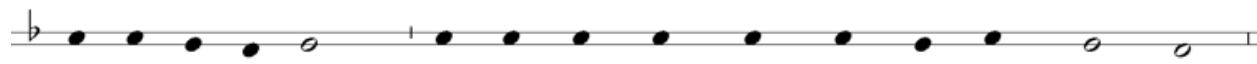
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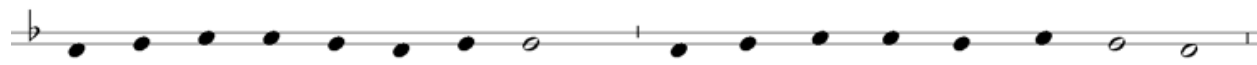
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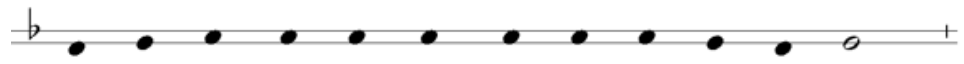
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



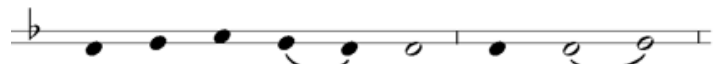
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

Remain kneeling as you are able and chant.

Suffrages A

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Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People **And grant us thy salvation.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

And make thy chosen people joyful.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in thee can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let thy way be known upon earth;

Thy saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 178

Officiant O Lord, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help and govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for Sundays

BCP p. 69

Officiant Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collects For Mission

BCP p. 71

Officiant O God, who dost manifest in thy servants the signs of thy presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another thine abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant Lord God, Thou hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Help us in our work and effort as members of The Venerable Order to give, and not to count the cost; to fight for the right, and not to heed the wounds; to labor, and to ask for

no reward, save the joy of knowing as confrères that we are doing thy will, to serve our lords the Sick and the Poor, for our Savior Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Prayer for Peace

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Sovereign Head

Officiant Let us pray God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, that He would bless and preserve our most Gracious Lord, King Charles III, the Sovereign Head of our Order, that under him the Order may be godly and quietly governed. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Intercession of our Patron

Officiant Almighty God, by whose providence thy servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for truth's sake; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for the President of the United States and the Nation

Officiant Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite, have mercy upon this whole land; and so rule the heart of thy servant Joseph Robinette Biden, the President of the United States, that he, knowing whose minister he is, may above all things seek thy honor and glory. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Orders of St. John

Officiant Let us pray to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, that He would bless and preserve our Order and all our confrères of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, the Johanniterorden, and the Orders of St. John in Sweden and the Netherlands. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Deceased

Officiant Let us make remembrance before God of our former confrères and all members of our Most Venerable Order whose service on earth has ended. O God, the receiver of faithful souls, grant, we beseech thee, that thy servants who have ministered before thee in this

Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, may rest in perpetual light; and that we may be so faithful in our witness to thee in this world, that we may receive with them the crown of life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Hospital in Jerusalem

Officiant Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people: bless, we beseech thee, the work of the St. John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem. Accept our thanks for the skill and faithfulness of all who labor in it; and grant that it may continue to be a beacon of healing and Christian love to all who come within its reach: through Him who is forever the light of the world, even Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Sick and Wounded and All Prisoners and Captives

Officiant Let us pray God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, that He would grant health to all who are sick and wounded, and have pity upon all prisoners and captives, that they, being delivered from their sickness and captivity, may come to give Him thanks in His holy Church. **Amen.**

Prayer for our Labors

Officiant Grant, O Lord, that as of old thy servants of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem showed forth the glory of thy name by their works in Jerusalem, Cyprus, Rhodes, the coast of Halicarnassus and in Malta, so also we, their inheritors, ever mindful of their example, may in all humbleness of spirit continue in thy service - PRO FIDE, PRO UTILITATE HOMINUM. **Amen.**

Remain kneeling as you are able and chant.

Pro Fide (“For the Faith”)

All The Lord preserve us in the number of the faithful: the Lord grant us means and opportunity to do good, resolution to persevere, and grace to attain happily to the blessed inheritance of eternal life; that like as charity hath united us on earth, so thy divine mercy, which is the help and support of love, may vouchsafe to unite us with His faithful ones in heaven, through the good gift of Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Solo

“I will sing new songs” *Biblical Songs, Op. 99* | Antonin Dvořák

Caroline Whisnant, *Soprano*

I will sing new songs of gladness,
I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed psaltery.
Every day will I extol Thee and will bless Thy Holy Name,
I will bless Thy Holy Name.

Great is God and great His mercy.
Who shall tell of all His greatness?
Who shall his power declare?
My song shall be of praise and honor, and of Thy glorious acts.
Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing.
Yea, men shall tell of Thy great kindness and of Thy wondrous might,
And my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy glory.

Please stand as you are able.

The General Thanksgiving

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Officiant Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

All we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

“Jerusalem” | Sir C.H.H. Parry

All remain standing as you are able and sing.

Words by William Blake, Arranged by G.T. Thalben-Ball

And did those feet in ancient time | Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God | On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine | Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here | Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold! | Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear: o clouds unfold! | Bring me my chariots of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight; | Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Till we have built Jerusalem | In England's green and pleasant land.

The Dismissal

BCP p. 340

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Organist*



***The Priory of St. John welcomes you
to a reception in the Parish Hall following the service.***

Today's Worship Participants

The Reverend Stephen Y. McGehee, *Officiant & Preacher*

Randolph Bell, Commander StJ, *Crucifer*

Palmer Garson, Commander StJ, *Banner Bearer*

Ellen LeCompte, *Commander StJ & Chancellor, U.S. Priory*

Marshall Acuff, Bailiff Grand Cross & Former US Prior, *Lector*

Meredith McGuire; Douglas Garson, Commander StJ; Frank Wood, Officer StJ, *Ushers*

Caroline Whisnant, *Soloist*

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, Stanley M. Baker, *Organists*

Barbara Davenport, Kay Gray, Cary Lee Henderson, Jean Jumet, *Altar Guild*

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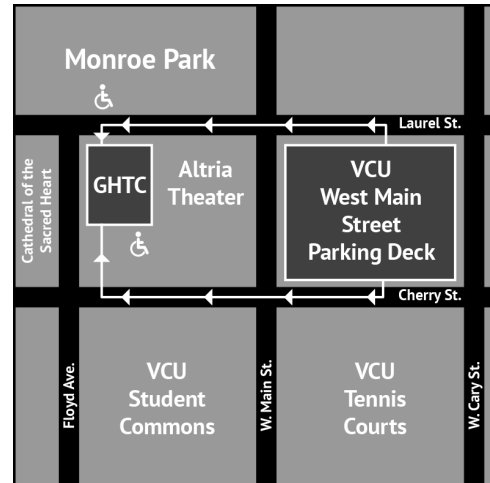
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