

# Grace & Holy Trinity Church

*an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park*



## The Second Sunday in Lent (Year C)

**Holy Eucharist, Rite One**

March 16, 2025 | 10:30 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, **and inclusive to all, including the LGBTQIA+ community.** We hope you will find a community 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. **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](http://ghtc.org/news). Children & Youth Sunday School is located on the second floor and grouped into classrooms for each Pre-K–1st grade, 2nd–4th grade, 5th–8th grade. A wonderful **nursery** staff is available from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. should you wish to drop off your young children (up to age 3) during worship. If young children get restless, it is OK to stay in church and you are welcome to use our library, too. **Changing tables** are located in the family restroom in the choir room. A greeter can direct you. Information about **Complimentary Sunday Parking** can be found on the back of this bulletin or either of the two Connect Tables.

## The Word of God

*The Prelude marks the beginning of our worship and is intended as a time of reflection.*

### Prelude

“O God Be Merciful to Me” | Johann Sebastian Bach

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Organist*

### Processional Hymn

“The God of Abraham Praise!”

*Please stand as you are able and sing.*

*The Hymnal 1982 #401*

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.

**The Blessings of New Vestments**

*Book of Occasional Services* p. 252

**Celebrant** You shall make holy garments for Aaron, for glory and for beauty.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness:

**People** Let your people sing with joy.

**Celebrant** Let us pray. *Silence*

O God, you revealed your Son clothed in majesty and glory: Accept these Purple Vestments for the use of the clergy of Grace & Holy Trinity Church, that, being clothed with humility as they minister to you, they may show forth his eternal splendor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Opening Acclamation

*Book of Common Prayer p. 323*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

**All** His mercy endureth for ever.

## The Collect for Purity

*Book of Common Prayer 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.**

## Children's Chapel Dismissal

*Celebrant* Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

– *Matthew 19:14*

*The children are invited to gather in the chapel for Children's Chapel. The congregation may be seated.*

## Kyrie

*The Hymnal 1982 S 91*

*All sing.*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Collect of the Day

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 166

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Genesis 15:1–12,12–18

*Lector* A reading from Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

# Paraphrase of Psalm 27

# “O Lord, You Are My Light” *Psalms for All Seasons*

Please stand as you are able and sing.

*Dominus illuminatio*

F Csus C F B $\flat$  F/C C7 F

1 O LORD, you are my light and my sal - va - tion near;  
 2 My one re - quest has been and still this prayer I raise;  
 3 When trou - bles round me swell, when fears and dan - gers throng,  
 4 Up - lift - ed on a rock a - bove my foes a - round,

C/E F Csus C F B $\flat$  F/C C7 F

then who will cause me fright or fill my heart with fear?  
 that I may live with - in God's house for all my days.  
 se - cure - ly I will dwell in his pa - vil - ion strong.  
 a - mid the bat - tle shock my song shall still re - sound.

C/E F B $\flat$  F C F/A B $\flat$ /D C/B $\flat$

While God my strength, my life sus - tains, se - cure from fear  
 God's glo - rious beau - ty to ad - mire, and in his tem -  
 With - in the shel - ter of God's tent he hides me till  
 Then joy - ful of - ferings I will bring; the LORD God's praise

C7/G C F B $\flat$  F/C C7 F

my soul re - mains, se - cure from fear my soul re - mains.  
 ple to in - quire, and in his tem - ple to in - quire.  
 the storm is spent, he hides me till the storm is spent.  
 my heart shall sing, the LORD God's praise my heart shall sing.

Words: st. 1 *Psalter*, 1887; sts. 2-4 *Psalter*, 1912, alt., P.D.  
 Music (RHOSYMEDRE 6.6.6.6.8.8 with repeat): John D. Edwards, ca. 1840, P.D.

## Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

*Lector* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual Hymn

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

*Please stand as you are able and sing.*

*The Hymnal 1982 #150*

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first five lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining five lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 indicating the start of each line. The music is a simple, homophonic setting with a clear harmonic structure.

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;  
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!  
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.  
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?  
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!  
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.  
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt.

## The Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

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

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Jon Scarffe

## The Nicene Creed

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 326

*Celebrant* In 325, 1,700 years ago, 300 bishops from around the world gathered in Nicaea (modern day Turkey). They debated and defined the three parts of the Trinity. Thus, a statement of faith was created. Let us stand, and affirm our common faith in these words of the Nicene Creed.

**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

Form V | *Book of Common Prayer* p. 389

*Celebrant* In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

*Lector* For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For *Sean* our Presiding Bishop, for *Mark, Gail, and Bud* our own Bishop(s), for Jon, Steve, and Brent our clergy, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust [*especially, Donald our President, and Glenn our Governor*], that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Silence may be kept. Please remain standing as you are able.*

### **The Prayers of Intercession**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 391*

*Celebrant* For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Confession of Sin & Absolution**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 331*

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**All** **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 332

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* And with thy spirit.

## Welcome and Announcements

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Sentence

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 376

*Celebrant* 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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## Offertory Anthem

“Go Not Far from Me, O God”

*Parish Choir*

Zingarelli

Go not far from me, far from me, O God;  
Cast me not away, cast me not away in the time of age,  
Forsake me not, forsake me not,  
Forsake me not when my strength faileth me.  
O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise, be filled with Thy praise,  
That I may sing, that I may sing,  
That I may sing Thy glory and honour all the day long, all the day long.  
O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise,  
That I may sing of Thy glory all the day long.

## Doxology

*The Hymnal 1982* #380 (v. 3)

**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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer II* | BCP p. 340

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**All** We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**All** It is meet and right so to do.

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## Sanctus & Benedictus

*The Hymnal 1982 S 114*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*You may remain standing or kneeling as you prefer.*

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine; that may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee that all who partake of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say, (in the language of your heart.)

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 336*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos,  
santificado sea tu nombre,  
Venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.**

**Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Y perdónanos nuestras ofensas,  
como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos  
ofenden.  
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentación,  
pero líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria,  
por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Book of Common Prayer p. 337

Agnus Dei

The Hymnal 1982 S 158

All sing.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

*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 Instructions for 10:30 a.m. Services

*Communion from the Common Cup is available from the Main Altar only. Communion by intinction is available at the lectern station 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.*

- 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. The full grace of the sacrament is communicated through the Bread.
- **Intinction** will be offered only at the base of the chancel steps beneath the lectern. The Priest will intinct the Bread into the Common Cup, while the Chalice Bearer assists them. We will use a larger size wafer to facilitate intinction. After receiving, exit to the left to make your way back to your pew. **The same intinction method will be observed in the pews.**

### Communion Hymn

“Eternal Lord of Love” | *The Hymnal 1982* #149

### Communion Hymn

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” | *The Hymnal 1982* #441

### Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 339

*Please kneel as you are able and say,*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All** Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### The Blessing

*Celebrant* The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

Please stand as you are able and sing.

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

*The Hymnal 1982 #448*



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

## The Dismissal

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 339 & Henri-Frédéric Amiel

*Celebrant* Friends, life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us so be swift to love, make haste to be kind and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

“The Glory of These Forty Days” | Johann Pachelbel

Stanley M. Baker, *Organist*



## Flowers at the Altar

The 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 scan the QR Code, visit [ghtc.org/flowers](http://ghtc.org/flowers), or call the Parish Office at (804) 359-5628 and a staff member will help you fill out the form. Altar flowers can be given in memory of, for recognition, birthdays, anniversaries, or special occasions. The cost is \$100, and there is an optional fee of \$10 to help us offset processing fees and the cost of flowers. You may mail a check or handle the cost online at [ghtc.org/give](http://ghtc.org/give).

### Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Brent Melton, *Preacher & Celebrant*

The Rev. Steve Pace, *Deacon*

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Choirmaster & Organist*

Stanley M. Baker, *Assistant Choirmaster & Organist*

Jane Chaffin, Catherine Perrin, Beth McClelland, *Chalice Bearers*

Kathy Wommack, Nancy Trego, *Lectors*

Karin Walker, Liz Bisset, Sandie Hale, Cathy Saunders, *Altar Guild*

### The Season of Lent

The word Lent comes from an Old English word meaning “spring.” The season lasts forty days thus imitating Jesus forty days and nights in the wilderness. “Liturgically in Lent, just like the wilderness, we move toward a more bare set up. The brass altar candles will be replaced with only our wooden candle stands. The “Alleluias” disappear again from our responses, as flowers are replaced with greenery.” It begins on Ash Wednesday and extends through the Easter Vigil, the Saturday night before Easter Day. Our Prayer Book (p. 265) invites all Christians “to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and reading and meditating on God’s holy word.” During this time we are encouraged to take on a 40-day discipline(s) of “giving up” or “taking on” something to help us draw closer with Christ. We hear a greater confessional tone in this season calling us towards faithful reflection in our life. The color purple is seen in our church hangings and in the clergy’s vestments. Lent prepares us for the most important day in the church year: Easter Sunday.

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## Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 03/19 9:00 a.m.** Episcopal Church Women present Lenten Retreat with Bishop Goff\* (*Church*)  
\*Livestream Available during Worship Service & Reflection
- Thursday 03/20 10:30 a.m.** **Westminster Canterbury Worship & Lunch**  
(*Westminster Canterbury Richmond*)
- Friday 03/21 5:30 p.m.** Parish-wide Spaghetti Dinner (Prior to Vision Summit | *Parish Hall*)
- Friday 03/21 6:30 p.m.** Vision Summit lead by Ministry Architects: Session 1 (*Parish Hall*)
- Saturday 03/22 9:00 a.m.** Vision Summit lead by Ministry Architects: Session 2 (*Parish Hall*)
- Saturday 03/22 12:30 p.m.** Vision Summit lead by Ministry Architects: Session 3 (*Parish Hall*)
- Sunday 04/13 10:30 a.m.** **Palm Sunday** (Following 10:00 a.m. Procession in Monroe Park | *Church*)
- Sunday 04/13 1:15 p.m.** Youth Sunday Funday (*University of Richmond Challenge Discovery Ropes Course*)
- Thursday 4/17 7:00 p.m.** **Maundy Thursday** (*Church*)
- Friday 4/18 12:00 p.m.** **Good Friday** (Followed by Stations of the Cross in Monroe Park | *Church*)
- Saturday 04/19 7:00 p.m.** **The Great Vigil of Easter with Baptism** (*Church*)

## Save the Date

- Sunday 04/20 9:00 a.m.** **Easter Day** (*Church*)
- Sunday 04/20 11:00 a.m.** **Easter Day** (Family Service with Children's Sermon | *Church*)
- Sunday 04/20 12:00 p.m.** Easter Egg Hunt (Following 11:00 a.m. Worship | *Monroe Park*)
- Sunday 05/04 10:30 a.m.** **Holy Communion** with *Gloria* by John Rutter & *I Was Glad* by C. Hurbert H. Parry (Parish Choir, Brass, Percussion & Organ | *Church*)
- Saturday 05/10 5:00 p.m.** *unBelizable Dinner* hosted by Belize Mission Team (Silent Auction, Dinner & Bingo | *Parish House*)

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## Parish-Wide Spaghetti Dinner

followed by

## Vision Summit

led by  
Ministry Architects

Friday, March 21

5:30 PM

Dinner

6:30 PM

Summit Begins

Saturday, March 22

9:00 AM

Summit Session 2

12:30 PM

Summit Session 3

*(Parish Hall)*

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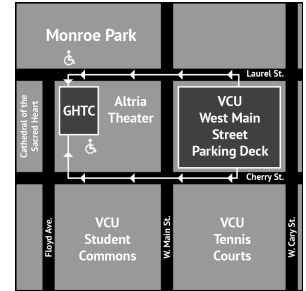
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