

# Grace & Holy Trinity Church

*an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park*



## The Fifth Sunday in Lent (Year C)

Holy Eucharist, Rite One

April 6, 2025 | 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, **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** from the Connect Table and place it in the offering plate during the service. Children & Youth Sunday School is located on the second floor. 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.

# The Word of God

*The beginning of our worship is intended as a reflection.*

## 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:

**All** 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.

## Canticle No. 5: The Song of Simeon

*Luke 2:29-32 | Book of Common Prayer p. 51*

*Nunc dimittis*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \*  
according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \*  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \*  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
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.

## The Collect of the Day

*Book of Common Prayer p. 167*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 126**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 728

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

*In convertendo*

*Lector* 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.

**All 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for them."

**4 The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.**

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.**

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

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

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel**

John 12:1-8

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

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

*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.

**Prayers of the People**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 328

**Parish Prayer List**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

**Confession of Sin**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 331

**The Absolution**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 332

**The Peace**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 332

**Welcome & 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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*In receiving the offertory plates we say...*

**All** All things come of thee O Lord and of thine own have we given thee. – *1 Chronicles 29:14*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 340

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 336

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 337

### **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.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 339*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*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**

**All** 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.

**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.

**Today's Worship Participants**

The Rev. Jon Scarffe, *Preacher*

The Rev. Brent A. Melton, *Celebrant*

The Rev. Steve Pace, *Deacon*

Kay Gray, *Lector*

## **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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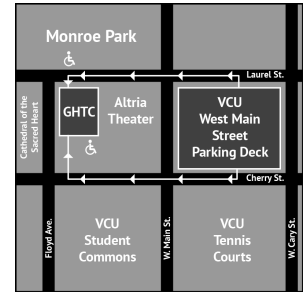
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