Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park





The Fifth Sunday in Lent (Year C)

Holy Eucharist, Rite One

April 6, 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. 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

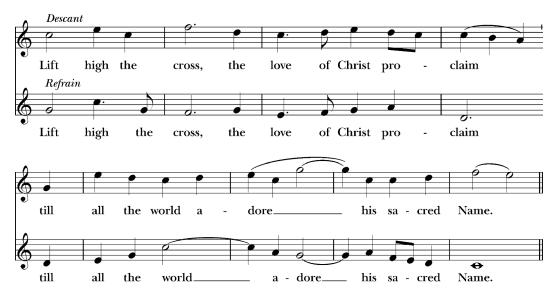
"Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended" | Paul Fey

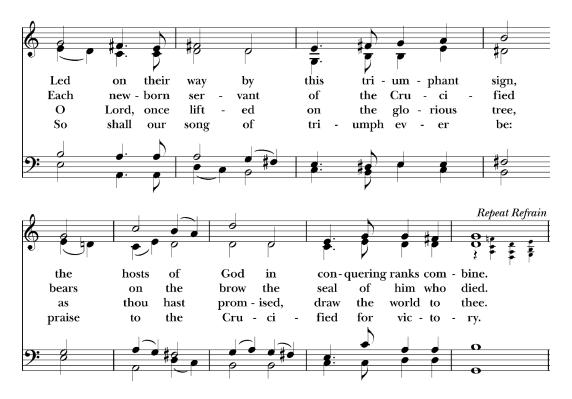
Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, Organist

Processional Hymn

Please stand as you are able and sing.

"Lift High the Cross" *The Hymnal 1982* #473





George William Kitchin (1827-1912) and Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

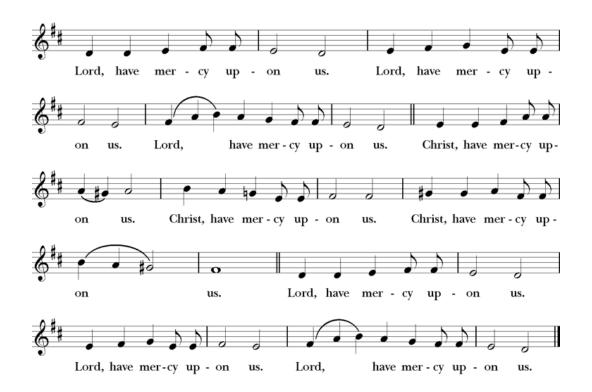
The Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

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.

Kyrie *All sing.*



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.**

First Reading Isaiah 43:16–21

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

The Hymnal 1982 S 414 | Robert Knox Kennedy
In convertendo

Please stand as you are able and sing. Dagger symbol (+) indicates a repeat of the second half of the chant.



- All 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.
 - 2 Then was our mouth filled with <u>laughter</u>, * and our tongue with shouts of <u>joy</u>.
 - 3 Then they said among the <u>nations</u>, *
 "The LORD has done great things for <u>them</u>."
 - 4 The LORD has done great things for <u>us</u>, * and we are glad in<u>deed</u>.
 - 5 Restore our fortunes, O <u>LORD</u>, * like the watercourses of the <u>Negev</u>.
 - 6 Those who sowed with <u>tears</u> * will reap with songs of <u>joy</u>. +
 - 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the <u>seed</u>, * will come again with joy, shouldering their <u>sheaves</u>.

Second Reading Philippians 3:4b–14

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.

Gradual Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Please stand as you are able and sing.

The Hymnal 1982 #474





Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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

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

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 and Gail*, 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. 330

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

Parish Choir Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,
To decline from sin, and incline to virtue.
That we may walk with an upright heart,
That we may walk with an upright heart before thee, this day and evermore. Amen.

Doxology

The Hymnal 1982 #380 (v. 3)

"Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake"

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.

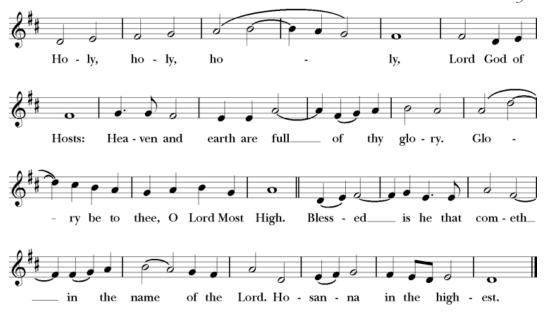
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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



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

Our Father, who art in heaven, Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, hallowed be thy Name, santificado sea tu nombre, thy kingdom come, Venga tu reino, thy will be done, hágase tu voluntad, on earth as it is in heaven. en la tierra como en el cielo. Give us this day our daily bread. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. And forgive us our trespasses, Y perdónanos nuestras ofensas, as we forgive those who trespass against us. como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos And lead us not into temptation, ofenden. but deliver us from evil. Y no nos dejes caer en la tentación, For thine is the kingdom, pero líbranos del mal. and the power, and the glory, Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria,

The Breaking of the Bread

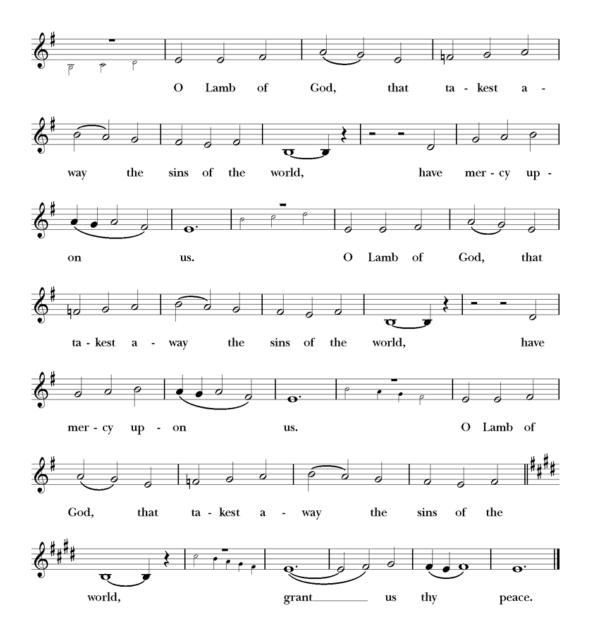
for ever and ever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer p. 337

por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Book of Common Prayer p. 336

All sing.



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

"Kind Maker of the World" The Hymnal 1982 #152

Communion Hymn

"Rock of Ages" *The Hymnal 1982* #685

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.

The Hymnal 1982 #594



Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt.

The Dismissal

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

"God of Grace and God of Glory" | Paul Manz

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, Organist

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Jon Scarffe, Preacher

The Rev. Brent A. Melton, Celebrant

The Rev. Steve Pace, Deacon

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, Choirmaster & Organist

Vake Martin, Gil Martin, Mac Martin, Burn Bradshaw, George Bradshaw, Acolytes

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

Jane Chaffin, Annette Hook, Chalice Bearers

Kathy Womack, Karin Walker, Lectors

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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Holy Week, Easter & Upcoming Events

Sunday 04/06	12:00 p.m.	Vision Summit Follow Up Conversation: Draft of Mission, Value & Goals (Library)	
Sunday 04/13	10:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday (Following 10:00 a.m. Procession in Monroe Park* <i>Church</i>) *PortRides and Palm Crosses	
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)	
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 04/20		Office Closure Begins in Observance of Easter (Concludes on April 25th)	
Saturday 04/26	9:00 a.m.	Pace Center Parish Work Day hosted by GHTC (The Pace Center)	
Sunday 05/04	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion in Memoriam of the Rev. Hill Brown with <i>Gloria</i> by John Rutter & <i>I Was Glad</i> by C. Hubert H. Parry (Parish Choir, Brass, Percussion & Organ with Reception to Follow <i>Church</i>)	
Saturday 05/10	5:00 p.m.	unBelizable Dinner hosted by Belize Mission Team (Silent Auction, Dinner & Bingo Parish House)	
Sunday 05/18	4:00 p.m.	Greater Richmond Children's Choir Spring Concert (Free Admission Church)	
Monday 05/26		Parish Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day	

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- 2. At the parking gate arm, press the button to receive a ticket.
- 3. Park in any available space in the deck.
- 4. After visiting Grace & Holy Trinity, exit the parking deck in your vehicle and scan your parking ticket into the machine at the parking gate arm.
- 5. When the machine asks for payment, hold the QR code to the scanner.
- 6. The machine will scan the code, accept it as payment, and the parking gate arm will raise in order for you to exit.

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