### **Grace & Holy Trinity Church**

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park





# The Second Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Holy Communion, Rite Two

April 27, 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

Voluntary on "Salzburg" | Robert Lind

Festival Prelude on "Victory" | C. S. Lang

Mark Koontz, Organist

#### Processional Hymn

"The Strife Is O'er"

Please stand as you are able and sing.

The Hymnal 1982 #208





Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt.

#### **Opening Acclamation**

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

#### All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise All sing.

"Christ Our Passover" Wonder, Love, and Praise #880





Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944) | Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); desc. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)

#### The Collect of the Day

Book of Common Prayer p. 217

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

First Reading Acts 5:27–32

Lector A reading from the Book of Acts.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:14-29

Read responsively by whole verse.

Book of Common Prayer p. 760 Confitemini Domino

Lector 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \* and he has become my salvation.

# All 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \* in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

### 17 I shall not die, but live, \* and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \* but he did not hand me over to death.

### 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \* I will enter them;

I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*
he who is righteous may enter."

# 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \* and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected \* has become the chief cornerstone.

# 23 This is the LORD's doing, \* and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; \* we will rejoice and be glad in it.

#### 25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! \*

LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \* we bless you from the house of the LORD.

#### 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \*

form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; \* you are my God, and I will exalt you."

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \* his mercy endures for ever.

Second Reading Revelation 1:4–8

Lector A reading from the Book of Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual Hymn



John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

The Gospel John 20:19–31

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

#### All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord 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

**Form III** | Book of Common Prayer p. 387

Celebrant We continue with the Prayers of the People, let us pray.

*Lector* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

All That we all may be one.

Lector Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

All That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Lector We pray for Mark, Budd, and Gail, our bishops, Jon and Brent, our priests, and Steve, our Deacon;

All That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Lector We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially our

president and governor.

All That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Lector Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

All That our works may find favor in your sight.

Lector Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

All That they may be delivered from their distress.

Lector Give to the departed eternal rest, especially those named in our Easter Lily Memorials.

All Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Lector We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

All May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Lector Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

#### The Collect at the Prayers

Book of Common Prayer p. 395

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The Peace BCP p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

#### Welcome and Announcements

### The Holy Communion

#### **Offertory Sentence**

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 Hymn

All sing.

"The Day of Resurrection"

The Hymnal 1982 #210





John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. | Music: Ellacombe, from Gesangbuch ... der Herzogl. Wirtemhergischen katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784, alt; | adapt. Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973)

#### 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.

#### **Eucharistic Prayer D**

Book of Common Prayer p. 372

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

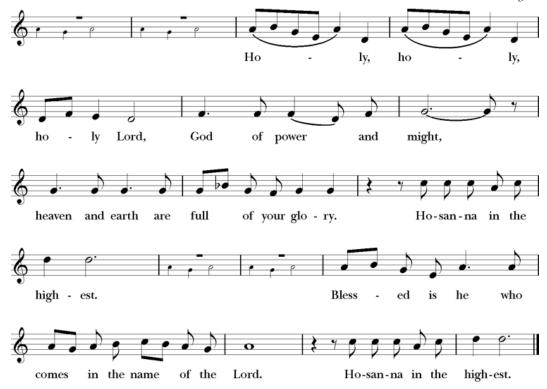
Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

#### Sanctus & Benedictus

*The Hymnal 1982* S 128



Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the

sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

### All We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, And we pray to you, Lord our God;

The Celebrant continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving...

Celebrant Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.** 

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, (in the language of your heart.)

#### The Lord's Prayer

Book of Common Prayer p. 364

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 el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.

No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.

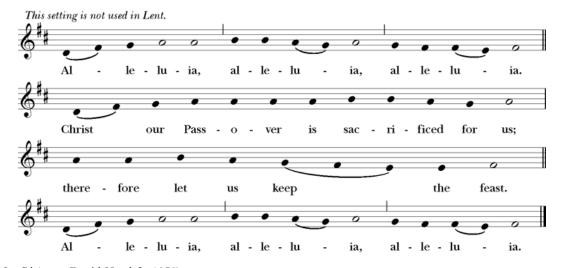
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

Book of Common Prayer p. 364

### The Breaking of the Bread

#### **Fraction Anthem**

The Hymnal 1982 S 154



Setting: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

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 1

"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor" | The Hymnal 1982 #307

Communion Hymn 2

"Let All Mortal Flesh" | The Hymnal 1982 #324

**Post-Communion Prayer** 

Book of Common Prayer p. 366

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Blessing

Celebrant The peace of God, which surpasses 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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

Please stand as you are able and sing.

The Hymnal 1982 #174



Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.

Presider

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. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Chorale Fantasie on "Lasst uns erfreuen" | Flor Peeters

Mark Koontz, Organist

# We thank Mark Koontz and Caroline Whisnant for assisting in this morning's worship service through their musical gifts.

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### **Today's Worship Participants**

The Rev. Jon Scarffe, *Preacher*The Rev. Brent A. Melton, *Celebrant*The Rev. Steve Pace, *Deacon*Mark Koontz, *Organist*Caroline Whisnant, *Cantor* 

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