Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park





The Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Holy Communion, Rite Two
Children & Youth Sunday with Graduating Senior Recognition

May 11, 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.

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The Word of God

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

Prelude

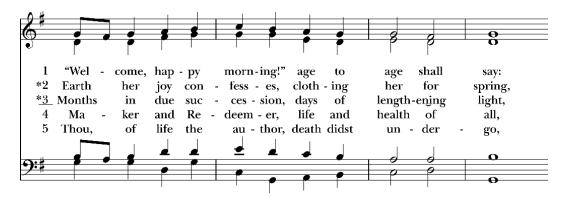
"Adagio Cantabile" | Johann Sebastian Bach

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, Organist

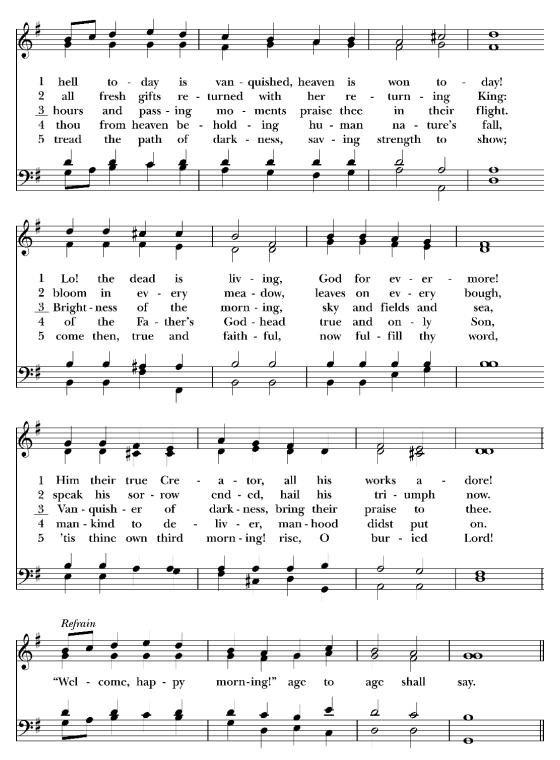
Processional Hymn

"Welcome, Happy Morning!" The Hymnal 1982 #179 (vv. 1–3)

Please stand as you are able and sing.



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6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain; all that now is fallen raise to life again; show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see; bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

Refrain

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?·600?); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. | Music: Fortunatus, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

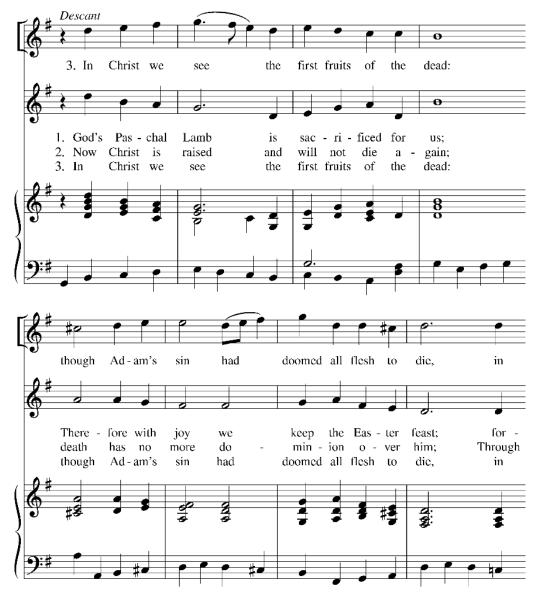
The Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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. 225

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Acts 9:36–43

Lector A reading from the Book of Acts.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

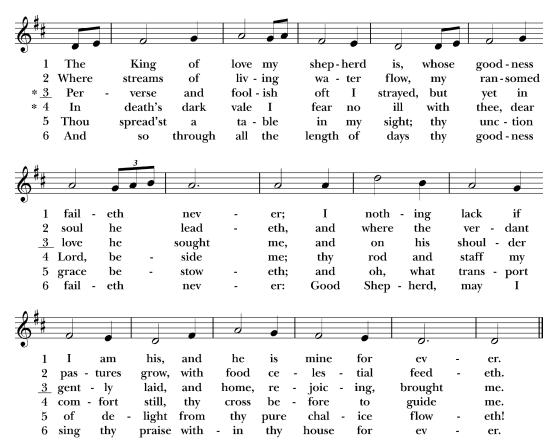
All Thanks be to God.

Paraphrase of Psalm 23

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" The Hymnal 1982 #645

Please stand as you are able and sing.

Dominus regit me



Second Reading Revelation 7:9–17

Lector A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Please stand as you are able and sing.



The Gospel John 10:22–30

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

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Mr. Charles Herlihy

Children's Creed

Book of Common Prayer p. 358

All I believe in God above

I believe in Jesus's love

I believe His spirit too,

comes to teach me what to do.

I believe, that I should be

kind and loving Lord like You. 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, Brent, our priest, 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.

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

Book of Common Prayer p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

The graduating Seniors are invited to come forward to the chancel steps to be recognized.

Liturgy of Celebration for our Graduates

Celebrant God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless our graduates as they prepare to finish high school and move on to the next chapter of their lives.

All We thank you for those who taught and supported them along the way.

Celebrant Walk with our graduates as they move forward with their lives.. Take away any anxiety, and confusion of purpose, and give them clarity and strength in the days ahead.

All Strengthen their many talents and skills, instill in them a confidence in your loving care and provision.

Celebrant For our graduates, the days ahead will be filled with new beginnings.

All May they always know that Christ is alive and present in their lives, leading the way in love.

Graduating Seniors – Class of 2025

Lottie Broussard, Hank Dykshorn, Charles Herlihy William Hoge, Thomas Macaulay, Ibby New

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

"Love Is..." | Jeff Reeves

Children's Choir

Abigail Stinnet, Director | Stanley M. Baker, Assistant Director & Pianist

Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is always helpful.

Love is what a family shares that makes them very special.

Love! Love! Love! God's gift for you and me.

Love! Love! Love! God's gift for families.

Love is trusting. Love is strong. Love is always hopeful.

Love is what a family shares that makes them very special.

Love! Love! God's gift for you and me.

Love! Love! God's gift for families.

Love is giving and forgiving. Love is never rude.

Teach us, God, to love our families.

Help us love like you.

Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is always helpful.

Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is always helpful.

Love is what a family shares that makes them very special.

Love! Love! Love! God's gift for you and me.

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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.

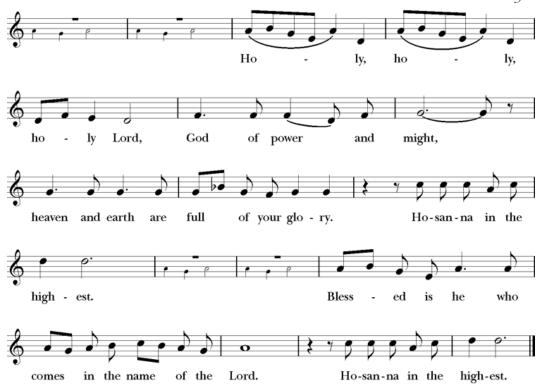
All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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



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**.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

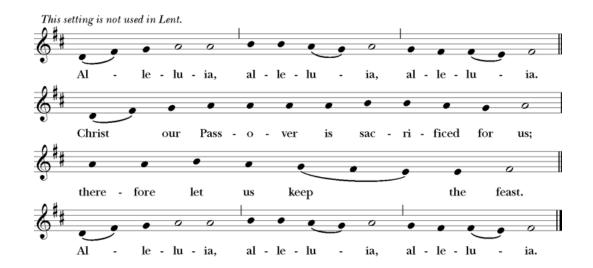
and the power, and the glory,

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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 Altar Stations only. Communion by intinction is available by the server with the gold vessel, located at the baptismal font 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 baptismal font to the left. 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

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" The Hymnal 1982 #664

Communion Hymn

"My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread" The Hymnal 1982 #321

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.**

Recessional Hymn

"Welcome, Happy Morning"

Please stand as you are able and sing.

The Hymnal 1982 #179 (vv. 4-6)

Please refer to pages 1 and 2 of the bulletin.

The Dismissal

Book of Common Prayer p. 340

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

Postlude on "Sine Nomine" | Hugo Gehrke

Stanley M. Baker, Organist

Flowers at the Altar

This Sunday's 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, 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/flowers.

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Brent A. Melton, Celebrant
The Rev. Steve Pace, Deacon
Mr. Charles Herlihy, Preacher
Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, Choirmaster & Organist
Stanley M. Baker, Assistant Choirmaster & Organist
Abigail Stinnett, Cantor & Children's Choir Director
Dorie Baker, Lucie Baker, Mary Hetherington, Adelaide Williams, Acolytes
Vicky Bleick, Elizabeth Baker, Aanu Adewesi, Olivia Andres, Altar Guild
Graduating Seniors, Chalice Bearers
Gil Martin, Mac Martin, Vake Martin, Lectors

The Season of Easter

This is a period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to **Pentecost** Sunday. Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter, and the Sundays that follow the **Resurrection**. Easter Sunday and Pentecost correspond to pre-existing Jewish feasts: The first day of Pesach and the holiday of **Shavu'ot**. This season is also called **Paschal Time** because Easter is the Christian Passover. We return to Rite II liturgy with its common language and take the confession out just for this season as we celebrate the Lord's resurrection. The color white is seen in our church **hangings** and in the clergy's **vestments** and the Paschal Candle is used. "Easter sets the experience of the springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ."

Source: An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church-Armentrout & Slocum 2000 pg. 157

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Upcoming Events

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.

*If you need assistance, press the "i" button at the gate and someone will assist remotely.

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