Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park





The Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

May 18, 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.

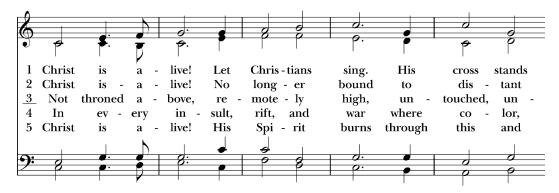
Prelude "Aria" | Flor Peeters

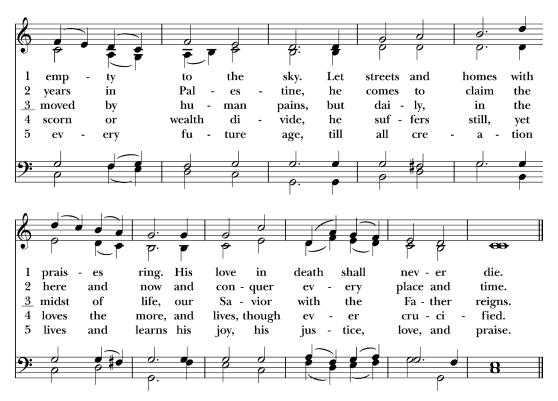
Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, Organist

Processional Hymn

"Christ Is Alive!" The Hymnal 1982 #182

Please stand as you are able and sing.





Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev.

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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.

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.

Hymn of Praise

"Elijah Rock" | Arranged by Stanley M. Baker

Youth Instrumental Ensemble

Stanley M. Baker, Director

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Acts 11:1–18

Lector A reading from the Book of Acts.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, `John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

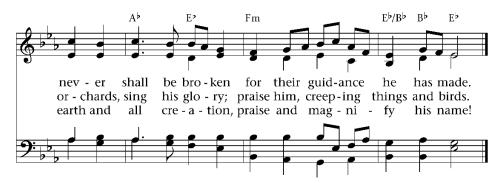
Paraphrase of Psalm 148

"Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him" Psalms for All Seasons

Please stand as you are able and sing.

Laudate Dominum





Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA, 145F

Words: st. 1 Foundling Hospital Collection, 1796, alt.; sts. 2-3 Psalter, 1912, alt., P.D. Music (AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D): Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809), 1797, P.D.

Second Reading Revelation 21:1–6

Lector A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Please stand as you are able and sing.



The Gospel John 13:31–35

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

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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, 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.

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

"With a Voice of Singing" | Martin Shaw

Parish Choir

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Christ has risen!

Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Christ has risen!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,

O sing praises to the honour of his name,

Make his praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing, declare ye this and let it be heard, Christ has risen!

Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

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.

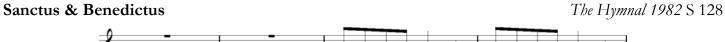
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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),





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.

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,
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.

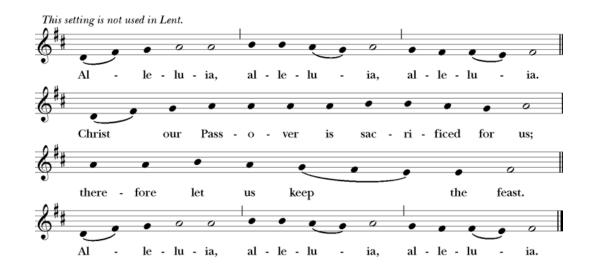
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.

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

Fraction Anthem

"Christ Our Passover" The Hymnal 1982 S 154

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 Solo

"O Divine Redeemer" | Charles Gounod

Caroline Whisnant, Soprano

Communion Hymn

"Come, My Way" The Hymnal 1982 #487

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

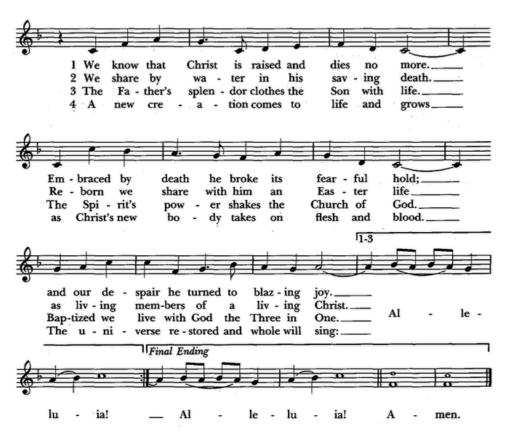
Celebrant The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

The Hymnal 1982 #296

Please stand as you are able and sing.



Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt. Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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Presider

Postlude

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.

"Saint Anne" | Healey Willan

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, Preacher & Celebrant
The Rev. Steve Pace, Deacon
Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, Choirmaster & Organist
Stanley M. Baker, Assistant Choirmaster & Organist
Sita Lewis, John Lewis, Mary Lecky, Ellie Leffler, Acolytes
Karin Walker, Liz Bisset, Sandie Hale, Cathy Saunders, Altar Guild
Abigail Stinnett, Catherine Perrin, Leslie Winn, Chalice Bearers
Harold Williams, Jim Taylor, Lectors
Youth Instrumental Ensemble

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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- 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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