Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park





The Seventh Sunday of Easter The Sunday after Ascension Day (Year C)

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

June 1, 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 also welcome to use our library. 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.

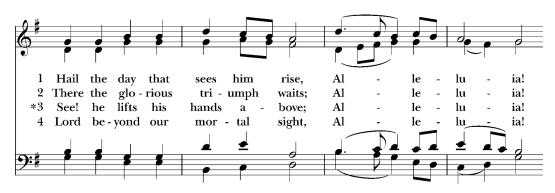
Prelude

Processional for the Ascension Vigil | Russell Schulz-Widmar

Stanley M. Baker, Organist

Processional Hymn

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" The Hymnal 1982 #214



Please stand as you are able and sing.



Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

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.

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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 chapel is located in the back of the church.

Hymn of Praise"Christ Our Passover" | Wonder, Love, and Praise #880All sing.



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

The Collect of the Day

Book of Common Prayer p. 226

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.AllAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

First Reading

Lector A reading from the Book of Acts.

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.AllThanks be to God.

Hymn Paraphrase of Psalm 97

Please stand as you are able and sing.



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Second Reading

Lector A reading from the Book of Revelation.

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:
"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."
Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.
"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."
The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.
The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

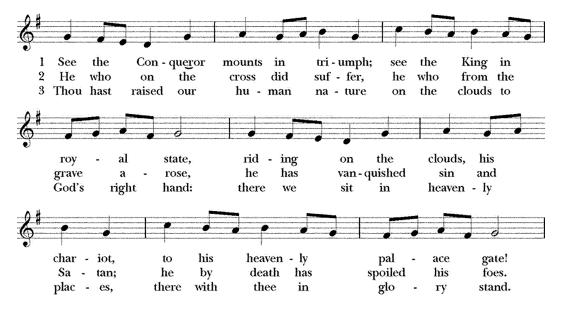
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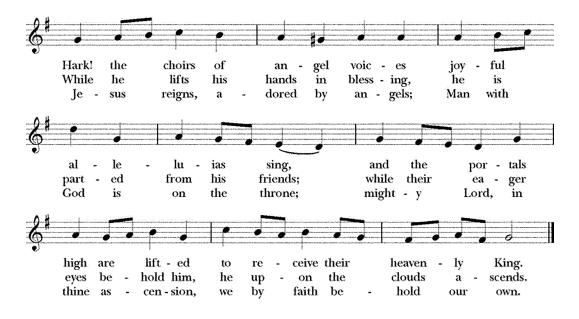
All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

"See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph" The Hymnal 1982 #215

Please stand as you are able and sing.





Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt.

The Gospel

John 17:20–26

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

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.AllPraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Brent A. Melton

The Nicene Creed

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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.

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

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Lector All	Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; That we all may be one.		
Lector All	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serv That your Name may be glorified by all people.	e you;	
Lector All	We pray for <i>Mark, Bud, and Gayle</i> , our bishops, <i>Brent</i> , our priest, and That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacrame		
Lector	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the president and governor.	world; especially our	
All	That there may be justice and peace on the earth.		
Lector All	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.		
Lector All	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.		
Lector All	Give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.		
Lector All	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; 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 PrayersBook of Common Prayer p. 39			
<i>Celebrant</i> O Lord our God accept the fervent pravers of your people: in the multitude of your mercies			

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

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

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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"How Lovely Are the Messengers" Saint Paul | Felix Mendelssohn **Offertory Anthem** Parish Choir

> How lovely are the messengers that preach the us the gospel of peace, To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.

> > *The Hymnal 1982* #380 (v. 3)

Book of Common Prayer p. 376

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

Doxology

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.

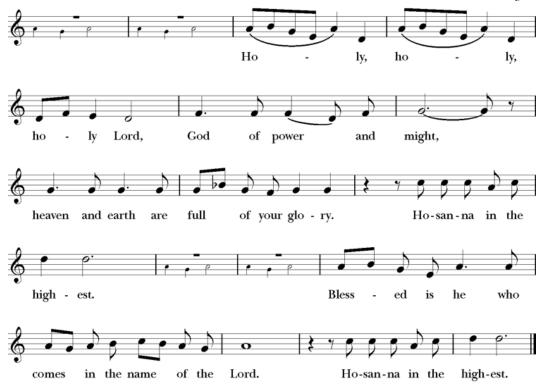
All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

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

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.

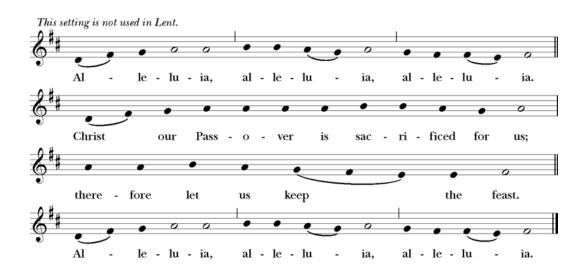
The Breaking of the Bread

Book of Common Prayer p. 364

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

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 Music

"Lift Thine Eyes" *Elijah* | Felix Mendelssohn

Keely Borland, Caroline Whisnant, Abigail Stinnett, Soloists

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. They help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall never slumber. Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.

Communion Hymn

"Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray" The Hymnal 1982 #315

Post-Communion Prayer

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

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" (vv. 1–3, 6) *The Hymnal 1982* #450





Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt.

The Dismissal

Book of Common Prayer p. 339 & Henri-Frédéric Amiel

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

"Festive Toccata" | Dénis Bedard

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, 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 Dorie Baker, Lucie Baker, Acolytes Barbara Davenport, Kay Gray, Cary Lee Henderson, Jean Jumet, Altar Guild Marcia Hailey, Judy Carlson, 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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- 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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