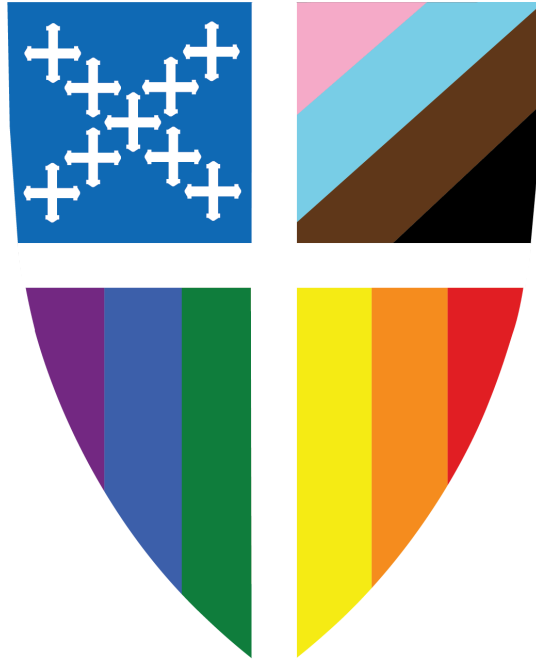


Pride Eucharist



Hosted by

**Episcopal Churches of the
Greater Richmond Area & The Pace Center**

With The Community Pride Choir

September 26, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Welcome

Welcome to Grace & Holy Trinity. We're glad you're here. Since you are visiting the church during the week, off street parking is available in the alley between the church and the Altria Theater. These parking spots are designated with purple parking bumpers. **After 5:30 p.m.** on weekdays, the lot immediately behind the church, within the parking gates and designated with yellow parking bumpers, is also available. **Restrooms** are located in the front hallway of the Parish Hall. **Changing tables** are located in the family restroom in the Choir Room. A greeter will be happy to direct you.

Chaplains

Chaplains are available in the chapel at the back of the church if at any point you need prayer or wish to speak with someone. We all come here at different places in our relationship with faith and church and acknowledge the need for support. Our chaplains this evening are:

The Rev. Cate Anthony
David Hoover

Today's Offerings go to Side by Side
Scan the QR code on page 7 to donate.

Who is Side by Side?

Side by Side is dedicated to creating supportive communities where Virginia's LGBTQ+ youth can define themselves, belong, and flourish. Side by Side's work focuses in on the following key strategic priorities:

- We have made a public commitment to the flourishing of Black LGBTQ+ youth in our community.
- We base every decision on what's best for LGBTQ+ youth, working to meet their needs and support their dreams.
- We are a community of diverse and fabulous individuals, who recognize the power of working together to support youth and each other.
- We remember and celebrate our history of supporting LGBTQ+ youth, as a way to help us build a successful future.
- We are a voice for our community, one of comfort, education, and progress.

Visit ***sidebysideva.org*** for more information on the organization, located at 2311 Westwood Avenue in Richmond.

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

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *The Hymnal 1982* #657

Please stand as you are able and sing.

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant We gather in the name of God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

All We gather to worship and celebrate God, who loves and welcomes all.

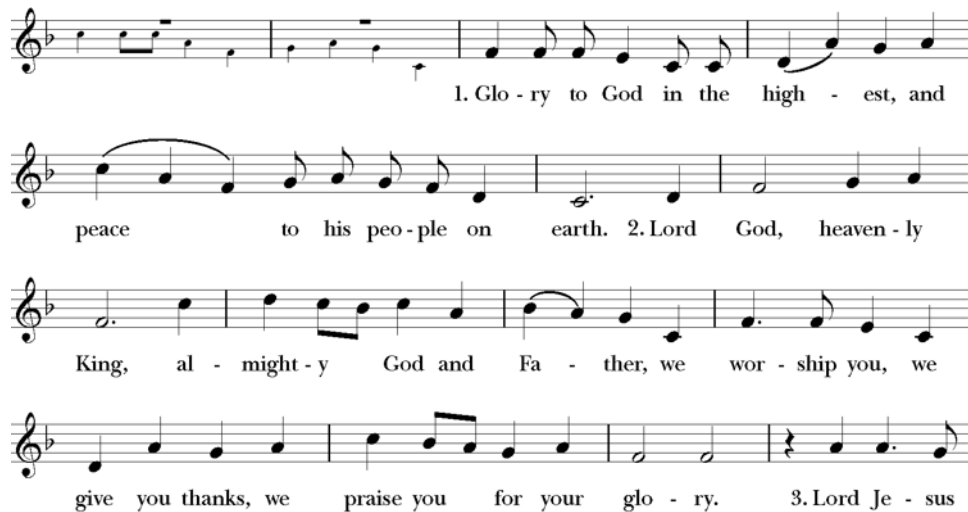
The Opening Prayer

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

“Gloria” *The Hymnal 1982* S 280



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The Prayer of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of Wonders, God who made the Rainbow Promise, we praise You for the splendor of the world! We thank You, that woven throughout the tapestry of earth are the varied threads of human diversity. Created in Your image, we are of many colors and cultures, ages and classes, gender and sexual identities. Grant us minds and hearts eager to learn, and voices to dismantle systems of prejudice in response to the leading of Your loving Spirit. We ask in Christ's name.
Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1–9

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit

of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 63:1–7

Book of Common Prayer p. 670

Read responsively by whole verse.

Deus, Deus meus

Lector 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

All 2 **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, ***
that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

4 **So will I bless you as long as I live ***
and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 **When I remember you upon my bed, ***
and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1–7 (*The Message Bible*)

Lector A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to

live. He wants not only us but *everyone* saved, you know, everyone to get to know the truth *we've* learned: that there's one God and only one, and one Priest-Mediator between God and us—Jesus, who offered himself in exchange for everyone held captive by sin, to set them all free. Eventually the news is going to get out. This and this only has been my appointed work: getting this news to those who have never heard of God, and explaining how it works by simple faith and plain truth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“In the Midst of New Dimensions” | Julian B. Rush

Please stand as you are able and sing.

1. In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways.
 2. Through the years of hu-man strug-gle walk a peo-ple long de-spised,
 3. We are Black and we are A-sian, In-di-an, His-pan-ic, White,
 4. We are man and we are wo-man, all per-sua-sions, old and young,
 5. Should the threats of dark pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,
 1. who will lead the pil-grim peo-ples wan-der-ing their sep'-rate ways?
 2. gays and les-bi-ans to-geth-er fight-ing to be re-al-ized.
 3. we a rain-bow co-a-li-tion, all of va-lue in thy sight.
 4. each a gift in thy cre-a-tions, each a love song to be sung.
 5. may thy blaz-ing phoe-nix Spir-it res-ur-rect the Church a-gain.
 God of rain-bow, fier-y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, we, thy peo-ple,
 ours the jour-ney now and e-ver, now and e-ver, now and e-ver-more.

The Gospel

Luke 11:1–4

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Assistant Priest (Grace & Holy Trinity Church)*

Silence for reflection.

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer p. 358

Celebrant 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

Please remain standing as you are able.

Red - Life

Leader We pray for all those living today. May they find purpose and strength in Your Love and strive to be their truest selves, in whatever that truth may be.

All **Allow us to love each other as we love ourselves.**

Orange - Healing

Leader We pray for those in need of healing, whether in mind, body, or soul. Be a comfort to those who are sick and a source of strength for those who heal.

All **Allow us to love each other as we love ourselves.**

Yellow - New Ideas

Leader We pray for those in leadership roles. May they govern with fairness, justice, and equity for all, regardless of race, creed, gender, or orientation.

All **Allow us to love each other as we love ourselves.**

Green - Prosperity

Leader We pray for those who are suffering from homelessness or hunger. Lead us to a world without poverty, inequality, and inequity.

All **Allow us to love each other as we love ourselves.**

Blue - Serenity

Leader We pray for peace in our souls and in the world. May You guide us towards peace within and without.

All **Allow us to love each other as we love ourselves.**

Violet - Spirit

Leader We pray to feel united with others. May we recognize the Holy Spirit in the face of an enemy as readily as in the face of a loved one.

All Allow us to love each other as we love ourselves.

Black & Brown - People of Color

Leader We pray for those who have suffered systemic injustice and racism. Help us to realize that there is only one race- the human race, whose colors are as varied and beautiful as the rainbow.

All Allow us to love each other as we love ourselves.

Baby Blue, White, Pink - Transgender Community

Leader Lord, we know that You have made us in Your image. You accept us and love us for who we are, without exception. Let us be able to look upon others as You look upon us, with love and acceptance.

All Allow us to love each other as we love ourselves.

Silence | The People may add their own petitions.

The Grace

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 Rev. Dr. Brent A. Melton, *Priest-in-Charge*
(Grace & Holy Trinity Church)

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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Scan the QR code to donate. *Turn to page 1 to learn more about Side by Side's mission.*

Offertory Anthem

“The Gift of Love” | arr. Hal H. Hopson

Community Pride Choir

Caroline Whisnant, Soprano

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

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 2

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus & Benedictus

The Hymnal 1982 S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and'. The second staff contains 'might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff contains 'san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fourth staff contains 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' and ends with a double bar line. There are triplets indicated by a '3' and a bracket over groups of three notes in the second, third, and fourth staves.

Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

Celebrant On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with the Ethiopian Eunuch, St. Joan of Arc, Pauli Murray, Louie Crew Clay, Matthew Shepard, all LGBTQ+ martyrs and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, 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.**

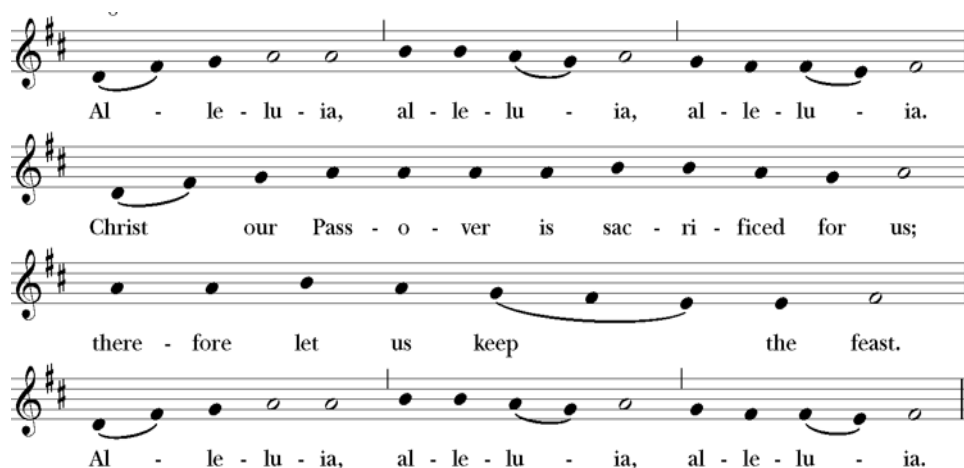
The Breaking of the Bread

Book of Common Prayer p. 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

The Hymnal 1982 S 154



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

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.**
- Healing prayers** with anointing will be offered next to the baptismal font.

Communion Hymn 1

“I Come with Joy” *The Hymnal 1982* #304

Communion Hymn 2

“Let Us Break Bread Together” *The Hymnal 1982* #325

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

All The maker of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

All From this time forth for evermore.

Celebrant The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful”

Please stand as you are able and sing.

[Refrain]

Quirk - y, queer, and won - der - ful, dis - tinct, u - nique, and odd -

all of our hu - man - i - ty re - veals the face of God.

1. No "nor - mal" can en - com - pass or com - pre - hend the range
 2. From Je - sus we learn rid - dles; he said the last are first.
 3. To Pe - ter, God pre - sent - ed un - touch - a - ble cui - sine
 4. In Christ the false di - vi - sions of gen - der, class, and race,
 5. The man - y parts that form us each serve a dif - f'rent role.

[Refrain]



1. of all the kinds of peo - ple that God cre - at - ed strange!
2. He tweaked re - ceived re - li - gion with roles that he re - versed.
3. and said, "Do not call dirt - y what I de - clare is clean."
4. can nev - er sep - a - rate us from God's a - bun - dant grace.
5. In Christ, we are one bod - y, made ho - ly, good, and whole.

The Dismissal

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

Deacon 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

"Celebration" | Cecilia McDowall

Luke Brennan, *Organist*

Today's Worship Leaders

The Rt. Rev. Mark Stevenson, *Bishop & Concelebrant*

The Very Rev. Dr. Charles Dupree (St. Paul's Episcopal Church), *Concelebrant*

The Rev. Marissa Sotos (Grace & Holy Trinity Church), *Preacher*

The Rev. Deacon Canon d'Rue Hazel, *Bishop's Chaplain*

The Rev. Deacon Florian Stamm (St. Paul's Episcopal Church) &

The Rev. Deacon Steve Pace (Grace & Holy Trinity Church), *Deacons*

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis & Luke Brennan, *Organists*

Please join us in the Parish Hall for a reception as we continue our celebration and fellowship.

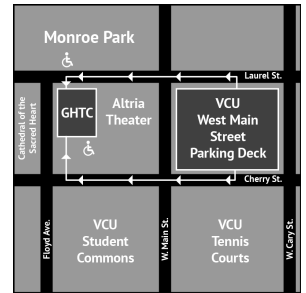
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