

# Grace & Holy Trinity Church

*an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park*



## Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Year A

**Holy Eucharist, Rite One**

January 18, 2026 | 8:00 a.m.

### Welcome

**Welcome to Grace & Holy Trinity.** 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** from the Connect Table and place it in the offering plate during the service. A wonderful **nursery** staff is available from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. should you wish to drop off your young children (up to age 3) during worship. **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.

# The Word of God

*The beginning of our worship is intended as a time of reflection.*

## Opening Acclamation

*Book of Common Prayer p. 323*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

*Book of Common Prayer p. 323*

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

## Trisagion

*Book of Common Prayer p. 324*

*Celebrant* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

**All** Have mercy upon us.

## The Collect of the Day

*Book of Common Prayer p. 163*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*You may be seated for the readings.*

## First Reading

Isaiah 49:1–7

*Lay Reader* A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the

Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength – he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

*Lay Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 40:1–12**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 640

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

*Expectans, expectavi*

*Lay Reader* 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; \*

he stooped to me and heard my cry.

**All** 2 **He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \***  
**he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the Lord.

4 **Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \***  
**they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with you.

6 **Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \***  
**but they are more than I can count.**

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to hear you);

8 **Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \***  
**and so I said, "Behold, I come.**

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.'"

10 **I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \***  
**behold, I did not restrain my lips;**  
**and that, O Lord, you know.**

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

**12 You are the Lord;**  
**do not withhold your compassion from me; \***  
**let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

*Lay Reader* A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called  
to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the  
Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that  
has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in  
speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened  
among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of  
our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless  
on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the  
fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Lay Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**All**        **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

John 1:29–42

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

**All**        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes  
away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks  
ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing  
with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw  
the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not  
know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you  
see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I  
myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again  
was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed,  
"Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed  
Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking  
for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you  
staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and  
they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two

who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Assistant Priest*

*Silence for reflection.*

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 326

*Celebrant* Let us stand, and affirm our common faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 328

### **Parish Prayer List**

### **The Confession of Sin & Absolution**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 330

### **The Peace**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 332

### **Welcome & 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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*In receiving the offertory plates we say ...*

**All All things come of thee O Lord and of thine own have we given thee. – 1 Chronicles 29:14**

### **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 340

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 336

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 337

## **Communion Instructions**

Communicants will drink from the Chalice at the Altar in the chapel or intinct (dip) their wafer in the intinction cup. If you choose to intinct, after you receive the wafer, simply pinch the wafer between your thumb and index finger and hold it up near your face. This will signal for the intinction cup to be brought to you. You will dip the wafer yourself and then receive. Alternatively, communicants who receive the Bread may refrain from drinking from the Chalice entirely. Those who refrain from drinking from the Chalice are encouraged to cross their arms and say “Amen” when the Chalice is offered: their “Amen” is their verbal acknowledgment of the grace of the sacrament, the full grace of which is communicated through the Bread.

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 339

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All** Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## **The Blessing**

*Celebrant* The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **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. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**All** Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Flowers at the Altar

This Sunday's Altar flowers are given to the glory of God. *If you would like to remember or honor a loved one by giving altar flowers, scan the QR Code, call the office, or visit [ghc.org/flowers](http://ghc.org/flowers) for information.*



### Today's Worship Leaders

The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Preacher*

The Rev. Brent A. Melton, *Celebrant*

The Rev. Steve Pace, *Deacon*

Kay Gray, *Lay Reader*

### Parishioner's Pastoral Care Phone Number

A Pastoral Care Line is now active for parishioners experiencing a pastoral emergency when the church office is closed. The on-call number is **(804) 322-3758**. Please save this number to your phone's contact list. Voice and text messages can be left at this number. The pastoral care team is comprised of our clergy and two staff members. We want to make sure we can connect to support our parishioners in any time of need.

### The Season of Epiphany

The Epiphany season is seen as a continuation of the Christmas season, and the length depends on the Easter date. In many Protestant denominations, the Epiphany season begins on January 6th, and continues until the day before Ash Wednesday (which begins Lent). The three main events during this season are the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and Jesus' miracle at the marriage at Cana. The gospel readings describe such events in order to manifest the divinity of Jesus and His teachings. The liturgy stops looking back to Christmas and begins looking forward towards the Passion (Easter). Our liturgical color for this season is **green**. From our Church of England roots, the Epiphany season is seen as an Ordinary Time and so green is the preferred color. This is a time to live out our Christian faith with the meaning of Christ's resurrection in our ordinary life.

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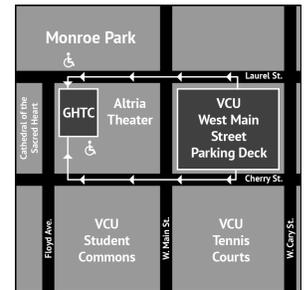
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