

Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Year A

Morning Prayer, Rite Two

January 25, 2026

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

Prelude

“Lied” *Twenty-four Pieces in Free Style Book II, Opus 31* | Louis Vierne

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Organist*

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 76

Officiant From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. –*Malachi 1:11*

Confession of Sin

Book of Common Prayer p. 79

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Invitatory & Psalter

Book of Common Prayer p. 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

All And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

Hymn of Praise

“Christ Our Passover” *Wonder, Love, and Praise* #880

All sing.

Descant

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has three staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment line (treble clef), and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system includes a 'Descant' section. The lyrics are: '3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:'. The second system continues the lyrics: '1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us; 2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain; 3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:'. The third system continues: 'though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in'. The fourth system continues: 'There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for - death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in'.

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Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -
sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Psalm 27:1, 5–13

Chanted responsively.

Book of Common Prayer p. 617

Dominus illuminatio

- Readers*
- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
 - 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1–4

Lay Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Lay Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
 Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
 tender to me the promise of his word;
 in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.
 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 his mercy sure, from age the same;
 his holy Name – the Lord, the Mighty One.
 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
 Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
 Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
 the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
 Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
 to children’s children and for evermore!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

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

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Lay Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Lord God, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as promised in your word;
my eyes have seen the Savior, Christ the Lord,
prepared by you for all the world to see,
to shine on nations trapped in darkest night,
the glory of your people, and their light.

The Gospel

Matthew 4:12–23

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Brent Melton, *Priest-in-Charge*

Silence for reflection.

The Apostle's Creed

Book of Common Prayer p. 96

Officiant Let us stand, and affirm our common faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

Suffrages A

Book of Common Prayer p. 97

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;

All **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

All **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

All **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;

All **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;

All **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

All **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

All **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Book of Common Prayer p. 215

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

Book of Common Prayer p. 98

Officiant O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Book of Common Prayer p. 100

Officiant O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Parish Prayer List

Officiant 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 forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Offertory Sentence

Book of Common Prayer p. 376

Officiant 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

“From the Rising of the Sun” | F.A. Gore Ouseley

Parish Choir

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same.
My name shall be great among the Gentiles;
And in every place incense shall be offered up unto my name:
For my name shall be great among the heathen, thus saith the Lord!

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.**

The General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer p. 101

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Book of Common Prayer p. 102

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

All Amen.

The Blessing

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Dismissal

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

Officiant 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

“In Dulci Jubilo” BWV 729” | Johann Sebastian Bach

Luke Brennan, *Organist*

Today's Worship Leaders

The Rev. Brent A. Melton, *Officiant & Preacher*

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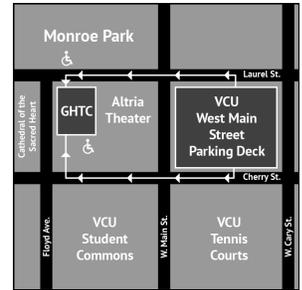
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