

Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



The First Sunday in Lent

Year A

Holy Eucharist, Rite One

February 22, 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 reflection.

The Great Litany

Book of Common Prayer p. 148

Celebrant O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

All Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

All Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

All Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

All Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever.

All Spare us, good Lord.

Celebrant From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

All Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

All Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

All Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

All Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

All Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

All **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Celebrant By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

All **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Celebrant By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

All **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Celebrant In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

All **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Celebrant We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

All **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

All **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

All **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

All **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

All **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

All **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

All **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, Donald, the President of the United States, Abigail, our governor, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

All We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

All We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

All We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy Them,

All We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

All We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

All We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

All We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

All We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

All We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

All We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

All We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

All We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

All We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

All We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of [_____ and] all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

All We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

All Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

All Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

All Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

All Grant us thy peace.

Celebrant O Christ, hear us.

All O Christ, hear us.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Book of Common Prayer p. 166

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

You may be seated for the readings.

First Reading

Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

Lay Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Lay Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

Book of Common Prayer p. 624

Read responsively by whole verse.

Beati quorum

Lay Reader 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

All 2 **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, ***
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

4 **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; ***
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

6 **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." ***
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 **You are my hiding-place;**
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *

I will guide you with my eye.

**10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."**

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *

but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

**12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

Second Reading

Romans 5:12–19

Lay Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Lay Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

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

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will

bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

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

Prayers for Healing

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 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

All 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.

All Thanks be to God.

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 ghtc.org/flowers for information.*



Easter Lily Memorials Now Available

Submission Deadline: Sunday, March 15 (Lent IV)



If you would like to order a lily for Easter Sunday in memory of or in thanksgiving of a beloved family member or friend, please submit your payment by **scanning the QR code to the left**, followed by submitting your memorial bulletin information at ghtc.org/easter. Financial Administrator Kathy Schultheis is available at (804) 359-5628 x14 to take payments over the phone.

The cost is whatever you would like to contribute. The memorials will be printed in the Easter bulletins. **The deadline to submit is Sunday, March 15th.**

Today's Worship Leaders

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

The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Concelebrant*

The Rev. Steve Pace, *Deacon*

Jane Carlson, *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 Lent (Purple)

The word Lent comes from an Old English word meaning "spring." The season lasts forty days thus imitating Jesus forty days and night in the wilderness. "Liturgically in Lent, just like the wilderness, we move toward a more bare set up. The "Alleluias" disappear again from our responses, as flowers are replaced with greenery." It begins on Ash Wednesday and extends through the Easter Vigil, the Saturday night before Easter Day. Our Prayer Book (page 265) invites all Christians "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and reading and meditating on God's holy word." During this time we are encouraged to take on a 40 day discipline(s) of "giving up" or "taking on" something to help us draw closer with Christ. We hear a greater confessional tone in this season calling us towards faithful reflection in our life. The color purple is seen in our church hangings and in the clergy's vestments. Lent prepares us for the most important day in the church year: Easter Sunday.

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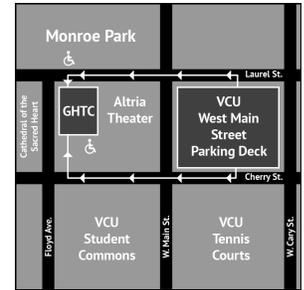
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