

Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



The First Sunday in Lent

Year A

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

February 22, 2026 | 10:30 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 Prelude marks the beginning of our worship and is intended as a time of reflection.

Prelude

“Le Jardin Suspendu” | Jehan Alain

Luke Brennan, *Organist*

Saying Farewell to the Alleluia

Leader Today we place the Alleluia in its resting place. It is time to say goodbye to our Alleluia and let it rest for a while, so that it will return to us at Easter filling our hearts with thankful praise.

The children bear the Alleluia to its burial box.

Leader Let us pray.

Lord God, our creator, as we bury this sign of praise and thanksgiving, help us to give up all those things that stand between us and your love; and to walk with Jesus on the road that leads closer to you. We give up our Alleluia for 40 days so that, when we come to Easter, we may with joy proclaim you our Savior in our hearts and with our voices. Amen.

All May God renew our hearts and minds
that we may keep a holy Lent.
May God walk with us and guide our steps
that we may keep a holy Lent.
May God dwell in us and give us gladness
as we keep this holy Lent.
And may God be with us all evermore. Amen.

The Great Litany

The Hymnal 1982 S 67

Keely Borland, Brendan Landes, David Maier, Chase Peak,
Abigail Stinnett, Caroline Whisnant & Cole Whittington, *Cantors*

Book of Common Prayer p. 148

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

All Have mercy upon us.

Cantor O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

All Have mercy upon us.

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

All **Have mercy upon us.**

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

All **Have mercy upon us.**

Cantor 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.**

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

All **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Cantor 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.**

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

All **Good Lord, deliver us.**

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

All **Good Lord, deliver us.**

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

All **Good Lord, deliver us.**

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

All **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

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

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

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

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

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

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

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

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

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

All **Have mercy upon us.**

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

All **Have mercy upon us.**

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

All **Grant us thy peace.**

Cantor O Christ, hear us.

All **O Christ, hear us.**

Cantor Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Cantor Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Book of Common Prayer p. 218

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Hymnal 1982 S 414 | Robert Knox Kennedy

Please stand as you are able and sing.

Beati quorum



- All**
- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
 - 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile! (*continues on next page*)

- 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.

Gradual Hymn

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” | *The Hymnal 1982* #142

Please stand as you are able and sing.

The Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

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

Prayers for Healing *at the Four Corners of the Nave.*

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” | *The Hymnal 1982* #676

“Amazing Grace” | *The Hymnal 1982* #671

Celebrant Let us stand, and affirm our common faith in the 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 Peace

Book of Common Prayer p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

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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Offertory Anthem

“Agnus Dei” *Mass No. 3 in B-flat Major* | Franz Schubert

Parish Choir

Keely Borland, *Soprano* | Abigail Stinnett, *Alto* | David Maier, *Tenor* | Chase Peak, *Bass*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

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 Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A | *Book of Common Prayer* p. 361

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Book of Common Prayer p. 379

Celebrant Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Book of Common Prayer p. 362

Celebrant Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus

The Hymnal 1982 S 130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You may remain standing or kneeling as you prefer.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Agnus Dei

The Hymnal 1982 S 164

All sing.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us."; "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us."; "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:"; and "give us your peace, give us your peace." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

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 or by intinction (dipping) is available from the altar stations. 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. Communion by Common Cup is also available at the station at the back of the Church by the chapel double doors. 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.

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 and indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Communion Hymn

“My, Thy Table Now Is Spread” | *The Hymnal 1982* #321

Communion Hymn

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” | *The Hymnal 1982* #691

Post-Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer p. 365

Please kneel as you are able and say,

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Commissioning of Vestry Officers and Members of the 2026 Vestry

Celebrant I present to you Chase, Suzanne, Susan, Thomas, Marshall, Brad, Nick, Kathy, Michael, Alexander, Ronald, Andrew, and Courtney as Members of the Vestry for Grace & Holy Trinity Church. I present these Vestry Officers: Lisa as Senior Warden, Thomas as Junior Warden, Mike as Treasurer, and Susan as Register. The Lord gives wisdom; from God's mouth comes knowledge and understanding; God stores up sound wisdom for the upright; God is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

Will you diligently share your gifts to benefit God's mission here?

Vestry

Members We will with God's help.

Celebrant Members of Grace & Holy Trinity Church, will you support these persons in their ministry of governing our church?

All We will with God's help.

Celebrant Then let us pray, O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Name of God and of this congregation I commission you Members of the 2026 Vestry. Serve God well and faithfully. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” | *The Hymnal 1982* #688

Please stand as you are able and sing.

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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” | Johann Pachelbel

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Organist*

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*

The Rev. Jenny Montgomery & The Rev. Bob Hetherington, *Prayers for Healing*

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Choirmaster & Organist*

Luke Brennan, *Assistant Choirmaster & Organist*

Louden Telfian, Seamus Gregory, Burwell Horne & Charlotte Horne, *Acolytes*

Karin Walker, Liz Bisset, Sandie Hale & Cathy Saunders, *Altar Guild*

Jane Chaffin, Leslie Winn & Catherine Perrin, *Chalice Bearers*

Jim Taylor & Abigail Stinnett, *Lay Readers*

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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Upcoming Events

- Sunday 02/22** **1:00 p.m.** Youth Sunday Funday (*Urban Air Adventure Park, 10050 W Broad St, Glen Allen*)
- Sunday 02/22** **5:00 p.m.** Divine Diners (*Tazza Kitchen, 1500 Roseneath Road, Richmond*)
- Tuesday 02/24** **12:15 p.m.** Prayer Service for Immigration Justice & Peace (*Centenary United Methodist Church, 411 E. Grace Street, Richmond*)
- Sunday 03/01** **9:30 a.m.** **God & the Arts** | Iconography led by Jenny Montgomery (*First Floor Classroom*)
- Tuesday 03/03** **9:00 a.m.** ECW Diocese of Virginia: A Lenten Retreat with Rev. Sarah Kye Price (*Christ Church Episcopal, 5000 Pouncey Tract Road, Glen Allen*)
- Tuesday 03/03** **12:15 p.m.** Prayer Service for Immigration Justice & Peace (*TBD*)
- Sunday 03/08** **Reminder:** Daylight Savings Begins (Clocks move forward one hour.)
- Sunday 03/08** **9:30 a.m.** **God & the Arts** | Painting led by Suzanne Williams (*First Floor Classroom*)
- Tuesday 03/10** **12:15 p.m.** Prayer Service for Immigration Justice & Peace (*Second Presbyterian Church, 5 N. 5th Street, Richmond*)
- Sunday 03/15** **9:30 a.m.** **God & the Arts** | Poetry led by the Rev. Megan McDermott (*First Floor Classroom*)
- Tuesday 03/17** **12:15 p.m.** Prayer Service for Immigration Peace & Justice (*Second Presbyterian Church, 5 N. 5th Street, Richmond*)
- Thursday 03/19** **7:00 p.m.** **Compline Service** (Livestream Available | *Church*)
- Friday 03/20** **5:00 p.m.** Parents' Night Out – Lent Themed (*Parents' Location TBD*)
- Sunday 03/22** **9:30 a.m.** **God & the Arts** | Music led by the Luke Brennan (*First Floor Classroom*)
- Sunday 03/22** **10:30 a.m.** **Children & Youth Sunday** (Livestream Available | *Church*)
- Sunday 03/22** **3:00 p.m.** Youth Sunday Funday (*Riddle Me This Escape Room*)
- Tuesday 03/24** **12:15 p.m.** Prayer Service for Immigration Justice & Peace (*Grace & Holy Trinity Church*)

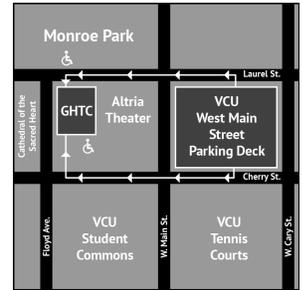
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