

Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



Maundy Thursday Year A

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

April 2, 2026 | 7:00 p.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

“O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 656” | J.S. Bach

Luke Brennan, *Organist*

Processional Hymn

“O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded” | *The Hymnal 1982* #168

Please stand as you are able and sing.

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

All His mercy endures for ever.

The Collect for Purity

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.**

Kyrie

The Hymnal 1982 S 96

All sing.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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The Collect for Maundy Thursday

Book of Common Prayer p. 274

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

You may be seated for the readings.

First Reading

Exodus 12:1–4, 11–14

Lay Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass

over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Lay Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 *The Hymnal 1982* S 414 | Robert Knox Kennedy

Please stand as you are able and sing.

Dilexi, quoniam

Cross symbol (†) indicates a repeat of the second half of the chant.



- All**
- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
 - 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
 - 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
 - 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
 - 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
 - 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
 - 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
 - 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
 - † 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

Lay Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Lay Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

“Ah, Holy Jesus” | *The Hymnal 1982* #158

Please stand as you are able and sing.

The Gospel

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

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

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

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.” After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to

the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Assistant Priest*

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

The Prayers of the People

Form I | *Book of Common Prayer* p. 383

Celebrant With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

Lay Reader For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For *Sean* our Presiding Bishop; for *Mark, Gayle, and Mark* our own Bishops; *Brent, Marissa, Steve,* and *Jenny,* our clergy; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President Donald, our Governor Abigail, the members of Congress, for all the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Parish Prayer List

Celebrant In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

Book of Common Prayer p. 360

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

Silence may be kept.

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.**

Celebrant 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.**

The Peace

Book of Common Prayer p. 360

Please stand as you are able.

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

“God So Loved the World” *The Crucifixion* | John Stainer

Parish Choir

God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth in Him,
Should not perish but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
But that the world through Him might be saved.

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 hosts.
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. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
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.**

Celebrant 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.

The image shows a musical score for the Agnus Dei. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has 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." and "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

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

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” *The Hymnal* 1982 #171

Post-Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer p. 365

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 choir, lay ministers, and clergy depart before the Stripping of the Altar begins.

The congregation may sit or kneel.

The Stripping of the Altar

The Stripping of the Altar symbolizes the desolation and mourning associated with Jesus' arrest and impending crucifixion. It represents the stripping away of Jesus' dignity and the abandonment he experienced during his trial and crucifixion. It also serves as a preparation for the solemnity of Good Friday. Everything is stripped from the sanctuary, except for the Cross, a cruel instrument of death and oppression, which is veiled until the Great Vigil of Easter.

Psalm 22

Chanted by Septet

Plainsong Chant | *Book of Common Prayer* p. 610

Deus, Deus meus

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

Septet

The Solemn Procession

The consecrated sacrament is reverently processed to the Chapel to be held in reserve for Good Friday.

Kneeling and sung by all.

“Stay with Me” | Jacques Berthier

Stay with me, re-main here with me, watch_ and pray_ watch and pray.

The Washing & Anointing of the Altar

Silence

There is no dismissal on Maundy Thursday.

You are welcome to remain in prayer for a time at the conclusion of this service.

*Please depart in **silence**.*

Today's Worship Leaders

The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Preacher & Concelebrant*

The Rev. Brent A. Melton, *Concelebrant*

The Rev. Steve Pace, *Deacon*

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Choirmaster & Organist*

Luke Brennan, *Assistant Choirmaster & Organist*

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Nick Sollog, Catherine Perrin & Leslie Winn, *Chalice Bearers*

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**. Voice and text messages can be left at this number. A pastoral care team member will respond soon.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday begins the holiest week in Christianity as we journey to the Holy City with Jesus. We join the people greeting Jesus with palms on the Jerusalem road, then transition into reading the full Passion narrative of Jesus' death. **Maundy Thursday** commemorates the Last Supper, as we gather around our altar table as Jesus did with his disciples. This service ends with the stripping of the altar, clearing our sacred space of ornate items in preparation for the starkness of Good Friday. **Good Friday** commemorates Jesus' death as we move together through the liturgy of how Jesus' love was poured out for the whole world on the cross. The **Stations of the Cross** is another Good Friday tradition of walking and prayer where a group gathers in turn at fourteen stations, each commemorating an event in Jesus' crucifixion. **The Great Vigil** is the first celebration of resurrection and takes place after sundown on Saturday. It gathers us in darkness before lighting a new fire, remembering the light of Christ that defeated death and darkness. We read scriptural stories of God's salvation as this service moves from darkness (death) to new light (life), then celebrate the First Eucharist of Easter. Finally the **Easter** celebrations continue into Sunday morning, often with baptism and the flowering of the cross, reminding us that the instrument of Jesus' death is also for us the Tree of Life.

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