

# Grace & Holy Trinity Church

*an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park*



## The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Year A

Holy Eucharist, Rite One

May 17, 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.*

## Opening Acclamation

*Book of Common Prayer p. 323*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## 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.**

## Song of Praise

“Glory be to God on High” | *Book of Common Prayer p. 324*

**All** Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 175

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

*You may be seated for the readings.*

## First Reading

Acts 1:6–14

*Lay Reader* A reading from the Book of Acts.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Lay Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 68:1–10, 33–36

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 676

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

*Exsurgat Deus*

*Lay Reader* 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate him flee before him.

**All** 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens;  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows,  
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**
- 35 Ascribe power to God;  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places!  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11

*Lay Reader* A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace,

who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

*Lay Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

### **The Gospel**

John 17:1–11

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Steve Pace, *Deacon*

### **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 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, and in memory of Frances K. Shepherd, Ray R. Shepherd, Jr., B. Warwick Davenport, and Martha Orr Davenport. *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. Steve Pace, *Deacon & Preacher*  
The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Celebrant*  
Jane Carlson, *Lay Reader*

### Parishioner's Pastoral Care Phone Number

A Pastoral Care Line is 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 Easter (White)

This is a period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter, and the Sundays that follow the Resurrection. Easter Sunday and Pentecost correspond to pre-existing Jewish feasts: The first day of Pesach and the holiday of Shavu'ot. This season is also called **Paschal Time**, because Easter is the Christian Passover. We take the confession out just for this season as we celebrate the Lord's resurrection. The color white is seen in our church hangings and in the clergy's vestments and the Paschal Candle is used. "Easter sets the experience of the springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ."

*—An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church- Armentrout & Slocum 2000 p. 157*

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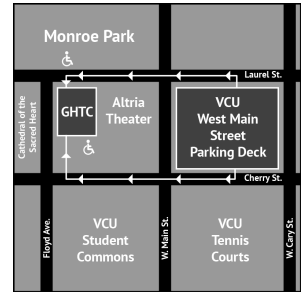
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