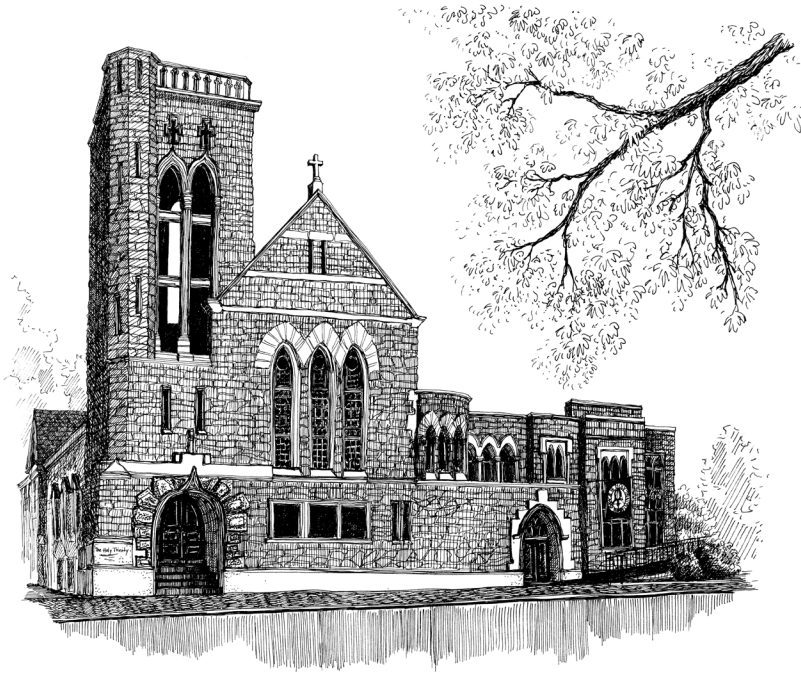


# Grace & Holy Trinity Church

*an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park*



## HOLY COMMUNION, RITE I



*Grace and Holy Trinity  
Episcopal Church*

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**Sunday, August 27, 2023 • 8:00 AM**  
**Year A: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**W**ELCOME TO **GRACE & HOLY TRINITY**. Ever aspiring to be more like Christ, we are a warm and welcoming Episcopal parish, inclusive to all, and mindful of the needs of others. We hope you will find a family 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. We open our arms and our hearts to you! **If you are visiting**, please fill out the **CONNECT CARD** in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate during the service. Sign up for the **Weekly News** with the Connect Card or at [ghtc.org/news](http://ghtc.org/news). **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** activities are located in the second floor classrooms in the Parish House. A wonderful **nursery** staff is available from 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. should you wish to drop off your infant during worship. **Children's Chapel** is at 10:30 a.m. for PreK3 to fifth grade. Our teachers will usher your children into the main church about midway through the service. We also provide **activity bags** for children wishing to stay with their parents. If young children get restless, you are welcome to use our library. **Changing tables** are located in the family restroom near the choir room. A greeter can direct you. Information about **Complimentary Sunday Parking** can be found in the back of this bulletin or on the Connect Table in the hallway across from the library.

## **TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS**

The Rev. Robert G. Hetherington, *President*

## **FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR**

This Sunday's flowers at the altar were given to the Glory of God. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one by giving the altar flowers, please contact Judy Bowman at (804) 359-5628 x14, with dates and specific requests. The cost is \$100. You may mail a check or handle the cost online at [ghtc.org/give](http://ghtc.org/give).

# The Word of God

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**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** BCP p. 325

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 51:1-6

*Lector* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the Lord.  
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.  
Look to Abraham your father

and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.  
For the Lord will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.  
Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.  
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be for ever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 138**

*Confitebor tibi*

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*Read responsively by whole verse.*

*Lector* I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

***All* I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;**

For you have glorified your Name  
and your word above all things.

**When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.**

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.**

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;  
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.**

The Lord will make good his purpose for me;  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

## SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

*Lector* A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

**I** APPEAL to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to  
present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is

your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*Lector*    The Word of the Lord.

*All*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **CANTICLE NO. 5: THE SONG OF SIMEON**

*Nunc Dimittis*

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*Luke 2:29-32*

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

**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.**

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Saint Matthew.

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

**W**HEN Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert G. Hetherington

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## PARISH PRAYER LIST

**We pray for** Caitlin Bomar and family, Annie Campbell, Wendy Funk, Jaxon Griffin, Tina Halsted, Cathy Ireland, Annmarie Illicete, Duane Nettles, Candy Osdene, Stefan, Michelle, Olivia, Mason, Ray Slabaugh, Carolyn & Andy Stone, Monty Thomson and for the victims and families affected by the Maui wildfires.

**For those who desire to be parents and for those expecting a child.**

**For all the blessings of this life.**

**For those who have died, especially** Aurelia Brown and Emma Oppenheimer.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** *Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.*

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** *Sunday School teachers and Youth leaders.*

**For our outreach ministries and partners, Red Door Ministry serving those who are food insecure; Circles RVA and those working towards financial stability; the people of Belize; and the staff and families of St. Andrew's School.**

**For racial reconciliation and healing, and peace in the world.**

**For the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the City of Richmond and surrounding counties, and Virginia Commonwealth University.**

**For those serving overseas in the military or diplomatic service.**

Names may only be added to the Prayer List with the explicit consent of the recipient. All names in italics were added in this past week. In order to keep the Prayer List current and to facilitate the intentionality and mindfulness with which we pray, we keep printed names for three months or less. If you would like for someone to remain on the list for more (or less) time, please call the office at 804-359-5628 or email Lauren Frazier at [lfrazier@ghtc.org](mailto:lfrazier@ghtc.org)



# COMPLIMENTARY SUNDAY PARKING

(VCU W. MAIN STREET PARKING DECK)



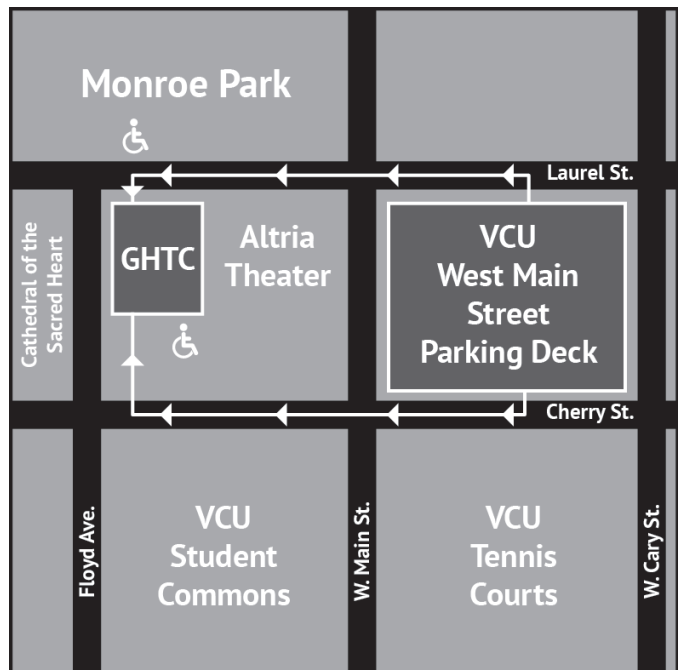
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## VCU W. MAIN STREET PARKING DECK INSTRUCTIONS

1. Enter the parking deck from N. Laurel Street or N. Cherry Street.
2. At the parking gate arm, press the button to receive a ticket.
3. Park in any available space in the deck.
4. After visiting Grace & Holy Trinity, exit the parking deck in your vehicle and scan your parking ticket into the machine at the parking gate arm.
5. When the machine asks for payment, hold the QR code to the scanner.
6. The machine will scan the code, accept it as payment, and the parking gate arm will raise in order for you to exit.



*\*If you need assistance, press the “i” button at the gate and someone will assist remotely.*

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