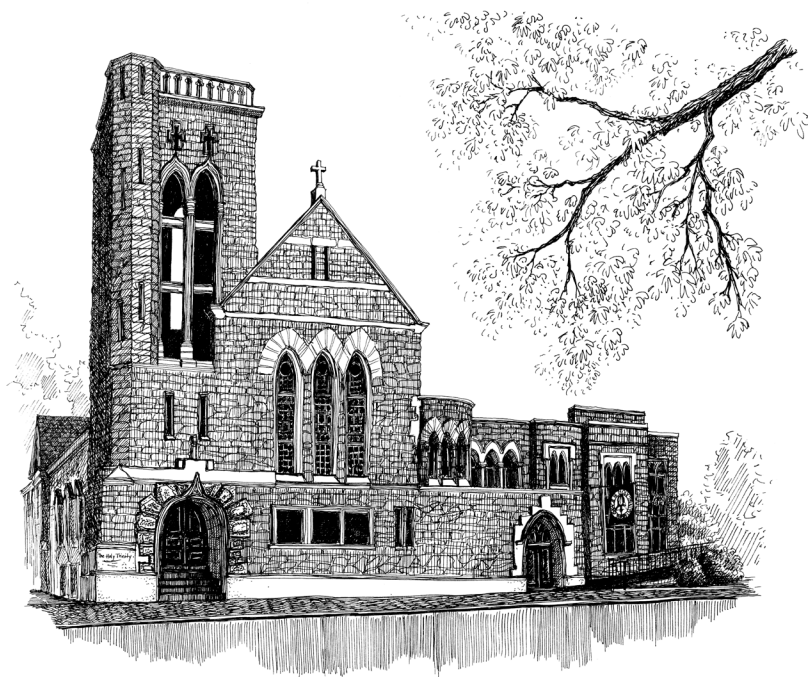


Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



EVENING PRAYER, RITE I



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Proper 16

Year A: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

All are welcome at Grace & Holy Trinity (GHTC). If you are new to GHTC, please fill out the “Connect” card in the pew back in front of you, and do investigate the “Visitors” page on our website at ghtc.org/visitors.

Words in BOLD in the Bulletin we say or sing together.

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For information about free parking in the VCU West Main Parking Deck, please see the back inside cover.

A friendly reminder to silence your mobile phones before the service.

WELCOME

The Rev. Robert G. Hetherington

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 61

Officiant: I will bless the Lord, who giveth me counsel; my heart teacheth me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7,8*

HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

All sing.

The Hymnal 1982 #686

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us *stand* in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All: Almighty and most merciful Father,
 we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
 we have followed too much the devices and desires
 of our own hearts,
 we have offended against thy holy laws,
 we have left undone those things
 which we ought to have done,
 and we have done those things
 which we ought not to have done.
 But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
 spare thou those who confess their faults,
 restore thou those who are penitent,
 according to thy promises declared unto mankind
 in Christ Jesus our Lord;
 and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
 that we may hereafter live
 a godly, righteous, and sober life,
 to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE INVITATORY

BCP p. 63

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

O GRACIOUS LIGHT

Phos hilaron

All: O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy
voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

A LITANY FOR BLESSING BACKPACKS

(Wendy Claire Barrie)

Officiant: Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Children are invited to come forward for the Blessing of the Backpacks

Officiant: For schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students
who fill them each day,

All: God of Wisdom, We give you thanks.

Officiant: For this new beginning, for new books and new ideas,

All: God of Wisdom, We give you thanks.

Officiant: For sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled,

***All:* God of Wisdom, We give you thanks.**

Officiant: For the gift of making mistakes and trying again,

***All:* God of Wisdom, We give you thanks.**

Officiant: Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers.

***All:* God of Wisdom, Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: For education equity in this country and around the world, that all children everywhere might have what they need to learn and grow,

***All:* God of Justice, Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: God, our teacher, we ask you to bless these your children with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in Sunday School. May they be guided by your love. We also ask your blessing upon these donations of school supplies for the children of Anna Julia Cooper School, that they may help them learn and grow in your Holy Name. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us.

***All:* Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 51:1-6 (NRSV)

Lector: A lesson from the Prophet Jeremiah.

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: Here endeth the lesson.

PSALM 138

BCP p. 793

Read responsively by whole verse.

Confitebor tibi

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 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.

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16: 13-20 (NRSV)

Lector: A lesson from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew..

When 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.

Lector: Here endeth the lesson.

HOMILY

The Rev. Robert G. Hetherington

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP p. 66

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP p. 67

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

SUFFRAGES A

BCP p. 67

Officiant: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

All: And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

All: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

All: For only in thee can we live in safety.

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

All: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Let thy way be known upon earth;

All: Thy saving health among all nations.

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

All: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

All: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 181

Presider: Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end.

All: Amen.

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

BCP p. 69

Officiant: O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

A COLLECT FOR MISSION

BCP p. 69

Officiant: O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP p. 71

All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

BCP p. 72

Officiant: Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

All: **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

BCP p. 72

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

The Hymnal 1982 #671

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 *5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

THE CONCLUDING SENTENCE

BCP p. 73

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Ephesians 3:20-21*

All: Amen.

Parish Prayer List of Grace & Holy Trinity Church

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost - August 27, 2023

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 the victims and families of 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.

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; 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 to the prayer list this past week.

In order to keep the Prayer List current and to facilitate the intentionality and mindfulness with which we pray, we print names on the Prayer List 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.

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