Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park





Holy Eucharist Rite Two

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)

Proper 10

July 14, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Welcome

Welcome to Grace & Holy Trinity. Ever aspiring to be more like Christ, we strive to be a warm and welcoming Episcopal parish, ever mindful of the needs of others. We seek to be inclusive to all, including the LGBTQIA+ community. 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. Over the summer, Elementary Age Children are invited to join Children's Chapel in the chapel at the back of the church during the Liturgy of the Word. The children will return to their parents following the sermon. A wonderful nursery staff is available from 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. should you wish to drop off your young children (up to age 3) during worship. We also provide children's bulletins 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. Information about Holy **Communion** at the 10:30 a.m. services can be found on the previous page.

The Word of God

The Prelude marks the beginning of our worship and is intended as a time of quiet prayer and reflection for all. **Please silence your devices.**



Prelude

"Prière à Notre-Dame" from Suite Gothique | Léon Boëllmann

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, Organist

Processional Hymn

All stand as you are able and sing.



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Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt. | Music: Austria, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809); desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1939)

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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.

The Kyrie

CelebrantLord, have mercy.AllChrist, have mercy.CelebrantLord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Children's Chapel Dismissal

The children are invited to gather in the chapel for Children's Chapel.

 Celebrant
 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."

 — Matthew 19:14

Please be seated.

First Reading

Lector A reading from the Book of Amos.

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;

the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

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Amos 7:7-15

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'''

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Lector The Word of the Lord.*All* Thanks be to God.

Read responsively by whole verse.

Psalm 85:8-13

Lector 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

BCP p. 708 Benedixisti, Domine

Second Reading

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

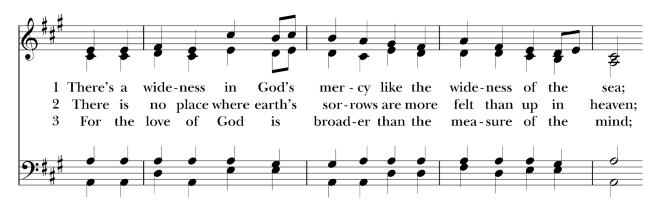
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Lector The Word of the Lord.*All* Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Please stand as you are able and sing.

"There's a wideness in God's mercy" The Hymnal 1982 #470



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Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. | Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.*All* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Brent A. Melton

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.

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The Prayers of the People

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work; Lector All For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone. Lector For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. All For the just and proper use of your creation; Lector All For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression. Lector For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy. All For the peace and unity of the Church of God; Lector All For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth. Lector For Michael our Presiding Bishop and Sean our Presiding Bishop-Elect; Mark, Gayle, Bud, our Bishops; and other ministers; All For all who serve God in his Church. Lector For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence | *The People may add their own petitions.*

The Parish Prayer List

The Deacon will read the names of those on the parish prayer list.

All	For your mercy is great.
Deacon	Hear us, Lord;

Deacon We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence | The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Deacon We will exalt you, O God our King;

All And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Deacon We pray for all who have died, [especially____], that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence | The People may add their own petitions.

Deacon Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

All Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept. | Please remain standing as you are able.

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.AllAnd also with you.

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

– Ephesians 5:2



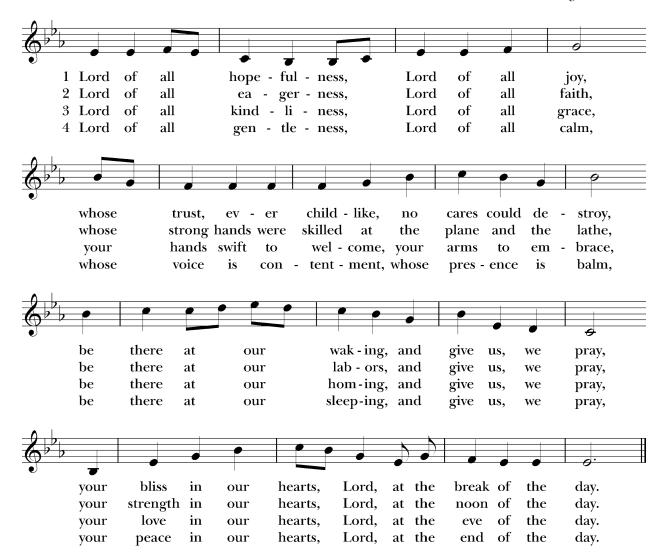
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Offertory Hymn

All sing.



Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953) | Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

The Hymnal 1982 #380 (v. 3)

When the altar is set for communion, all stand as you are able and sing the following:

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.

Eucharistic Prayer C

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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

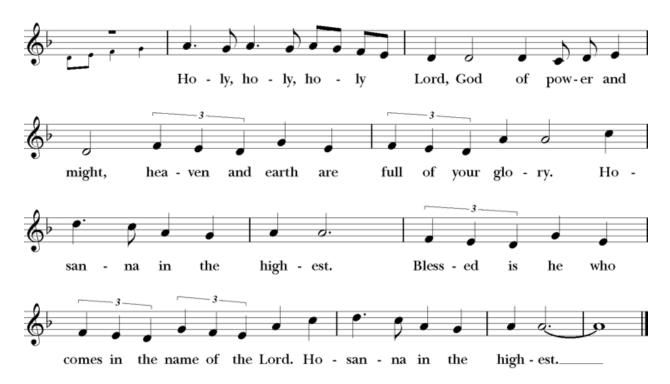
All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

All By your will they were created and have their being.

- *Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
- All Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.
- Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
- All By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.
- *Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Please remain standing, as you are able.

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

> On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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 Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
- All We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant Lord God of our Mothers and Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

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Communion from the Common Cup is available from the Main Altar only. Communion by intinction is available in the Chapel and for those who are seated in the pews. Please refer to page 1 of this service leaflet for full instructions about receiving communion.

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.

Please be seated after receiving communion.

Communion Hymn 1

All sing.

"Blessed Assurance" Lift Every Voice and Sing II #184



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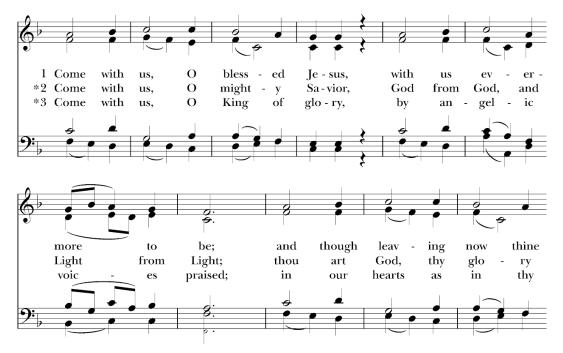


Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915) | Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908)

Communion Hymn 2

All sing.

"Come with us, O blessed Jesus" The Hymnal 1982 #336





Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891) and Charles P. Price (b. 1920) Music: *Werde munter*, Johann Schop (d. 1665?); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant 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.

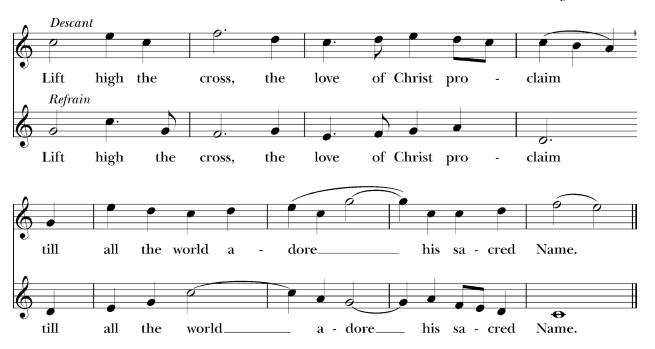
The Blessing

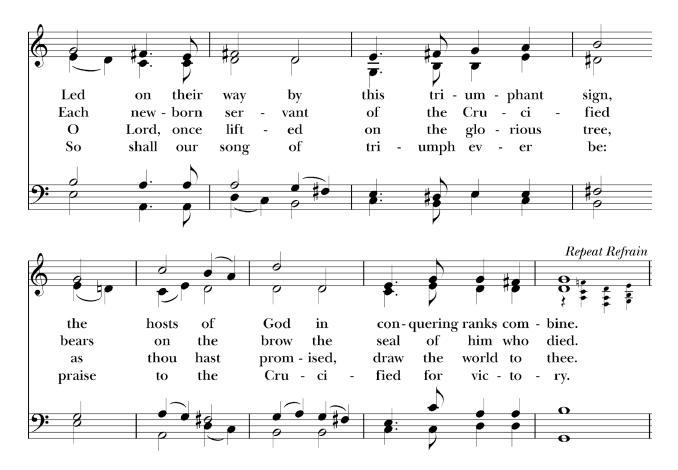
Celebrant The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, of and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

All remain standing as you are able and sing.

"Lift high the cross" *The Hymnal 1982* #473





Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); alt. Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956) Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Dismissal

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- Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Processional on "Lift High the Cross" | Alice Jordan

Stanley M. Baker, Organist

Today's Worship Participants

The Reverend Dr. Brent A. Melton, *Celebrant & Preacher* The Reverend Dr. Doug Wigner, *Assisting Priest* Sita Lewis, John Lewis & Ellie Leffler, *Acolytes* Karin Walker & Nancy Trego, *Lectors* David Lewis, Catherine Perrin & Jane Chaffin, *Chalice Bearers* Karin Walker, Liz Bisset, Sandie Hale & Cathy Saunders, *Altar Guild* Kathy Wommack, *Children's Chapel Storyteller*

Flowers at the Altar

This Sunday's flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God. *If you would like to remember or honor a loved one by giving the altar flowers, please call Cathy Saunders at (804) 359-5628 x13 with dates and specific requests.* Altar flowers can also be given for recognition, birthdays, anniversaries, or special occasions. The cost is \$100. You may mail a check or handle the cost online at **ghtc.org/give.**

Communion Instructions for 10:30 a.m. Services

- Communicants will drink from the Chalice at the Altar in the church. 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 by the Chalice Bearer: their "Amen" is their verbal acknowledgment of the grace of the sacrament. The full grace of the sacrament is communicated through the Bread.
- Intinction will be offered only at the Altar in the Chapel and for those who are served Communion in the pews. Prior to the start of worship at 10:30 a.m., the side doors of the chapel will be opened for communicants to enter the chapel to receive Communion from a Priest and Chalice Bearer, who will bring the sacrament from the Altar in the church to the Altar in the chapel. The Priest will intinct the Bread into the Common Cup, which the Chalice Bearer will hold. We will use a larger size wafer to facilitate intinction.
- The communion team who serves Communion at the Chapel will then move into the church and bring Communion to persons who are not able to go forward to the Altar in the church or the chapel. The same intinction method will be observed in the pews.
- Clergy and Chalice Bearers will apply hand sanitizer before administering the sacrament.

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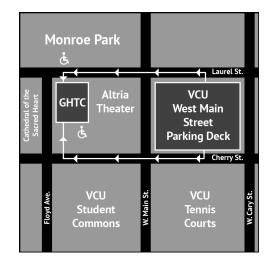


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