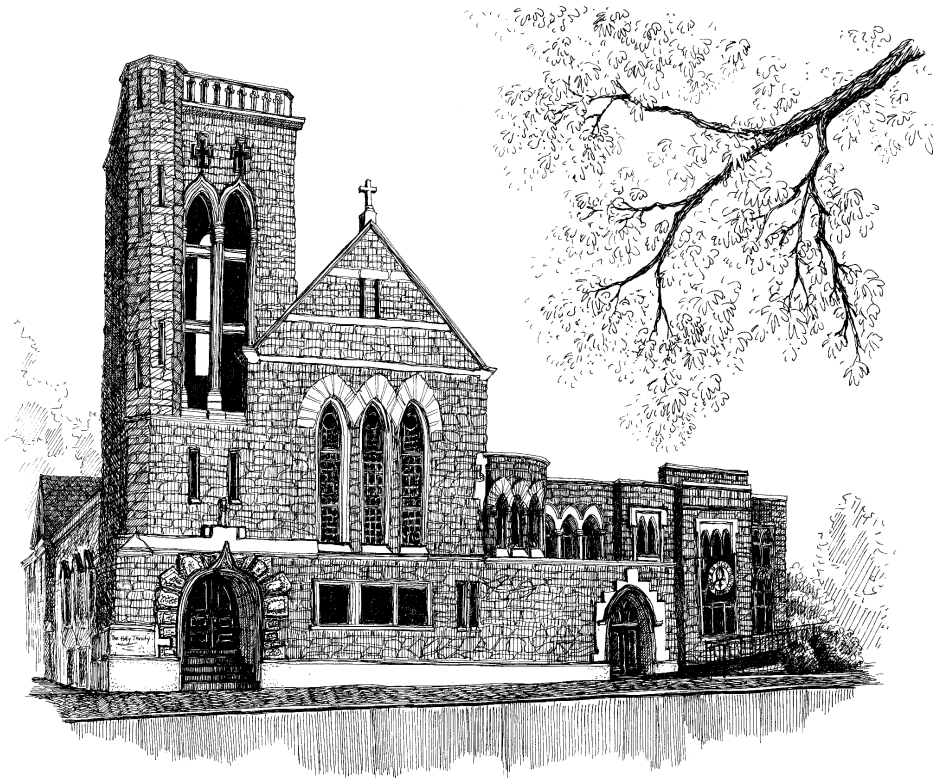


# Grace & Holy Trinity Church

*an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park*



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## Holy Eucharist Rite One

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)**

**Proper 10**

July 14, 2024

8:00 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](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. 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.

*Please silence your devices.*



## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323*

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

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

### The Collect for Purity

BCP 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.**

### The Kyrie

BCP p. 324

### The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 178

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through 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**

Amos 7:7-15

*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,  
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 sycamore 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.**

**Psalm 85:8-13**

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

BCP p. 708

*Benedixisti, Domine*

- 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.**

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 1:3-14

*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.**

*All stand and say,*

*Benedictus es, Domine*

**Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,  
and dwellest between the Cherubim; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

**The Gospel**

Mark 6:14-29

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

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.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Brent A. Melton

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP p. 326

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Prayers of the People**

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**Parish Prayer List**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

**Confession of Sin**

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**The Absolution**

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**The Peace**

BCP p. 332

**Welcome & Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Sentence**

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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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**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II** BCP p. 340

*Please stand as you are able.*

**The Lord's Prayer** BCP p. 336

**The Breaking of the Bread** BCP p. 337

**Post-Communion Prayer** BCP p. 339

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

### **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** BCP p. 339

### **Today's Worship Participants**

The Rev. Dr. Brent A. Melton, *Preacher & Celebrant*

Andrew Peacock, *Lector*

### **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](http://ghtc.org/give).

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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.

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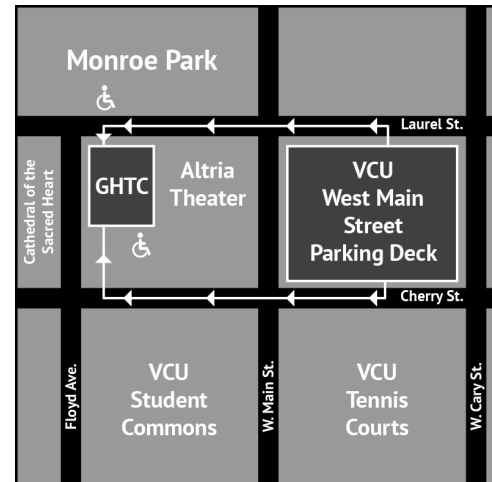
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