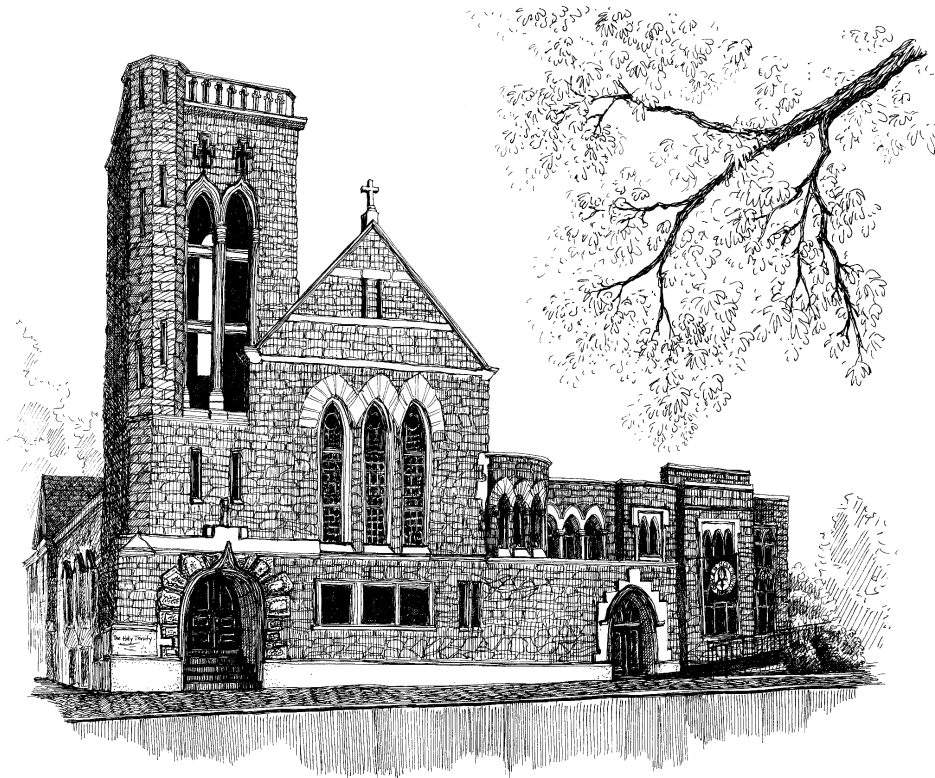


# Grace & Holy Trinity Church

*an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park*



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## Holy Eucharist Rite One

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

**Proper 11**

July 21, 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.

*The beginning of our worship is intended as a time of quiet prayer,  
being device free so as to be a reflection for all.*



## 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

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*All* Christ, have mercy.

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of 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**

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

*Lector* A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Lector*      20 I have found David my servant; \*  
                  with my holy oil have I anointed him.  
      **21 My hand will hold him fast \***  
                  **and my arm will make him strong.**  
      22 No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
                  nor any wicked man bring him down.  
      **23 I will crush his foes before him \***  
                  **and strike down those who hate him.**  
      24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
                  and he shall be victorious through my Name.  
      **25 I shall make his dominion extend \***  
                  **from the Great Sea to the River.**  
      26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, \*  
                  my God, and the rock of my salvation.’  
      **27 I will make him my firstborn \***  
                  **and higher than the kings of the earth.**  
      28 I will keep my love for him for ever, \*  
                  and my covenant will stand firm for him.  
      **29 I will establish his line for ever \***  
                  **and his throne as the days of heaven.”**  
      30 “If his children forsake my law \*  
                  and do not walk according to my judgments;  
      **31 If they break my statutes \***  
                  **and do not keep my commandments;**  
      32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod \*  
                  and their iniquities with the lash;  
      **33 But I will not take my love from him, \***  
                  **nor let my faithfulness prove false.**  
      34 I will not break my covenant, \*  
                  nor change what has gone out of my lips.  
      **35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: \***  
                  **‘I will not lie to David.**  
      36 His line shall endure for ever \*  
                  and his throne as the sun before me;  
      **37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, \***  
                  **the abiding witness in the sky.’ ”**

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

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## **Canticle 2: A Song of Praise**

*Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34 | BCP p. 49*

*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 6:30-34, 53-56

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

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

*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

BCP p. 328

## Parish Prayer List

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

## Confession of Sin

BCP p. 330

## The Absolution

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## The Peace

BCP p. 332

## Welcome & Announcements

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Sentence

BCP 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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## 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

### Flowers at the Altar

This Sunday's flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bob & Doris Proctor and Martha Jane Proctor by Cary & Mary Ann Blankenship. *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](https://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.

## Complimentary Sunday Parking

*(Virginia Commonwealth University W. Main Street Parking Deck)*



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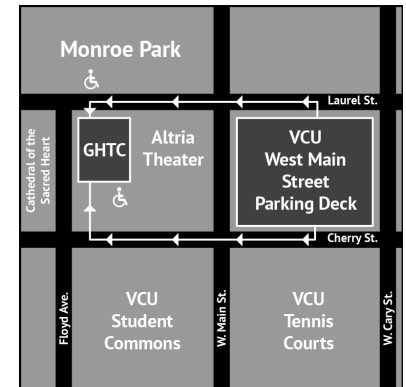
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1. Enter the parking deck from N. Laurel Street or N. Cherry Street.
2. At the parking gate arm, press the button to receive a ticket.
3. Park in any available space in the deck.
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***\*If you need assistance, press the “i” button at the gate and someone will assist remotely.***



## Today's Worship Participants

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