

Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)

Proper 13

August 4, 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. **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.

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Lector A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-13

Read responsively by whole verse.

BCP p. 656

Miserere mei, Deus

- Lector*
- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
 - 2 **Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.**
 - 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
 - 4 **Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.**
 - 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
 - 6 **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.**
 - 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
 - 8 **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**
 - 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
 - 10 **Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.**
 - 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
 - 12 **Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**
 - 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

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

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.”

(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Canticle 2: A Song of Praise

All stand and say,

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

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.

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

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

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

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

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Welcome & Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

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

Please stand as you are able.

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Post-Communion Prayer

Please remain standing as you are able.

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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

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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.

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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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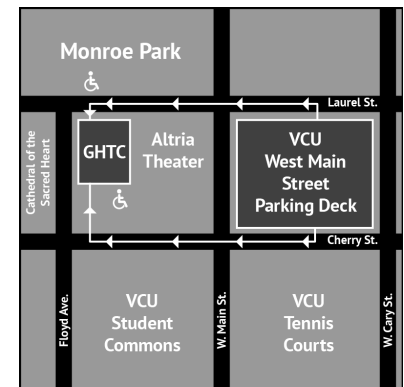
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3. Park in any available space in the deck.
4. After visiting Grace & Holy Trinity, exit the parking deck in your vehicle and scan your parking ticket into the machine at the parking gate arm.
5. When the machine asks for payment, hold the QR code 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.

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Today's Worship Participants

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

Andrew Peacock, *Lector*

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