

# Grace & Holy Trinity Church

*an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park*



## The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)

Proper 16

August 25, 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 Word of God

*The beginning of our worship is intended as a reflection for all.*

### Opening Acclamation

*Book of Common Prayer 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

*Book of Common Prayer p. 323*

**All** 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

*Book of Common Prayer 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.

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. **Amen.**

**First Reading**

1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11], 22-30, 41-43

*Lector* A reading from the First Book of Kings.

[Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.]

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, “There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.” Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling

place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 84**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 707*

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

*Quam dilecta!*

- Lector*
- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
  - 2 **The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.**
  - 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
  - 4 **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**
  - 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
  - 6 **They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**
  - 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
  - 8 **Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**
  - 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
  - 10 **For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;**
  - 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.
  - 12 **O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

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

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Venite**

*All stand and say,*

*Book of Common Prayer p. 44*

*Psalm 95:1-7*

**O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \***  
**let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**  
**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***  
**and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***  
**and a great King above all gods.**  
**In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \***  
**and the strength of the hills is his also.**  
**The sea is his, and he made it, \***  
**and his hands prepared the dry land.**

**O come, let us worship and fall down, \***  
**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**  
**For he is the Lord our God, \***  
**and we are the people of his pasture**  
**and the sheep of his hand.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.**

**The Gospel**

John 6:56-69

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

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

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Russ Kerr

**The Nicene Creed**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 326

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Prayers of the People**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 328

**Parish Prayer List**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

**Confession of Sin**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 330

**The Absolution**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 332

The Peace

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 332

Welcome & Announcements

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory Sentence**

*Book of Common Prayer* 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**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 340

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 336

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 337

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 339

**The Blessing**

**All** 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**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 339 & Henri-Frédéric Amiel

*Celebrant* Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us so be swift to love, make haste to be kind and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

### 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).

### Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Brent A. Melton, *Celebrant*

The Rev. Russ Kerr, *Preacher*

Andrew Peacock, *Lector*

## Communion Instructions for 8:00 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.

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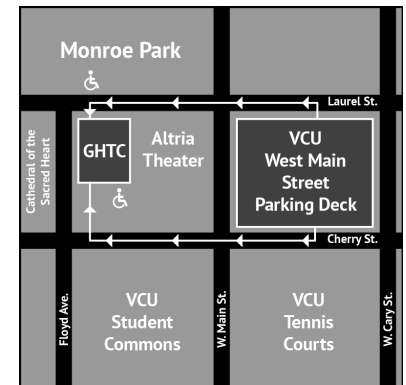
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