

# Grace & Holy Trinity Church

*an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park*



## The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)

Proper 19

September 15, 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, **and inclusive to all, including the LGBTQIA+ community.** We hope you will find a community 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. **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 & Youth Sunday School is located on the second floor and grouped into classrooms for each Pre-K - 1st grade, 2nd - 4th grade, 5th - 8th grade. 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, it is OK to stay in church and you are welcome to use our library, too. **Changing tables** are located in the family restroom in the choir room. A greeter can direct you. Information about **Complimentary Sunday Parking** can be found on the back of this bulletin or on the Connect Table in the hallway across from the library.

## Please join us at the Parish Ministry Fair following worship.

This Sunday, September 15th following the 10:30 a.m. service, we will celebrate and renew our commitment to the many ministries of Grace & Holy Trinity. Ministry leaders will be available at tables around the parish hall where they will explain what they do and encourage volunteer participation. Visitors are encouraged to fill out and turn in the Parish Ministry Fair Sign-Up Leaflet inserted into this bulletin. Food will be provided, including assorted sandwiches for all.

## The Word of God

*The Prelude marks the beginning of our worship and is intended as a time of reflection.*

### Prelude

“Pianosong” | Paul Halley

Stanley M. Baker, *Pianist* | Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Organist*

### Processional Hymn

“The church’s one foundation”

*All stand as you are able and sing.*

*The Hymnal 1982 #525*

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) | Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

**Opening Acclamation**

*Book of Common Prayer* 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:

**All** 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.

**Gloria**  
*All sing.*

“Glory to God”  
*Wonder, Love, and Praise #900*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, \_\_\_\_\_ and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. \_\_\_\_\_ *mf* Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al -

migh - ty God \_\_\_\_\_ and Fa - ther, \_\_\_\_\_ *f* we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for \_\_\_\_\_ your glo - ry. \_\_\_\_\_ Lord Je - sus Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy on us; \_\_\_\_\_ you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

\_\_\_\_\_ re - ceive our prayer. \_\_\_\_\_ *f* For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, \_\_\_\_\_

you a - lone are the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ you a - lone are the Most High,

72 Je - sus Christ, *mf* with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

80 God the Fa - ther. A - - - - - men.

Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945) © Oxford University Press

## The Collect of the Day

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 233

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Wisdom cries out in the street;  
in the squares she raises her voice.  
At the busiest corner she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:  
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?  
Give heed to my reproof;  
I will pour out my thoughts to you;  
I will make my words known to you.  
Because I have called and you refused,  
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,  
and because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,  
I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when panic strikes you,  
when panic strikes you like a storm,  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.  
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.  
Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,  
would have none of my counsel,  
and despised all my reproof,  
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
and be sated with their own devices.  
  
For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
but those who listen to me will be secure  
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

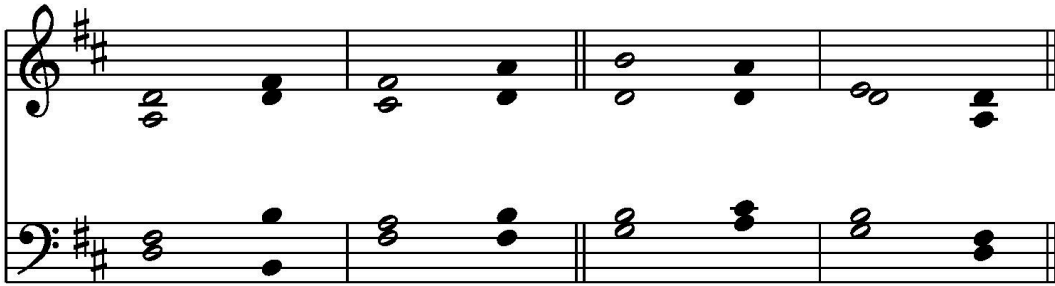
**All** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 19**

*All stand as you are able and sing.*

*The Hymnal 1982 S 410*

Robert Knox Kennedy



- 1 The heavens declare the glory of | God, \*  
and the firmament shows his | handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to a- | nother, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to a- | nother.
- 3 Although they have no words or | language, \*  
and their voices are not | heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all | lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the | world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the | sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its | course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it a- | gain; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning | heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the | soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the in- | nocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the | heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the | eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for | ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous alto- | gether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine | gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the | comb. *(continues on next page)*

- 11 By them also is your servant en- | lightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great re- | ward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he of- | fends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret | faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion | over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great of- | fense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your | sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my re- | deemer.

## Second Reading

James 3:1-12

*Lector* A reading from the Letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.



Gradual Hymn

“I have decided to follow Jesus”

*Lift Every Voice and Sing II #136*

1. I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

1. I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

1. I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No turn - ing back, \_\_\_\_\_ no turn - ing back! \_\_\_\_\_  
(no turn - ing back,)

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Music: Indian Folk Melody; arr. Norman Johnson  
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*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Brent A. Melton

*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.

*Celebrant* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Lector* For all people in their daily life and work;

**All** **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Lector* For this community, the nation, and the world;

**All** **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Lector* For the just and proper use of your creation;

**All** **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Lector* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**All** **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Lector* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**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.*

*Deacon* Hear us, Lord;

**All** **For your mercy is great.**

*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

*Book of Common Prayer p. 360*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All** And also with you.

### Welcome and Announcements

### Blessings Over Students, Teachers & Donated School Supplies

*Celebrant* God, our teacher, we ask you to bless our children and teachers with curiosity, understanding and respect. May they all be guided by your love. We also ask your blessing upon any school donations for St. Andrew's School, that these tools may help them learn and grow in your Holy Name. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. Amen.

## 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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**Offertory Anthem**

*Parish Choir*

“O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord”

Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord,  
And praise his holy name;  
From early morn to setting sun his might on earth proclaim  
His laws are just, and glad the heart;  
He makes his mercies known:  
Ye princes come, ye people too,  
And bow before his throne.

**Doxology**

*The Hymnal 1982 #380 (v. 3)*

**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 A**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 361*

*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 him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays and on other occasions as appointed.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# Sanctus & Benedictus

*The Hymnal 1982 S 128*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

*You may remain standing or kneeling as you prefer.*

**Celebrant** Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All** Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, in the language of your heart.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 364

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

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu Nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén.



*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.

*Communion from the Common Cup is available from the Main Altar only. Communion by intinction is available at the lectern station and for those who are seated in the pews. Please refer to the back cover 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.*

Communion Hymn 1

“What wondrous love is this”

*The Hymnal 1982 #439*

*Unison*



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and  
 won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll  
 caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing  
 soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835 | Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

Communion Hymn 2

“Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness”

*The Hymnal 1982 #339*

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the  
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who  
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's  
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y  
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:  
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this  
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me  
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found-ed— high o'er all the heavens he  
 be a fit par-ta-ker of this bless-ed food from  
 vast and deep its trea-sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign-eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign-eth.  
 hea-ven, for our good, thy glo-ry, giv-en.  
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re-ceive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
 Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 365

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All** 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 of 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 stand as you are able and sing.

“Lift high the cross”

The Hymnal 1982 #473

*Descant*  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ his sa - cred Name.

till all the world \_\_\_\_\_ a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*  
the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); alt. Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)

Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugio Nicholson (1875-1947); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

**The Dismissal**

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

*Celebrant* Friends, 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.**

**Postlude**

“Processional on Lift High the Cross”

Alice Jordan

Stanley M. Baker, *Organist*

**Please join us at the Parish Ministry Fair  
in the Parish Hall following worship.**

**Flowers at the Altar**

This Sunday's flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God by Cary and Mary Ann Blankenship in thanksgiving for teachers, students, and their families as they begin a new school year.



*If you would like to remember or honor a loved one by giving the altar flowers, please scan the QR Code, visit [ghc.org/flowers](http://ghc.org/flowers), or call the Parish Office at (804) 359-5628 and a staff member will help you fill out the form.*

Altar flowers can be given in memory of, for recognition, birthdays, anniversaries, or special occasions. The cost is \$100, and there is an optional fee of \$10 to help us offset processing fees and the cost of flowers. You may mail a check or handle the cost online at [ghc.org/give](http://ghc.org/give).

**Today's Worship Participants**

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

The Rev. Russ Kerr, *Deacon*

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Choirmaster & Organist*

Stanley M. Baker, *Assistant Choirmaster & Organist*

Sita Lewis, John Lewis, Ellie Leffler, Burwell Horne & Charlotte Nelson, *Acolytes*

Bruce Birdsey & Phil Dawson, *Lectors*

Jodie Pully, Leslie Winn & Chase Peak, *Chalice Bearers*

Nancy Trego, Mary Sabra Monroe, Dougie Erickson, Lu Treadwell & Lisa Dawson, *Altar Guild*

## **Teaching Blurb | The Season after Pentecost (Green) - Music in September**

The season that follows Pentecost Sunday continues through the summer and fall months. This is the longest church season, as many as 28 Sundays depending on the date of Easter Day. This season is falls in an Ordinary Time and is green is the preferred color. In this is a time Christians should reflect on the meaning of Christ's resurrection in our ordinary life. Each month we will include a new "Teaching Blurb" for your learning.

Music has been a part of the liturgy (worship service) from the very beginning. Liturgy by definition was "sung." Chanting/singing was considered the highest form of worship and was the norm through the Middle Ages. We began to lose chanting in the local parish churches in the Reformation. It was revived by the 19th Century and now is common, especially during the Psalm. We remember what Ephesians 5:19-20 says, "... as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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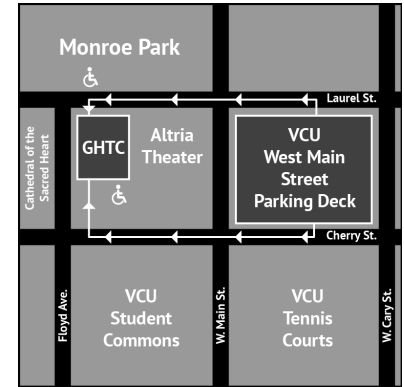
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### Communion Instructions for 10:30 a.m. Services

- 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 base of the chancel steps beneath the lectern and for those who are served Communion in the pews. The Priest will intinct the Bread into the Common Cup, while the Chalice Bearer assists them. We will use a larger size wafer to facilitate intinction. After receiving, exit to the left to make your way back to your pew.
- **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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