## **Grace & Holy Trinity Church**

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park





# The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)

Proper 20

September 22, 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. 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 9:00 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.

### The Word of God

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

**Prelude** 

Partita on "Lobe den Herren" Don Freudenburg

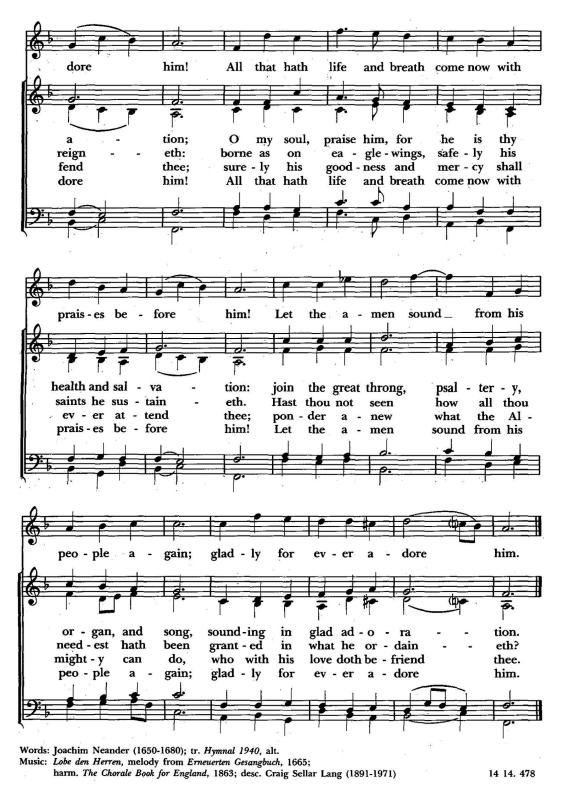
Stanley M. Baker, Organist

#### **Processional Hymn**

All stand as you are able and sing.

"Praise to the Lord" *The Hymnal 1982* #390





#### **Opening Acclamation**

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

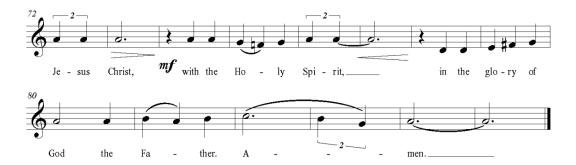
All And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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





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

#### The Collect of the Day

Book of Common Prayer p. 234

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-31

Lector A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

A capable wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.

She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.

She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.

Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.

She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson.

She makes herself coverings;

her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes.

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her:

"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

#### All Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 1

All stand as you are able and sing.



The Hymnal 1982 S 410 Robert Knox Kennedy

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the | wicked, \* nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the | scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the | LORD, \* and they meditate on his law day and | night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not | wither; \* everything they do shall | prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the | wicked; \* they are like chaff which the wind blows a-|way.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment | comes, \* nor the sinner in the council of the | righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous, \* but the way of the wicked is | doomed.

Second Reading James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Lector A reading from the Letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.



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The Gospel Mark 9:30-37

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

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Brent A. Melton

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer p. 358

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.

#### The Prayers of the People

**Form VI** | Book of Common Prayer p. 392

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

## 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

"Treasures in Heaven" Joseph W. Clokey

Abigail Stinnett, Soloist

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, | Where moth and rust doth corrupt,

And where thieves break through and steal, | But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,

For where your treasure is, | There will your heart be also.

Ask, and it shall be given you; | Seek, and ye shall find;

Knock, and it shall be opened unto you, | For every one that asketh receiveth,

And he that seeketh findeth, | And to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, | Where moth and rust doth corrupt,

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, | For where your treasure is,

There will your heart be also.

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. 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. (A Proper Preface is said here.)

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



Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

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.

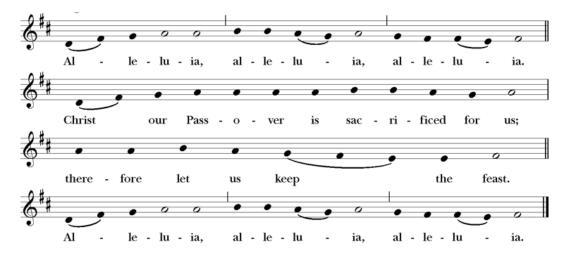
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.

Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

#### **Fraction Anthem**

All sing.

"Christ our Passover" The Hymnal 1982 S 154



Setting: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

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 Instructions for 10:30 a.m. Services

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. 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.

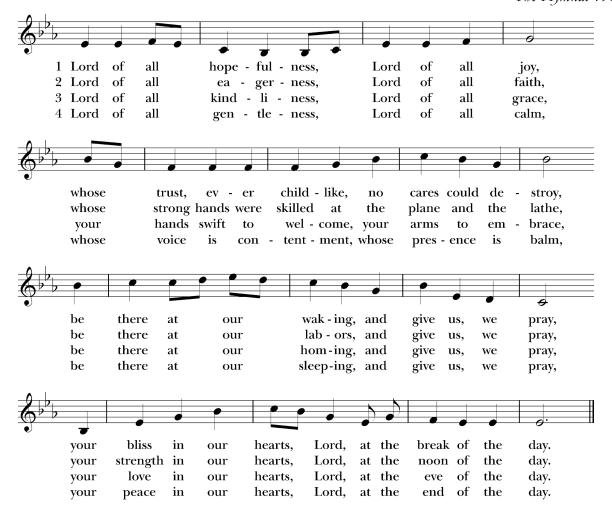
- Communicants will drink from the Chalice at the Altar in the church. Alternatively, communicants who receive the
  Bread may refrain from drinking from the Chalice; those who refrain from drinking from the Chalice are encouraged to
  cross their arms and to say "Amen" when the Chalice is offered. The 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. 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.

#### Communion Hymn 1

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Lift Every Voice & Sing II #72



Words: Anonymous | Music: American Folk Song



Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953) | Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. The Church Hymnary, 1927

#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Book of Common Prayer p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.** 

"All praise to thee" The Hymnal 1982 #477

All stand as you are able and sing.



Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) | Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

#### The Dismissal

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** 

"Christ Lag in Todesbanden" Johann Sebastian Bach

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, Organist

#### 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 scan the QR Code, visit ghtc.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 ghtc.org/give.

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

The Rev. Brent A. Melton, Celebrant & Preacher

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, Choirmaster & Organist

Stanley M. Baker, Assistant Choirmaster & Organist

Mary Lecky, Carter Lecky, Vake Martin, Gil Martin & Mac Martin, Acolytes

Annette Hook & Ann Gray, Lectors

Nancy Trego, Nick Sollog & Mike MacDowell, Chalice Bearers

Barbara Davenport, Kay Gray, Cary Lee Henderson & Jean Jumet, Altar Guild

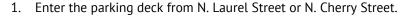
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- 5. When the machine asks for payment, hold the QR code to the scanner.
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