

# Grace & Holy Trinity Church

*an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park*



## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 13, Year C

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

August 3, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.

### Welcome

**Welcome to Grace & Holy Trinity.** 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** from the Connect Table and place it in the offering plate during the service. 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. **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.

# The Word of God

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

## Prelude

“Communion in F Major” | Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély

Luke Brennan, *Organist*

## Processional Hymn

“At the Name of Jesus” *The Hymnal 1982* #435 (vv. 1–3)

*Please stand as you are able and sing.*

## 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

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 355

*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.**

## Children’s Chapel Dismissal

*Celebrant* Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” — *Matthew 19:14*

*The children are invited to gather for Children’s Chapel in the chapel located in the back of the church.*

## Trisagion

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 356

*Celebrant* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

**All** Have mercy upon us.

## The Collect of the Day

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 232

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*You may be seated for the readings.*

## **First Reading**

Hosea 11:1–11

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Hosea.

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 107:1–9, 43**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 746

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

*Confitemini Domino*

*Lector* 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.

**All** 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

4 Some wandered in desert wastes; \*  
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

5 They were hungry and thirsty; \*  
their spirits languished within them.

6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.

- 7 He put their feet on a straight path \*  
to go to a city where they might dwell.
- 8 **Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.**
- 9 For he satisfies the thirsty \*  
and fills the hungry with good things.
- 43 **Whoever is wise will ponder these things, \*  
and consider well the mercies of the LORD.**

## Second Reading

Colossians 3:1–11

*Lector* A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Gradual Hymn

“Sing Praise to God” *The Hymnal* 1982 #408

*Please stand as you are able and sing.*

## The Gospel

Luke 12:13–21

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

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I

do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Assistant Priest*

*Silence for reflection.*

**The Nicene Creed**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 358

*Celebrant* Let us stand, and affirm our common faith in these words of the Nicene Creed.

**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

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*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 *Sean* our Presiding Bishop; *Mark, Gayle*, and *Mark*, our Bishops; *Brent* and *Marissa*, our Priests; and *Steve*, our Deacon;

**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

*Celebrant* Hear us, Lord;

**All** For your mercy is great.

*Celebrant* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence | The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

*Celebrant* We will exalt you, O God our King;

**All** And praise your Name for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* 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.*

*Celebrant* 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 for reflection.*

## **The Confession of Sin & Absolution**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 393*

**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 Hymn**

*All sing.*

“Christ Is the World’s True Light” *The Hymnal 1982* #542

**Doxology**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*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. *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 129

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 362

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father... “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... 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, 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.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All** Therefore let us keep the feast.

*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

*Communion from the Common Cup is available from the Altar Stations only. Communion by intinction is available by the server with the gold vessel, located at the baptismal font 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. 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 baptismal font to the left. The Priest will intinct the Bread into the Common Cup while the Chalice Bearer assists them, using 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**

“Take My Life” *The Hymnal 1982* #707

**Communion Hymn 2**

“Spirit of the Living God” *The Hymnal 1982* #531

**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, 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**

“At the Name of Jesus” | *The Hymnal 1982* #435 (vv.4–6)

*Please stand as you are able and sing.*

**The Dismissal**

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

*Deacon* 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.

Luke Brennan, *Organist***Flowers at the Altar**

This Sunday's Altar flowers are given to the glory of God. *If you would like to remember or honor a loved one by giving altar flowers, scan the QR Code, call the office, or visit [ghtc.org/flowers](http://ghtc.org/flowers) for information.*

**Today's Worship Leaders**The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Preacher & Co-Celebrant*The Rev. Brent A. Melton, *Co-Celebrant*The Rev. Steve Pace, *Deacon*Luke Brennan, *Assistant Choirmaster & Organist*Ellie Leffler and William Lee, *Acolytes*Barbara Davenport, Kay Gray, Cary Lee Henderson, Jean Jumet, *Altar Guild*Brad Davenport, Kristin Green, *Lectors***The Season after Pentecost**

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 falls in an Ordinary Time and 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.

**Clergy Vestments & Daily Dress**

The white robe we wear is called an Alb coming from “tunica alba” or white tunic. The stole worn over the alb is a reminder of being tacked to Jesus Christ's yoke. Deacons put the stole to the side in order to get it out of the way while serving. Before the Table Liturgy the celebrating priest puts on a Chasuble, which means “little house”. The stole and chasuble colors typically match the liturgical season on the church. Clergy daily dress is usually a white collar and black shirt similar to the work of the judiciary. This dress is a sign of clergy work, our uniform. However, nothing in the Book of Common Prayer tells what we are supposed to wear.

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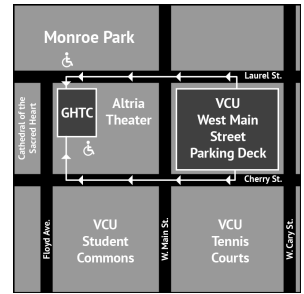
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