

# Grace & Holy Trinity Church

*an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park*



## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 15, Year C

Holy Eucharist, Rite One

August 17, 2025 | 8:00 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 beginning of our worship is intended as a reflection.*

## 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*

*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.**

## Trisagion

*Book of Common Prayer p. 324*

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

**All** Have mercy upon us.

## The Collect of the Day

*Book of Common Prayer p. 180*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*You may be seated for the readings.*

## First Reading

Isaiah 5:1–7

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And

now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 80:1–2, 8–18**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 702

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

*Qui regis Israel*

*Lector* 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

*All* 2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \***  
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 **You prepared the ground for it; \***  
**it took root and filled the land.**

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 **You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \***  
**and its branches to the River.**

12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 **The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \***  
**and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 **They burn it with fire like rubbish; \***  
**at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.**

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 **And so will we never turn away from you; \***  
**give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## The Gospel

Luke 12:49–56

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

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

Madeleine Preston, *Director of Formation*

*Silence for reflection.*

**The Nicene Creed**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 326

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

**The Prayers of the People**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 328

**Parish Prayer List**

**The Confession of Sin & Absolution**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 330

**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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*In receiving the offertory plates we say ...*

**All** All things come of thee O Lord and of thine own have we given thee. – *1 Chronicles 29:14*

**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

### Communion Instructions

Communicants will drink from the Chalice at the Altar in the chapel. 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 say “Amen” when the Chalice is offered: their “Amen” is their verbal acknowledgment of the grace of the sacrament, the full grace of which is communicated through the Bread.

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Book of Common Prayer p. 339*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All** Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## 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

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.

## 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

Madeleine Preston, *Preacher*

The Rev. Brent A. Melton, *Co-Celebrant*

The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Co-Celebrant*

The Rev. Steve Pace, *Deacon*

Andrew Peacock, *Lector*

## **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 and 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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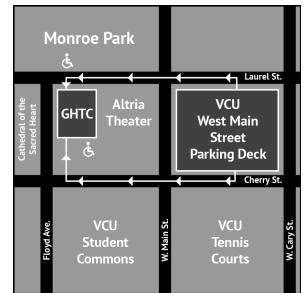
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