

Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

September 14, 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 12:00 p.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 “Andante religioso, Organ Sonata No. 4 in B-flat major” | Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Luke Brennan, *Organist*

Processional Hymn

“O Love, How Deep” *The Hymnal* 1982 #448

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 God’s 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. 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.**

You may be seated for the readings.

First Reading

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28

Lector A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 14

Robert Knox Kennedy

Please stand as you are able and sing.

Dixit insipiens

Cross symbol (†) indicates a repeat of the second half of the chant.



- All**
- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.
 - 2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.
 - 3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
 - 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the LORD? (*continues on next page*)

- 5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the LORD is their refuge.
- † 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12–17

Lector A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” *The Hymnal 1982* #645

Please stand as you are able and sing. Verses 1, 3, 5 and 6 are sung by all.

Verse 2 is sung by Soprano and Alto. Verse 4 is sung by Tenor and Bass.

The Gospel

Luke 15:1–10

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no

repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jenny Montgomery, *Priest Associate*

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, Marissa, and Jenny* 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 Anthem

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” | Johann Sebastian Bach

Parish Choir

Jesu, joy of man’s desiring,
Holy wisdom, love most bright,
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring,
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
With the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

Doxology

The Hymnal 1982 #380 (v. 3)

Please stand as you are able.

**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.*

Celebrant 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

The Hymnal 1982 S 128

**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 our 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.**

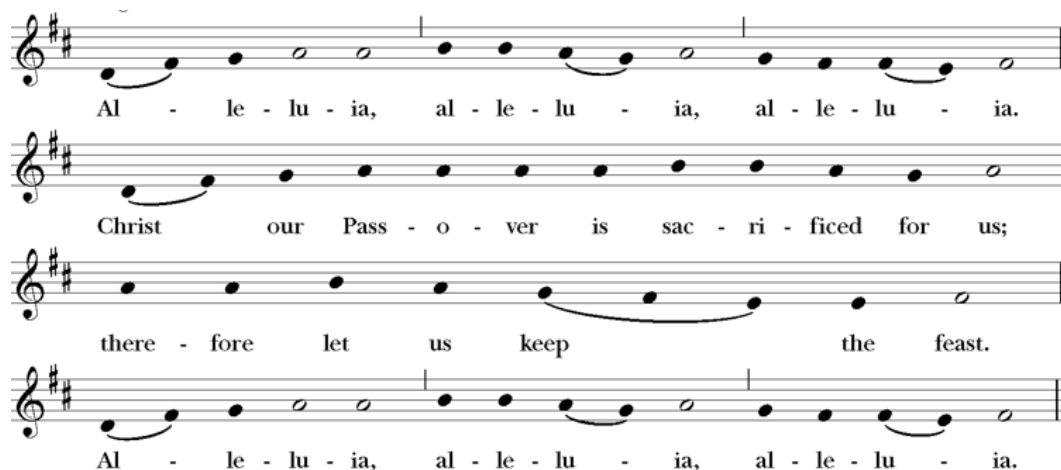
The Breaking of the Bread

Book of Common Prayer p. 364

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

Fraction Anthem

“Christ our Passover” *The Hymnal* 1982 S 154



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 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

“Amazing Grace!” *The Hymnal* 1982 #671

Communion Hymn 2

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *The Hymnal* 1982 #686

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

“Praise to the Lord” | *The Hymnal 1982* #390

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.

Postlude

“Concert Etude for Pedals Alone”
(Dedicated to Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis-January 1994) | Dr. John Weaver

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Organist*

Flowers at the Altar



This Sunday's Altar flowers are given in honor of Choirmaster and Organist Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis and 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 ghc.org/flowers for information.*

Today's Worship Leaders

The Rev. Jenny Montgomery, *Preacher*

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

The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Co-Celebrant*

The Rev. Steve Pace, *Deacon*

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Marcia Miller Hailey, Annette Hook & Jodie Pully, *Chalice Bearers*

Kristin Green & Jerry Grimes, *Lectors*

The Season after Pentecost: Music

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. This season falls in an Ordinary Time and green is the preferred color. In this time Christians should reflect on the meaning of Christ's resurrection in our ordinary life. Each month we 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."

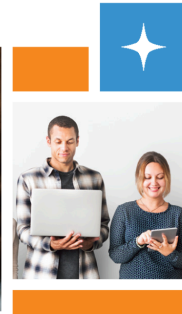
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Upcoming Events

Friday 09/19	5:00 p.m.	Parents' Night Out (Drop Off at 5:00 p.m. & Pick Up at 9:30 p.m. <i>Parents Location: Quirk Hotel Rooftop Bar</i>)
Sunday 09/21	9:30 a.m.	2025–2026 Adult Forums Begin: What is value able in our Parish Life & Worship? led by Father Brent and the Rev. Jenny Montgomery (<i>First Floor Classroom</i>)
Wednesday 09/24		Stewards of Hope Gathering: Education & Formation (<i>Morton Family Home</i>)
Friday 09/26	6:00 p.m.	Pride Eucharist hosted by GHTC & The Pace Center with Greater Richmond Episcopal Churches and Community Pride Choir (<i>Church</i>)
Thursday 10/02	10:30 a.m.	Westminster Canterbury Worship & Luncheon (<i>Lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the Jacqueline room</i>)
Sunday 10/05	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite Two with Blessing of the Animals (8:00 a.m. Worship is Regularly Scheduled <i>Outdoor 10:30 a.m. Worship on 8 N. Laurel Street</i>)
Sunday 10/12	9:30 a.m.	Inquirers' Class Interest Session 1: Welcome & Overview (<i>Second Floor Conference Room</i>)
Sunday 10/19		Parish Ministry Fair Session 2: Worship & Outreach* (Before & After the 10:30 a.m. Service <i>Parish Hall</i>) *Second of two sessions.
Sunday 11/09	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Interest Meeting (<i>Second Floor Conference Room</i>)
Sunday 11/16	9:30 a.m.	Inquirers' Class Session 2: Liturgy - Praying What We Believe (<i>Second Floor Conference Room</i>)

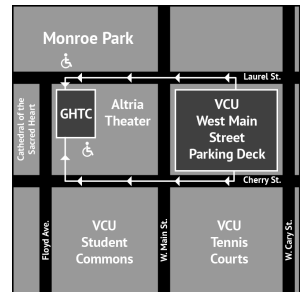
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6. The machine will scan the code, accept it as payment, and the parking gate arm will raise in order for you to exit.

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 The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Assistant Priest*
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 The Rev. Russ Kerr, *Campus Minister*
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 Tyler Brady, *Communications Associate*
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