

# Grace & Holy Trinity Church

*an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park*



## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 20, Year C

Holy Eucharist, Rite One

September 21, 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 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 beginning of our worship is intended as a time of 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. 182*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*You may be seated for the readings.*

## First Reading

*Jeremiah 8:18–9:1*

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician

there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 79:1–9**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 701

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

*Deus, venerunt*

*Lector* 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  
they have profaned your holy temple; \*  
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

*All* 2 **They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, \*  
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.**

3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, \*  
and there was no one to bury them.

4 **We have become a reproach to our neighbors, \*  
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.**

5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? \*  
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

6 **Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you \*  
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.**

7 For they have devoured Jacob \*  
and made his dwelling a ruin.

8 **Remember not our past sins;  
let your compassion be swift to meet us; \*  
for we have been brought very low.**

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; \*  
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

**Second Reading**

1 Timothy 2:1–7

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

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ

Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

Luke 16:1–13

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Brent A. Melton, *Priest-in-Charge*

*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

*Celebrant* 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

The Rev. Brent A. Melton, *Preacher & Healing Prayers*

The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Concelebrant*

The Rev. Jenny Montgomery, *Concelebrant*

The Rev. Steve Pace, *Deacon*

Terry Hathaway, *Lector*

## **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 Day. 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 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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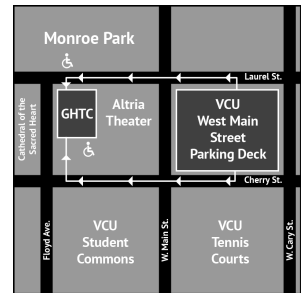
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