

# Grace & Holy Trinity Church

*an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park*



## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 20, Year C

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

September 21, 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

“Aria” | Flor Peeters

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Organist*

## Processional Hymn

“Holy Father, Great Creator” *The Hymnal* 1982 #368

*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.*

## Gloria

“Glory to God in the highest”

*All Sing.*

*The Hymnal* 1982 S 278

## 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.**

*You may be seated for the readings.*

**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

Robert Knox Kennedy

*Please stand as you are able and sing.*

*Deus, venerunt*

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



- All**
- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  
they have profaned your holy temple; \*  
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
  - 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. (*continues on next page*)

† 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.

## Gradual Hymn

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” *The Hymnal* 1982 #655

*Please stand as you are able and sing.*

## The Gospel

Luke 16:1–13

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

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

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 to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

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

*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**

*Parish Choir*

“O Love, How Deep” | Everett Titcomb

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
How passing thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.  
For us he prayed, for us he taught,  
For us his daily works he wrought,  
By words and signs and actions,  
Thus still seeking not himself but us.  
All glory to our Lord and God,  
For love so deep, so high, so broad,  
The Trinity whom we adore for ever and for ever more. Amen.

**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.*

*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.**



*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.

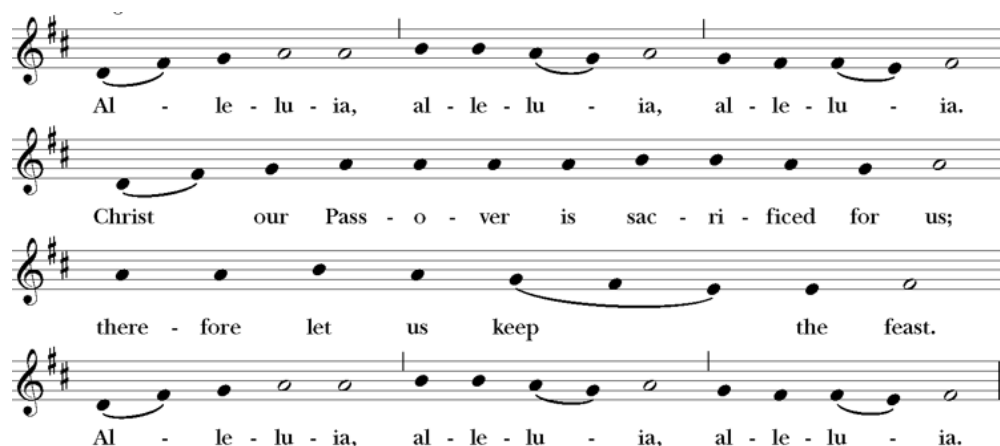
### The Breaking of the Bread

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

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” *The Hymnal* 1982 #676

### Communion Hymn 2

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” *The Hymnal* 1982 #470

### 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

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” | *The Hymnal* 1982 #618

*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 Breannan, *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. Brent A. Melton, *Preacher & Healing Prayers*

The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Concelebrant*

The Rev. Jenny Montgomery, *Concelebrant*

The Rev. Steve Pace, *Deacon*

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Choirmaster & Organist*

Luke Brennan, *Assistant Choirmaster & Organist*

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Karin Walker, Liz Bisset, Sandie Hale & Cathy Saunders, *Altar Guild*

Harold Williams & Marcia Hailey, *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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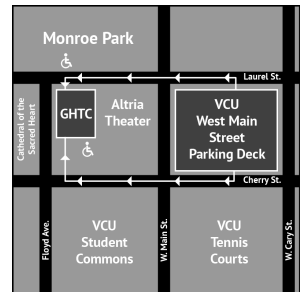
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