

# Grace & Holy Trinity Church

*an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park*



## Commemoration of Francis of Assisi, Friar & Deacon

Holy Eucharist, Rite One

October 5, 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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant thy people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of thee, delight in thy whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*You may be seated for the readings.*

## First Reading

Job 39:1–18

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Job.

‘Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. ‘Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after

every green thing. 'Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? 'The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 121**

*Book of Common Prayer* p. 779

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

*Levavi oculos*

*Lector* 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

*All* 2 **My help comes from the LORD, \***  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \***  
**shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

6 **So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \***  
**nor the moon by night.**

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 **The LORD shall watch over your going out and**  
**your coming in, \***  
**from this time forth for evermore.**

## **Second Reading**

Acts 4:32–35, 5:1–11

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was

sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. 'Ananias,' Peter asked, 'why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!' Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him. After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, 'Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price.' And she said, 'Yes, that was the price.' Then Peter said to her, 'How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.' Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

### The Gospel

Matthew 11:25–30

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

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

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Assistant Priest*

*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. Marissa Sotos, *Preacher*

The Rev. Brent A. Melton, *Celebrant*

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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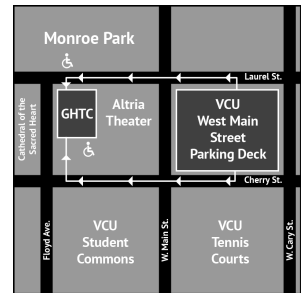
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