

# Grace & Holy Trinity Church

*an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park*



## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 23, Year C

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

October 12, 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

Prelude from *Prelude and Fugue in G Major, Op. 37* | Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Luke Brennan, *Organist*

## Processional Hymn

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul!” *The Hymnal 1982* #411

*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.**

## 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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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.*

**Lector** A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

**Lector** The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 66:1–11**

Robert Knox Kennedy

*Please stand as you are able and sing.*

*Jubilate Deo*

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



- All**
- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
sing the glory of his Name;  
sing the glory of his praise.
  - 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! \*  
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
  - 3 All the earth bows down before you, \*  
sings to you, sings out your Name."
  - 4 Come now and see the works of God, \*  
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
  - 5 He turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot, \*  
and there we rejoiced in him.
  - 6 In his might he rules for ever;  
his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
let no rebel rise up against him.
  - 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard; (*continues on next page*)

- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.  
9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.  
10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.  
† 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

## Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8–15

*Lector* A reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he will also deny us;  
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--  
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God” *The Hymnal 1982* #397

*Please stand as you are able and sing.*

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

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Madeleine Preston, *Director of Formation*

*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

“Sanctus” *Mass No. 3 in B-flat Major* | Franz Schubert

*Parish Choir*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## 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:



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 your heart.

### The Lord's Prayer

*Book of Common Prayer p. 364*

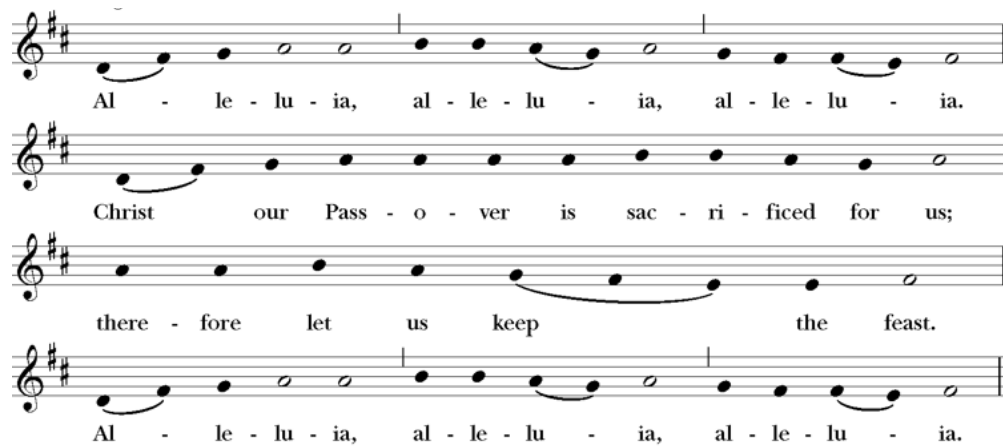
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy Name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver 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.*



*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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* #189



1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

## Communion Hymn 2

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” *The Hymnal 1982* #441

## 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

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” | *The Hymnal 1982* #410

*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

Introduction and March on “Lauda Anima” | Brenda Portman

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *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

Madeleine Preston, *Preacher*

The Rev. Brent A. Melton, *Concelebrant*

The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Concelebrant*

The Rev. Steve Pace, *Deacon*

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Choirmaster & Organist*

Luke Brennan, *Assistant Choirmaster & Organist*

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Jodie Pully, Catherine Perrin & Mike MacDowell, *Chalice Bearers*

Brad Davenport & 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 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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## Upcoming Events

<b>Sunday 10/12</b>		<b>Postponed:</b> Lay Reader/Lector Meeting
<b>Sunday 10/12</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Fall Fest with St. James's & St. Mary's ( <i>St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 12291 River Road, Richmond VA</i> )
<b>Sunday 10/19</b>		Parish Ministry Fair Session 2: Worship & Outreach* (Before & After the 10:30 a.m. Service   <i>Parish Hall</i> ) *Second of two sessions.
<b>Sunday 10/19</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Youth Group at The Pace Center ( <i>700 W. Franklin Street</i> )
<b>Sunday 10/19</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Stewards of Hope Dinner: Mission & Outreach ( <i>Hetherington Family Home near Country Club of Virginia</i> )
<b>Sunday 10/26</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Intergenerational Formation: The Communion of Saints led by Madeleine Preston ( <i>First Floor Classroom</i> )
<b>Sunday 10/26</b>	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	Grace & HolyWeen (Following 10:30 a.m. Worship   <i>Parish Hall</i> )
<b>Tuesday 10/28</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Stewards of Hope Dinner: Worship ( <i>Melton Family Home near Tuckaboe</i> )
<b>Sunday 11/09</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Prayer Shawl Ministry Interest Meeting ( <i>Second Floor Conference Room</i> )
<b>Sunday 11/09</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> with VCU's Vox Concordia Treble Choir & Vocal Chamber Ensemble (Livestream Available   <i>Church</i> )
<b>Sunday 11/09</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Choral Evensong for Veterans Day and Day of Remembrance</b> ( <i>Church</i> )
<b>Sunday 11/16</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Parish Oyster Roast ( <i>Sauer Family Home near Three Chopt Neighborhood</i> )

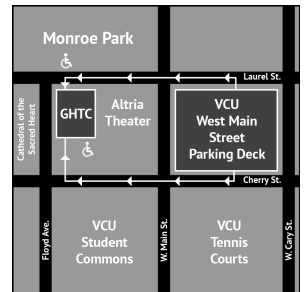
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