

# Grace & Holy Trinity Church

*an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park*



## The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 5, Year A

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

June 7, 2026 | 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

Improvisation on “There is a Balm in Gilead”

Luke Brennan, *Organist*

## Processional Hymn

“The God of Abraham Praise” | *The Hymnal 1982* #401

*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 his 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 at the back of the church and will return at the Peace.*

## 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. 229

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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.*

## First Reading

Genesis 12:1–9

*Lay Reader* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

*Lay Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 33:1–12**

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

*Book of Common Prayer p. 626*

*Exultate, justi*

- Lay Reader* 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;  
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- All** 2 **Praise the Lord with the harp;  
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.**
- 3 Sing for him a new song;  
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 **For the word of the Lord is right,  
and all his works are sure.**
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice;  
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
- 6 **By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,  
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.**
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin  
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 **Let all the earth fear the Lord;  
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.**
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass;  
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 **The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught;  
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.**
- 11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever,  
and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- 12 **Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**

*Lay Reader* A reading from the Book of Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Lay Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**All**        **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn**

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

*Please stand as you are able and sing.*

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.” While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Madeleine Preston, *Minister of Formation & Connection*

*Silence for reflection.*

*Celebrant* Let us stand, and affirm our common faith in the 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.

*Lay Reader* For all people in their daily life and work;

**All** For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

*Lay Reader* For this community, the nation, and the world;

**All** For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

*Lay Reader* For the just and proper use of your creation;

**All** For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

*Lay Reader* 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.

*Lay Reader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**All** For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

*Lay Reader* 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.

*Lay Reader* 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**

**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 & Announcements**

### **Blessing of the Dedicated Hymnals**

*Celebrant* O sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

**All** Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank you for the gifts of music and song through which creation has offered you praise and thanksgiving, confession and lament, prayers and petitions. May these new hymnals inspire our own songs in times of joy and sorrow. Enable us to sing in one voice as your gathered people, and to join in harmony with all who worship you. By your grace, may the words and melodies shape our faith for years to come, and in ways that forever give glory to you, the Triune God. Amen.

# 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 Hymn

“God Himself Is with Us” | *The Hymnal 1982* #475

## Doxology

*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 God 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.*

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 & Benedictus

*The Hymnal 1982* S 129

**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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **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* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All** Therefore let us keep the feast.

*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 or by intinction (dipping) is available from the altar stations. If you choose to intinct, after you receive the wafer, simply pinch the wafer between your thumb and index finger and hold it up near your face. This will signal for the intinction cup to be brought to you. You will dip the wafer yourself and then receive. Communion by Common Cup is also available at the station at the back of the Church by the chapel double doors. 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.

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 and indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

### Communion Hymn 1

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” | *The Hymnal 1982* #691

### Communion Hymn 2

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

### 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**

“O for a Thousand Tongues” | *The Hymnal 1982* #493

**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**

“Choral Varié sur le thème du ‘Veni Creator’, Op. 4” | Maurice Duruflé

Luke Brennan, *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*

Luke Brennan, *Assistant Choirmaster & Organist*

Mary Hetherington & Adelaide Williams, *Acolytes*

Dougie Erikson, Mary Sabra Monroe, Lu Treadwell & Lisa Dawson, *Altar Guild*

Catherine Perrin, Leslie Winn & Marcia Miller Hailey, *Chalice Bearers*

Alexander Macaulay & Catherine Perrin, *Lay Readers*

## **Pastoral Care Phone Number**

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## **The Season after Pentecost (Green)**

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 is a time Christians should reflect on the meaning of Christ's resurrection in our ordinary life.

Clergy vestments and daily dress. The white robe we wear is called an **Alb** coming from "tunica alba" or white tunic. The stole worn over the alb is a reminder of being tacked to Jesus Christ's yoke. Deacons put the stole to the side in order to get it out of the way while serving. Before the Table Liturgy the celebrating priest puts on a **Chasuble**, which means "little house." The stole and chasuble colors typically match the liturgical season on the church. Clergy daily dress is usually a white collar and black shirt similar to the work of the judiciary. This dress is a sign of clergy work, our uniform. However nothing in the Book of Common Prayer tells what we are supposed to wear.

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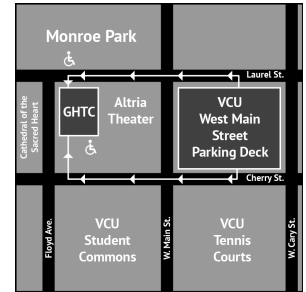
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