Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



All Saints' Sunday

Year A

Holy Eucharist, Rite One with Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Sunday, November 1, 2026 | 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 reflection.

Opening Acclamation *Book of Common Prayer* p. 299

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

All **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

All **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day *Book of Common Prayer* p. 194

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

You may be seated for the readings.

First Reading Revelation 7:9–17

Lay Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lay Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34: 1–10, 22 *Book of Common Prayer* p. 627

Read responsively by whole verse. *Benedicam Dominum*

Lay Reader 1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

All **2 I will glory in the Lord;**
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust in him.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1–3

Lay Reader A reading from the first letter of Paul to John.

> See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Lay Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Matthew 5:1–12

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

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

> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon The Rev. Brent Melton, *Rector*

Silence for reflection.

Invitation

Celebrant Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we have become part of that great fellowship of believers in all times and places: the Communion of Saints. In baptism God has adopted us as children and made us members of Christ's body and inheritors of God's kingdom with the saints in light. (Joining with those who are committing themselves to Christ) let us now renew the vows of our baptism by which God has made us a holy people.

– Michael W. Merriman

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Book of Common Prayer p. 292

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

All **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All **I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

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*

Necrology

We remember those who have died since last All Saints' Day, especially those connected to Grace & Holy Trinity Church.

Ronald Bajcsi
Edwin McKay DeShazo
Herman Floyd Dormire, Jr.
Richard Erikson
Garnet Lee Franklin
Dan Foster
Tom Lewis
Billy Phillips
Harry "Skip" P. Stanley
Susan Foster Stanley
Sybil Telfian
Bill Thomas
James Monroe White
Mary Denny Scott Wray
Eleanor Zieman

All Saints' Blessing

Celebrant May God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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 or intinct (dip) their wafer in the intinction cup. 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. Alternatively, communicants who receive the Bread may refrain from drinking from the Chalice entirely. 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*** *for information.*

Today's Worship Leaders

The Rev. Brent A. Melton, *Concelebrant & Preacher*
The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Concelebrant*
Andrew Peacock, *Lay Reader*

Parishioner's Pastoral Care Phone Number

A Pastoral Care Line is active for parishioners experiencing a pastoral emergency when the church office is closed. The on-call number is **(804) 322-3758**. Please save this number to your phone's contact list. Voice and text messages can be left at this number. The pastoral care team is comprised of our clergy and two staff members. We want to make sure we can connect to support our parishioners in any time of need.

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

We look to the Book of Acts (9:32, 26:10) where the term is given to all faithful Christians as well as in Paul's letters who addresses the members of the community who receive his letters as saints. We believe that through sharing our life with Christ makes it possible for us to be saints too. This does not make us elite, but faithful people striving to do God's work and building up God's church. All Saints Day is a major feast day typically celebrated the first Sunday in November in the Episcopal Churches. This Sunday is especially important to us who identify ourselves with All Saints. As the hymn says, "…for the saints of God are just folk like me and I mean to be one too (*The Hymnal 1982* #293)."

– *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church- Armentrout & Slocum 2000* p. 454

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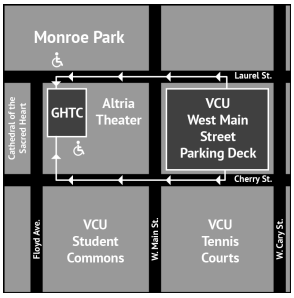
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Upcoming Events

Sunday 11/01	**11:45 a.m.**	All Saints' Day Reception *(Parish Hall)*
Friday 11/06	**5:00 p.m.**	Parents' Night Out (Pick-Up at 9:30 p.m. | *Bar Solita, 123 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23220*)
Sunday 11/08	**9:00 a.m.**	Mission Parish Ministry Fair* *(Parish Hall)* *Also available after worship.
Sunday 11/08	**9:30 a.m.**	Adult Forum with Father Brent* *(First Floor Classroom)* *Also available after worship at 11:45 a.m. in the First Floor Classroom.
Sunday 11/08	**10:30 a.m.**	**Holy Eucharist** with VCU's Vox Concordia Treble Choir & Vocal Chamber Ensemble* (Livestream Available | *Church*) *8:00 a.m. service is regularly scheduled.
Sunday 11/08	**4:00 p.m.**	**Choral Evensong** for Veterans Day & Day of Remembrance (Livestream Available | *Church*)
Monday 11/09	**5:30 p.m.**	Spirited Sisters *(Toast, New American Gastropub at The Village, 7007 Three Chopt Road, Richmond, VA 23226)*
Sunday 11/15	**4:00 p.m.**	Parish Oyster Roast *(Sauer Family Home)*
Monday 11/16	**4:00 p.m.**	Spirited Readers Book Club *(Contact Ministry Leader for Location)*
Saturday 11/21	**5:00 p.m.**	Front Porch Forum Dinner (Dinner Begins at 5:30 p.m. | *Parish Hall*)
Saturday 11/21	**5:00 p.m.**	Youth Bowling Event *(Bowlero Richmond, 8037 Shrader Road, Richmond, VA 23294)*
Sunday 11/22	**9:30 a.m.**	Adult Forum: Outreach Grant Spotlight *(First Floor Classroom)*
Tuesday 11/24	**5:00 p.m.**	**Thanksgiving Worship Service** *(Chapel)*
Thursday 11/26		Church & Parish Office Closure in Observance of Thanksgiving runs from Thursday, November 26th through Friday, November 27th.
Friday 11/27	**12:00 p.m.**	Red Door Thanksgiving* *(Parish House)* *No Red Door Prayer Service.
Saturday 11/28	**10:00 a.m.**	Men's Group *(Ellwood Thompson's Cafe, 4 N. Thompson Street, Richmond, VA 23221)*
Sunday 11/29	**9:30 a.m.**	Advent Wreath Making* *(Parish Hall)* *Also available after worship.

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QR code only valid on Sundays.



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2. At the parking gate arm, press the button to receive a ticket.
3. Park in any available space in the deck.
4. After visiting Grace & Holy Trinity, exit the parking deck in your vehicle and scan your parking ticket into the machine at the parking gate arm.
5. When the machine asks for payment, hold the QR code to the scanner.
6. The machine will scan the code, accept it as payment, and the parking gate arm will raise in order for you to exit.

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