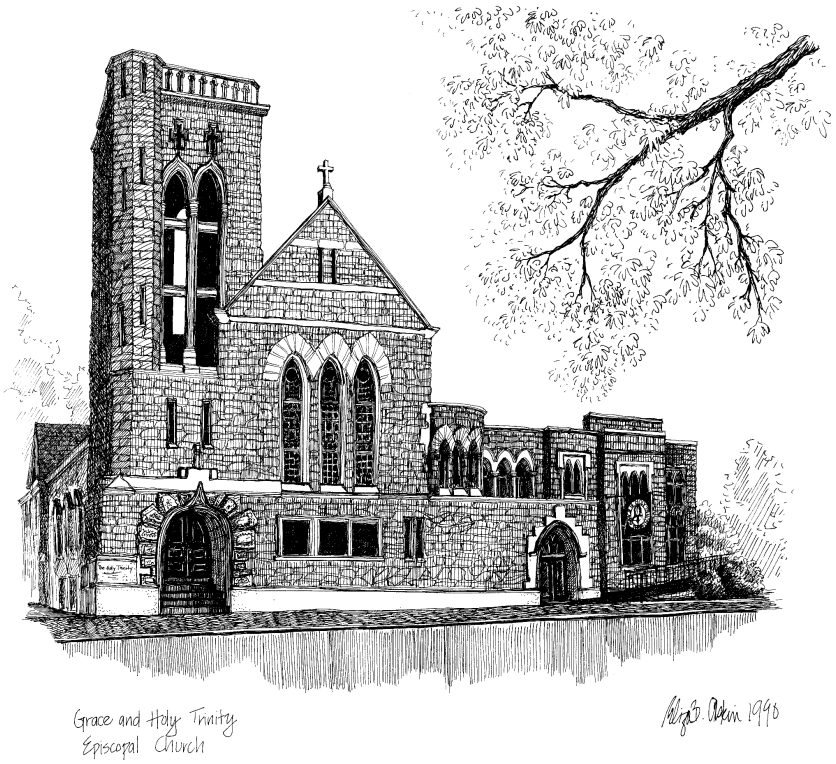
Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



Choral Evensong for Veterans Day & Day of Remembrance, Rite Two

Sunday, November 8, 2026 | 4:00 p.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. **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.

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The Word of God

The Prelude marks the beginning of our worship and is intended as a time of reflection.

Prelude "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" | Charles Callahan

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Organist*

Processional Hymn "God of Our Fathers" *The Hymnal 1982* #718

Opening Sentence *Book of Common Prayer* p. 116

Officiant Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." – *John 8:12*

Confession of Sin *Book of Common Prayer* p. 116

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

The Preces Stephan Casurella

Brendan Landes, *Cantor* | Karen Harris, *Organist*

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" *The Hymnal 1982* #608

All sing.

You may be seated for the readings.

First Reading Deuteronomy 10:12–13, 17–21

Lay Reader A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him you shall serve; to him you shall hold fast; and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

Lay Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary "Song of Mary" | Richard Shephard

Parish Choir

Alexander Wilkerson, *Trumpet* | Karen Harris, *Organist*

My Lord and Saviour is my song,
He fills my spirit with delight,
To raise up his arm is strong,
The lowly precious in his sight.
Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

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My name shall live from age to age,
And every tongue his servant bless,
For mercy is their heritage,
Whose hearts the Holy One confess.
Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

The proud beguiled by dreams of power,
Divided and degraded lie,
He casts them down from throne and tower,
And stoops to lift the humble high.
Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

He feeds the hungry at his board,
And sends the rich unfilled away,
And mindful of his promised word,
Has answered Israel's prayer today.
Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

With all the elders of our race,
And those unborn who seek this birth,
I sing the glory of his grace,
Who brings eternity to earth.
Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 1:3–11

Lay Reader A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation. We do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia, for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us;

on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many may give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

Lay Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Song of Simeon "Song of Simeon" | Richard Shephard

Parish Choir

Karen Harris, *Organist*

Lord, set your servant free,
Fulfill your ancient vow,
And peaceful let the parting be which seals that promise now.
Lumen ad revelationem gentium,
Illumina tenebras nostras Domine.

From here the child of light,
The world's salvation lies,
And on the nations lost in night,
I see his dawn arise.
Lumen ad revelationem gentium,
Illumina tenebras nostras Domine.

A radiance unconfined to change of time of place,
He is the hope of human kind,
The glory of our race,
Lumen ad revelationem gentium,
Illumina tenebras nostras, Domine. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed *Book of Common Prayer* p. 120

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

The Lord's Prayer

Cantor The Lord be with you.
Choir And also with you.

Cantor Let us pray.
Choir Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

The Suffrages A *Book of Common Prayer* p. 121

Cantor Show us your mercy, O Lord;
Choir And grant us your salvation.

Cantor Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Choir Let your people sing with joy.

Cantor Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
Choir For only in you can we live in safety.

Cantor Lord, keep this nation under your care;
Choir And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Cantor Let your way be known upon earth;
Choir Your saving health among all nations.

Cantor Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Choir Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Cantor Create in us clean hearts, O God;
Choir And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day (A Collect for Veterans)

Cantor Almighty God, we commend to Your gracious care all those who serve and have served in our armed forces at home and abroad: Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and challenges; give them courage to face the dangers that affect them; and bless those who have served with Your sense of deep down peace. In Your name we pray.
Choir Amen.

A Collect for Peace *Book of Common Prayer* p. 123

Cantor Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior.
Choir Amen.

A Collect for Mission *Book of Common Prayer* p. 124

Cantor Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.
Choir Amen.

Please be seated.

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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Today's Offerings go to the Hill Brown Music Scholars Fund.

*Turn to **page 11** to learn more about the Hill Brown Music Scholars Fund's mission.*

Offertory Anthem "The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune" | Ralph Vaughan Williams

Parish Choir

Alexander Wilkerson, Jerry Grimes & Ronald May, *Trumpets* | Karen Harris, *Organist*

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make,
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto,
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure,
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host,
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

Intercessions & Thanksgivings

The General Thanksgiving *Book of Common Prayer* p. 125

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,**
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom *Book of Common Prayer* p. 126

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

All **Amen.**

Concluding Versicle and Response

Cantor Let us bless the Lord.

Choir Thanks be to God.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn "My Country 'Tis of Thee" *The Hymnal 1982* #717

The National Anthem "The Star Spangled Banner" *The Hymnal 1982* #720 (v. 1)

Please remain standing as you are able and sing.

Postlude "Nimrod" | Edward Elgar

Spencer Koger, *Organist*

Thank you to the Grace & Holy Trinity Parish Choir, Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, Choirmaster & Organist, and Spencer Koger, Assistant Choirmaster & Organist for their lovely presentation of Choral Evensong for Veterans Day and Day of Remembrance.

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, *Co-officiant*
The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Co-officiant*
Barbara Davenport, Kay Gray, Cary Lee Henderson & Jean Jumet, *Altar Guild*
Jerry Grimes & Abigail Stinnett, *Lay Readers*
Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Choirmaster & Organist*
Spencer Koger, *Assistant Choirmaster & Organist*
Karen Harris, *Guest Organist*
Alexander Wilkerson, Jerry Grimes & Ronald May, *Trumpets*

Sopranos
Keely Borland, Jane Chaffin, Marcia Miller Hailey, Annette Hook, Olivia Lawrence, Madeleine Preston, Mary Watkins & Caroline Whisnant

Altos
Mary Ann Blankenship, Betsy Featherstone, Maya James, Sylvia May, Beth McClelland, Catherine Perrin, Abigail Stinnett, Nancy Trego & Leslie Winn

Tenors
Jack Blackwell, Max Goldsmith, Jerry Grimes, David Maier, Cole Whittington & Alexander Wilkerson

Basses
Nathan Do, Jim Featherstone, Brendan Landes, Chase Peak & Robert Perrin

Hill Brown Music Scholars Fund

The Hill Brown Music Scholars Fund was created to perpetually pay tribute to the Reverend Hill Brown's beloved legacy at Grace & Holy Trinity where he spent his entire ministry. Hill served as a priest from 1962–2001 after serving as assistant rector for fifteen years. This fund was created to keep alive his love for sacred music and shared desire for a younger generation to experience this beautiful music in church. This position is for current college students who major in music either as singers or instrumentalists. **Our current Music Scholars provide musical leadership and support to the Parish Choir at Grace & Holy Trinity through their musical gifts, singing, and positive involvement.** Thank you for considering your support.

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. 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)."

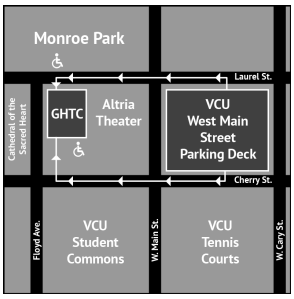
– *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church- Armentrout & Slocum 2000* p. 454

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3. Park in any available space in the deck.
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5. When the machine asks for payment, hold the QR code to the scanner.
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