

Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



Christmas Eve & Day

Year A

December 24, 2025 | 11:00 p.m.

December 25, 2025 | 10:00 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 during the Christmas Eve worship service at 11:00 p.m. should you wish to drop off your young children (up to age 3). **Changing tables** are located in the family restroom in the choir room. A greeter can direct you. **Visitors can use the VCU West Main Street Parking Deck for complimentary parking and VCU will have the exit gates open.**

The Word of God

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

Christmas Eve Prelude

“Vivace” *Sonata in F Major* | Georg Telemann
“Meditation” *Thais* | Jules Massenet
“Arioso” | Johann Sebastian Bach

Julie Walton, *Flute* | Aponi Brunson, *Harp*

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” | *Michael Praetorius*

Parish Choir Ensemble

Keely Borland, Mary Watkins & Caroline Whisnant, *Sopranos*
Sylvia May, Catherine Perrin & Abigail Stinnett, *Altos*
David Maier & Cole Whittington, *Tenors*
Brendan Landes, Chase Peak & Robert Perrin, *Basses*

Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming,
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming,
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flow’ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.
Isaiah ‘twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
The Virgin Mother kind.
To shew God’s love aright,
She bore to men a Saviour,
When half spent was the night.

“Sheep May Safely Graze” *Cantata No. 208* | Johann Sebastian Bach

Julie Walton, *Flute* | Aponi Brunson, *Harp*

“Laudamus Te” *Gloria* | Antonio Vivaldi

Caroline Whisnant & Abigail Stinnett, *Soloists*

We praise Thee Lord. Blessed be God on high.
We adore Thy name. We glorify Thee Lord.
We praise Thee Lord. Blessed be God on high.
We adore Thy name. We glorify Thy name.
We adore Thee Lord. We adore Thee Lord.
Glory to God the Lord.
We praise Thee Lord. Blessed be God on high.
We adore Thy name. We glorify Thy name.
We adore Thee Lord. We adore Thee Lord.
Glory to God the Lord.

“Andante” *Piano Concerto No. 21* | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” | arr. by John Purifoy

Julie Walton, *Flute* | Aponi Brunson, *Harp*

Christmas Day Prelude

“Berceuse Paraphrase” | George Baker

Luke Brennan, *Organist*

Processional Hymn

“O Come, All ye Faithful” | *The Hymnal 1982* #83

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.**

Song of Praise

“Angels We Have Heard on High” *The Hymnal 1982* #96 (vv. 1, 3)

All sing.

The Collect of the Day (Christmas Eve)

Book of Common Prayer p. 212

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day (Christmas Day)

Book of Common Prayer p. 213

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

You may be seated for the readings.

First Reading (Christmas Eve)

Isaiah 9:2–7

Lay Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Lay Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Lay Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Lay Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Paraphrase of Psalm 96 (Christmas Eve)

"Sing to the Lord a New Song" | *Psalms for All Seasons*

Please stand as you are able and sing.

The musical score is written for two parts (1 and 2) and consists of two systems. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: F, Bb, C, Dm, Bb, Gm/D, C in the first system, and F, Bb, C, Dm, Bb in the second system.

System 1:

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to God, all you
 2 Let earth and heav - en glo - ry; let o - cean depths re -

System 2:

lands. Sing of sal - va - tion al - ways; God's
 joice. Let hills and plains and for - ests sing

glo - ry now at hand. God's love shall nev - er cease.
 prais-es with one voice. God's love shall nev - er cease.

God comes to rule with jus - tice; God comes to rule with peace.
 God comes to rule with jus - tice; God comes to rule with peace.

Psalm 97 (Christmas Day)

Read responsively by whole verse.

Book of Common Prayer p. 726

Dominus regnavit

Lay Reader 1 The Lord is King;

let the earth rejoice; *

let the multitude of the isles be glad.

All 2 **Clouds and darkness are round about him, ***
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him *
 and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 **His lightnings light up the world; ***
the earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
 at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 **The heavens declare his righteousness, ***
and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
 and delight in false gods! *
 Bow down before him, all you gods.

8 **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, ***
because of your judgments, O LORD.

- 9 For you are the LORD,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.**

Second Reading (Christmas Eve)

Titus 2:11–14

Lay Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lay Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading (Christmas Day)

Titus 3:4–7

Lay Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Lay Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” | *The Hymnal 1982* #87

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.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Brent A. Melton, *Priest-in-Charge* (Christmas Eve)
The Rev. Jenny Montgomery, *Priest Associate* (Christmas Day)

Silence for reflection.

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.

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and for the world, responding each time “to the manger together.”

Lay Reader As the prophets predicted the coming Messiah, help us to be united in God’s truth, live together in Jesus’ love, and reveal God’s glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord, walk with us.

All **To the manger together.**

Lay Reader As Mary and Joseph were lead to Bethlehem, guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, walk with us.

All **To the manger together.**

Lay Reader As the shepherds cared for their sheep, give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, walk with us.

All **To the manger together.**

Lay Reader As the wisemen made their way to the manger with gifts, bless all whose lives are gifts to us and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, walk with us.

All **To the manger together.**

Lay Reader As we know this season is hard for some, comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, walk with us.

All **To the manger together.**

Lay Reader Lastly we commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, walk with us.

All **To the manger together.**

Concluding Collect #5

Book of Common Prayer p. 395

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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. 360

Celebrant 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.

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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Today's service plate collection offerings will go to the **Hill Brown Music Scholars Fund**.

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring:
News of great joy, news of great mirth, good tidings of our Savior's birth.
Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free, set us free, all for to gain our liberty?
When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place.
Angels in heaven with joy may sing, with joy may sing all for to see the newborn King.
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night.
Glory to God, we sing once again, now and for evermore, Amen!

Offertory Music (Christmas Day) “What Child Is This?” | arr. Linda Chapman & Bonnie Heidenreich

Caroline Whisnant and Abigail Stinnett, *Soloists*

What child is this who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians far, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through.
The cross he bore for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

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.**

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.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,**
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [N. and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

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.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

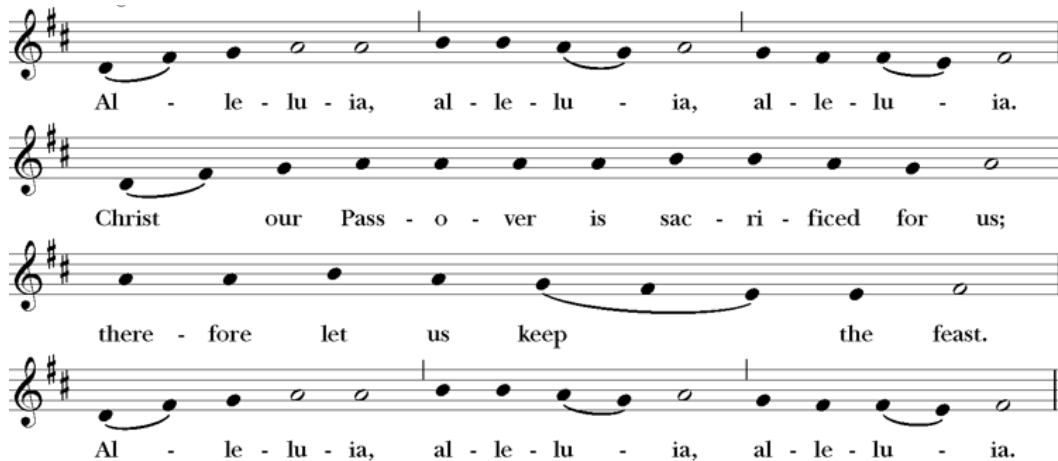
The Breaking of the Bread

Book of Common Prayer p. 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

“Christ our Passover” *The Hymnal* 1982 S 154



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.

David Maier, *Tenor*

O holy night!
The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees!

Oh, hear the angel voices, O night divine,
O night when Christ was born,
O night divine, O night, O night divine.

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wiseman from the Orient land.
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend.
He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger,
Behold your King, before the lowly bend.
Behold your King, your King, before Him bend.

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we.
His power and glory evermore proclaim.
His power and glory evermore proclaim.

Communion Music (Christmas Eve)

“Medley of Traditional Christmas Carols” | arr. by Gilliam and McCaskill

“Largo” *Winter* | Antonio Vivaldi

Julie Walton, *Flute* | Aponi Brunson, *Harp*

Communion Hymn 1 (Christmas Day)“Away in a Manger” | *The Hymnal 1982* #101**Communion Hymn 2** (Christmas Day)“Silent Night” | *The Hymnal 1982* #111**Post-Communion Hymn** (Christmas Eve)“Silent Night” | *The Hymnal 1982* #111*Please kneel as you are able and sing. Light your candles from one of the torches.*

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,
all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,
Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
peace. born! Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. born!
birth. Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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, of 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

“Joy to the World!” *The Hymnal* 1982 #100

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 (Christmas Eve)

“Joy to the World” | Brenda Portman

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Organist*

Postlude (Christmas Day)

“Christmas Postlude on Sit Laus Plena Sit Sonora” | William Thomas Best

Luke Brennan, *Organist*

We thank Aponi Brunson and Julie Walton for assisting in the Christmas Eve worship through their musical gifts.

The 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. This position is for current college students who major in music either as singers or instrumentalists. Music Scholars will provide musical leadership and support to the Parish Choir at Grace & Holy Trinity through their musical gifts, singing, and positive involvement.

Christmas Eve Worship Leaders

The Rev. Brent Melton, *Preacher*

The Rev. Marissa Sotos, *Celebrant*

The Rev. Steve Pace, *Deacon*

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Choirmaster & Organist*

Luke Brennan, *Assistant Choirmaster & Organist*

Karin Walker, Liz Bisset, Sandie Hale & Cathy Saunders, *Altar Guild*

Christmas Day Worship Leaders

The Rev. Jenny Montgomery, *Preacher*

The Rev. Steve Pace, *Deacon*

Abigail Stinnett & Caroline Whisnant, *Cantors & Soloists*

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Upcoming Events

Thursday 12/25	12:00 p.m.	Parish Office & Church Closed through Thursday, January 1, 2026 in Observance of Christmas & New Year's*
		*No Morning Prayer on Tuesday, December 30th or on Thursday, January 1st. No Bible Study or Holy Eucharist with Healing on Wednesday, December 31st. Parish Breakfast & Adult Formation will pause on December 28th and January 4th, and return Sunday, January 11th.
Tuesday 01/06	4:00 p.m.	Westminster Canterbury Happy Hour & Caroling (Updated Date from Postponement <i>Courtyard 5th Floor Lounge</i>)
Friday 01/09	5:00 p.m.	Parents' Night Out (Drop-off at 5:00 p.m. with Pick-up at 9:30 p.m. <i>Parents' Location TBD</i>)
Sunday 01/11	9:30 a.m.	Intergenerational Formation: Bound Together in Baptism led by Madeleine Preston (<i>First Floor Classroom</i>)
Sunday 01/11	10:30 a.m.	Children & Youth Sunday with Holy Eucharist and Baptism* (<i>Church</i>) *Acolyte Recognition Sunday. 8:00 a.m. worship is regularly scheduled. <i>For more information or to schedule a baptism, please contact The Rev. Brent A. Melton, Priest-in-Charge at ghtc.org/contact.</i>
Sunday 01/11	11:45 a.m.	Usher Training & Refreshments (<i>First Floor Classroom</i>)
Saturday 01/17	5:00 p.m.	Front Porch Forum Dinner (Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. <i>Parish Hall</i>)
Saturday 01/31	7:00 a.m.	Youth Ski Trip (Day Trip <i>Meets at GHTC Parking Lot</i>)
Sunday 02/08	9:30 a.m.	Annual Parish Meeting* (<i>Church</i>) *Worship is regularly scheduled.
Sunday 02/08	11:45 a.m.	Annual Meeting Reception with Questions (Following 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Parish Hall</i>)

Christmas Poinsettia Flower Memorials

The Rev. Dr. Edward Allen Coffey

Lelia Holtzman Holloway

Charles Thomas Holloway, Sr.

Phyllis Hamilton Holloway

Charles Thomas Holloway, Jr.

Eric Caldwell Todd

Miriam ReMine

Jimmy ReMine

Geoffrey Garrett Trego

Jake Stull

William Minter Anders

Doris Herring

Billy Vickery

Gerald Sexton

Jennifer Anders

Mary Arrington

Richard Arrington

Dorothy Campbell

Margaret D. Holt

C. Allan Paxton

Fernando Casas

Barbara Bajcsi

Regina M. DePalma

Betty Carr

Stuart Carr

Ida Lankford

George Lankford

Elmon Gray

Pamela Gray

Charles Herbert

Genevieve Smith

Alvernon Smith

Marvin Smith

Margaret Brizzie

George Brizzie

Nancy Ware

Mary MacDowell

Christmas Poinsettia Flower Memorials

James Foster
Martha Foster
Howard Slough
Ruth Slough
Elbert Foster
Elsie Foster
Dorothy Cardwell Besenfelder
John Wick III
John C. Davis
William Melcher
Mason T. New
Mary Watt New
Dr. and Mrs. G. S. Fitz-Hugh
George M. Fitz-Hugh
Susan Harrison Fitz-Hugh
Elizabeth Fitz-Hugh Morgan
Janet Harrison Hinch
Mr. and Mrs. W. Wright Harrison
Dr. Isabella Harrison
James Robert (Bob) Chaffin Jr.
Thomas M. (Mac) Deadmore
Caroline Myers and Richard Cooke
Caroline Cooke and Dinsmore Holland
Charles D. Curran, Jr.
Sean W. L. Curran
Sarah Cooke and James Picton
Albert Julian Todd
Phyllis Aiken Todd
William Milton Webb
Addie Holland Webb
Philip Richard Zanone, St.
Irwin Leatherman Zanone
Selina Heyward McNamara
Rieman McNamara Sr.
Tom Griffin
Peter C. Coombs
Mason T. & Mary Watt New
Michael Bradshaw

Christmas Poinsettia Flower Memorials

Harry and Burgess Burn
Dr. and Mrs. Lee H. Sanders
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Morton
Ann Morton
Arthur L. Dunham
Dorthy L. Dunham
Dorthy B. Williams
Harold J. Williams
Harold J. Williams Jr.
James Quinton Yance
Mary Whiddon Yance
John C. Davis
William Melcher

Weekly Services

Sundays	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite One (Spoken <i>Chapel</i>)
Sundays	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite Two* (Choral <i>Church</i>) *Livestream Available at youtube.com/@ghtc
Tuesdays	8:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer (<i>Chapel</i>)
Wednesdays	9:45 a.m.	Bible Study (<i>Library</i>)
Wednesdays	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist & Healing (<i>Chapel</i>)
Thursdays	8:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer (<i>Chapel</i>)
Fridays	12:00 p.m.	Red Door Ministry Lunch (<i>Parish House</i>)



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