

Pentecost 13
7 September 2025
8 am Holy Eucharist

*The Book of Common Prayer Communion service is found in the accompanying seasonal booklet. The Congregation joins in the **bold font**.*

Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: Almighty God, you search us and know us:
 may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness,
 now and in all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Epistle: Philemon 1-21

Reader: The Epistle is taken from Paul's Letter to Philemon,

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that

you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Here endeth the Epistle.

Gradual Psalm: 139:1-13

¹ O LORD, thou hast searched me out and known me: /
thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising;
thou understandest my thoughts from afar.

² Thou art about my path and about my bed, /
and art acquainted with all my ways.

³ For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, /
but thou, O LORD, knowest it altogether.

⁴ Thou hast beset me behind and before, /
And laid thine hand upon me.

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: /
I cannot attain unto it.

⁶ Whither shall I go then from thy spirit? /
Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

⁷ If I climb up into heaven, thou art there: /
If I go down to hell, thou art there also.

⁸ If I take the wings of the morning, /
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

⁹ Even there also shall thy hand lead me, /
And thy right hand shall hold me.

¹⁰ If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, /
and the light about me become night',

¹¹ Yet even the darkness is no darkness with thee,
but the night is as clear as the day: /
the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

¹² For thou didst form my inward parts: /
Thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹³ I will give thanks unto thee,
for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: /
marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

The Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Presider: The Lord be with you,
All: and with thy Spirit.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
All: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The Gospel of Christ.
All: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

*Flowers in the church today are donated to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of her parents, Ivy and Alfred Harwood
from their daughter Joyce.*

Readings for Holy Cross Sunday, September 14, 2025:

Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 98; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 3:13-17



This Week at HTC

Tuesday

Trinity Tuesdays: "For the Beauty of the Earth", 7-8:30 pm (Cathedral)

Wednesday

9:30- 10 am Midweek Eucharist (Cathedral & Facebook Live)

10:30-11:30 am Bible Study (Lounge)

Thursday

5.30 pm Vespers (online by Zoom, link in newsletter)

Saturday

11.00 am HTC Community Brunch (Parish Hall)

Sunday

8.00 am BCP Eucharist (Cathedral & Facebook Live)

10 am Choral Eucharist (Cathedral & Facebook Live)

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