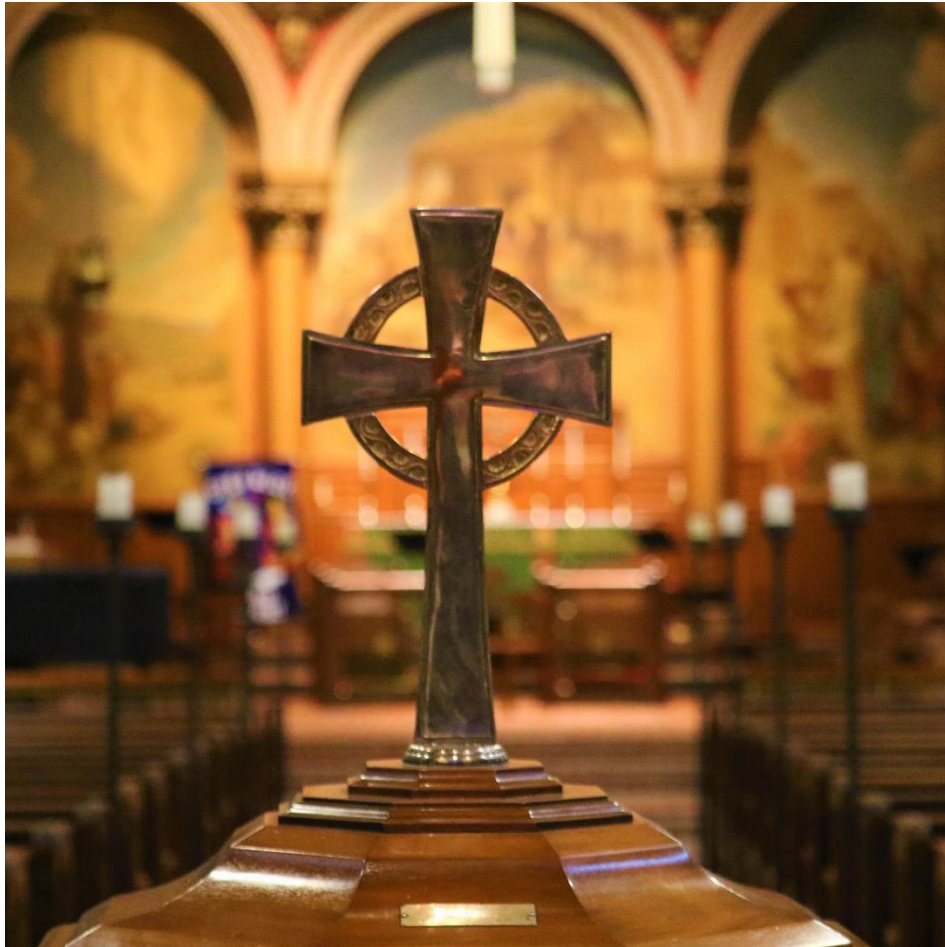


The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 22, 2021

**THE CHURCH OF
THE HOLY TRINITY**
RITTENHOUSE SQUARE



Wide Open Doors Wide Open Hearts

Gentle Reminders for our Guests today:

As a community in Christ, we are called to work together to create an inclusive worship experience that is **safe for everyone** – ourselves, our neighbors, and our loved ones.



As a gentle reminder, **please wear your masks at all times over your mouth and nose** when inside of the Church and its adjoining property. We ask that you gently remind your neighbors to do the same when necessary.

During **the Peace**, we invite you to connect with your neighbors by waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist or elbow bumps. Please be sure that your neighbor is comfortable with physical connections before offering that kind of peace.



Children are welcome to join us for worship services today! We do not mind little voices and noises that children naturally make, so don't worry if they are not sitting perfectly still and silent! That's not normal! We do ask that all family members sit together throughout the service.

Offering: We will not be passing a plate today, you can give to the church by dropping your envelope or money in the plate located near the table with the bulletins. You can also text **CHT DONATE to 73256**. or use the Realm app on your phone.



Communion will be given in the form of bread only. The priest will bring the bread to you in your seat. We ask that you please use the individual hand sanitizer before receiving and stand in your pew to indicate your desire to receive communion.

Thank you for joining us today and helping us with your cooperation. Together — we'll get through this.

The Service of Holy Communion, Rite II

Prelude Prelude and Fugue in D Major
(Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 1)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Entrance Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
Lobe den Herren

Hymnal 390

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Leader 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.

The Gloria

John French– Rittenhouse Mass

Glo-ry to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

10 Lord God, heaven-ly King, almighty God and Fa - ther, we worship

20 you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

29 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

38 God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

45 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

53 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

52 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

71 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

Leader Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Reader A reading from the Book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed;

and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence

Psalm 34:15-22

Thomas Norris



- 15 The eyes of the LORD are up/on the / righteous, *
and his ears are / open / to their / cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against / those who do / evil, *
to root out the re/membrance of / them from the / earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the / LORD / hears them *
and de/livers them from / all their / troubles.
- 18 The LORD is near to the /broken/hearted *
and will save / those whose / spirits are / crushed.
- 19 Many are the / troubles of the / righteous, *
but the LORD will de/liver him / out of them / all.
- 20 He will keep safe / all his / bones; *
not / one of / them shall be / broken.
- 21 Evil shall / slay the / wicked, *
and those who hate the / righteous / will be / punished.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the / life of his / servants, *
and / none will be / punished who / trust in him.

Reader A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

Eternal Ruler Song I

Hymnal 617

Unison or harmony



1 E - ter - nal Ru - ler of the cease - less round
2 We would be one in ha - tred of all wrong,
3 Oh, clothe us with thy heaven - ly ar - mor, Lord,

of cir - cling plan - ets sing - ing on their way,
one in the love of all things sweet and fair,
thy trust - y shield, thy word of love di - vine;

guide of the na - tions from the night pro - found
one with the joy that break - eth in - to song,
our in - spi - ra - tion be thy con - stant word,

in - to the glo - ry of the per - fect day;
one with the grief that trem - bleth in - to prayer;
we ask no vic - to - ries that are not thine;



rule in our hearts, that we may ev - er be
 one in the power that makes thy chil - dren free
 give or with - hold, let pain or plea - sure be;

guid - ed and strength - ened and up - held by thee.
 to fol - low truth, and thus to fol - low thee.
 e - nough to know that we are serv - ing thee.

The Gospel

John 6:56-69

Leader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this

offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Leader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend John Gardner

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

Reader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Reader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Reader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Daniel, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader: For the **special needs and concerns** of this congregation.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, especially: Beth, Devon, Jerry's Family, Jim, Michael, Kyle, the Vicker Family, David, Mark, Michael, the Smith Family, Rebecca's family, Mary's family, Grandma Moon, Roy, James, the Carambo Family, Vincent, the Ayrey Family, the Cohen Family, the Phillips Family, Grace, Scott, Jeff, Eddie, Alexandra, The Loffer Family, Edwina, The Spencer Family, Kara, Megan, and Leonard.

Prayers from the congregation may be added

Reader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Reader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
For our return to in-person worship
For those who are celebrating **Birthdays or Anniversaries**
this week.

Prayers from the congregation may be added

And for all our **thanksgivings:**

Prayers from the congregation may be added

Reader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Prayers from the congregation may be added

Reader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Reader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Confession & 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.

Leader 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

Leader The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People **And also with you.**

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Parish Notices

Morning Prayer led by parishioners continues each week day at 9:00 am on Facebook.

Join us for the return of Candlelight Compline on Facebook at 5:30 pm on August 25th.

Join us in each Sunday after church in Rittenhouse Square for BYO Coffee Hour.

If you wish to give a gift today, we encourage you to do so during the Offertory Anthem. You can do this by texting CHT DONATE to 73256 or Pressing Learn More on our Facebook Page or, if you are watching on our website, you can click the donate button on the top of the page.

Offertory Sentence

Leader “I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

Offertory Anthem

O Sacrum Convivium

Howard Helvey

O sacred banquet! in which Christ is received, the memory of his Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given.
Alleluia.

Offertory Hymn

*O Christ, the Word Incarnate,
Munich*

Hymnal 632

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,
 3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
 O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Leader It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

The Sanctus

John French– Rittenhouse Mass

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of pow-er and might.

8
Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the

13
highest. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

16
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader 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;**

Leader 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 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover

**John French
Rittenhouse Mass**

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

11 Christ our Pass-over is sac-rificed for us; there-fore, let us keep the

17 feast. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Leader 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.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion *(for those at home)*

All **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.** *(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

Distribution of Communion

Communion will be given in one kind only (bread). Those who wish to receive communion should sanitize their hands and stand in their pews. The priest will give communion to the choir and organist first, and then will bring it to the congregation in their pews. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing for yourself or your child, please let the priest know when they come to your pew.

Communion Hymn

*I am the bread of life;
I am the bread of life*

Hymnal 335



1 I am the bread of life; they who
2 (The) Bread that I will give is my
3 (Un-) less you eat of the
4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,
5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that



1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -
2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who
3 Flesh of the Son of Man and
4 I am the life. They who be -
5 you are the Christ, the



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
2 eat of this bread, they shall live for
3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
4 lieve in me, e - ven if they
5 Son of God who has



1 me unless the Fa - ther draw them.
2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.
3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
4 die, they shall live for ev - er.
5 come in - to the world.

Descant

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. _____ 5 Yes, day.

last day. _____ 2 The
3 Un- day.
4 —
5 Yes,
()

Final Ending

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

Post Communion Prayer

Leader 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

Leader The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn

*Praise the Lord,
Alles ist an Gottes Segen*

Hymnal 334

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -
by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

The Dismissal

Leader Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Paul Manz

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