

The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

LENT



Reflection - Preparation - Renewal

WIDE OPEN DOORS
WIDE OPEN HEARTS

March 27, 2022

What's Happening This Week:

Morning Prayer is held every weekday at 9:00 am on Facebook.

Sunday, March 27	11:00 am 4 th Sunday of Lent Service Lenten book discussion following Children 5+ are welcome in the youth area 4:30 pm Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing
Tuesday, March 29	10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:30-1:30 pm Church Open for Prayer 4:30 pm Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing
Wed., March 30	12:00-1:30 pm Church Open for Prayer 12:15-1:00 pm Music Moments 12:30-1:30 pm Hope in Hard Times DioPA 6:00 pm Contemplative Compline * Rectors will be out of town on this day
Thursday, March 31	12:00-1:30 pm Church Open for Prayer 8:00 pm Building Design Team Meeting
Friday, April 1	Rectors' Day off
Sunday, April 3	11:00 am 5 th Sunday of Lent Service Lenten book discussion following Children 5+ are welcome in the youth area 4:30 pm Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing

SAVE THE DATE: Jack and JoAnne Downes Memorial service – April 9th

Annual Parish Meeting - Sunday, May 1st after service,
both in-person and online.

***CONSIDER DONATING TO THE OPEN HEARTS CAFE**

The Open Hearts Café is a twice-weekly ministry, right here at the church, which provides hot food and warm clothing to our neighbors in need. Currently, our clothing closet is struggling. Scan the QR code to the right or click [here](#) to visit our Amazon Wishlist.



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.



Face Masks are **welcomed, encouraged** and **optional** for worship today. If you need a mask we have them in all shapes and sizes – please ask! We ask that you continue to give space to those around you, and to be respectful of the choices others make.

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 shaking hands.



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.

Please **turn off or silence your Cell Phone** during the service Thank you!

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 today. If you wish to receive communion, we invite you to go to one of two stations at the front of the church. There will be a sanitizing station nearby for you to use before receiving. We will bring communion to those who are not able to come to a standing station. We give the chalice to one person (or family unit) each week – sign up here, if you'd like to receive the chalice: [click here, or check on our website.](#)

Thank you for joining us today. Together — we'll get through this.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

11:00 AM

Prelude

Adagio in E

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn 393 Praise our great and gracious Lord

Maoz Zur



1 Praise our great and gra - cious Lord, call up - on his ho - ly Name;
2 God has given the cloud by day, given the mov - ing fire by night;



raisi - ng hymns in glad ac - cord, all his might - y acts pro-claim:
guides his Is - rael on their way from the dark - ness in - to light.



how he leads his cho - sen un - to Ca - naan's prom - ised land,
God it is who grants us sure re - treat and re - fuge nigh;



how the word we have heard firm and change - less still shall stand.
light of dawn leads us on: 'tis the Day - spring from on high.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

The Collect for Purity

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.

People Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12

Peter Ryker

Reader A reading from the Book of Joshua.

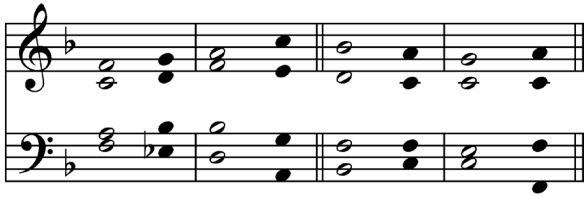
The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32 *Beati quorum*



All sing:

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for- | *given*, *
and whose sin is put a- | *way*!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no | *guilt*, *
and in whose spirit there is no | *guile*!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered a- | *way*, *
because of my groaning all day | *long*.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and | *night*; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of | *summer*.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to | *you*, *
and did not conceal my | *guilt*.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the | *LORD*." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my | *sin*.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of | *trouble*; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not | *reach them*.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from | *trouble*; *
you surround me with shouts of de- | *liverance*.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should | *go*; *
I will guide you with my | *eye*.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under- | *standing*; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay | *near you*."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the | *wicked*; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the | *LORD*.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the | *LORD*; *
shout for joy, all who are true of | *heart*.

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

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able

Sequence Hymn 604 When Christ was lifted from the earth

San Rocco

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his arms stretched out a -
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and al - ways, near or
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di - vide us to our
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may I in Christ be

bove through ev - ery cul - ture, ev - ery birth, to
 far, he calls and claims us as his friends and
 shame, he sees not la - bels but a face, a
 free to wel - come and ac - cept his own as

Optional interlude between stanzas Final Ending

draw an an - swering love. (love.)
 loves us as we are. (are.)
 per - son, and a name. (name.)
 Christ ac - cept - ed (me.) me.

The Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe-the best one-and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.

But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend John Gardner

Following a period of silence, the people stand.

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, Lent

Gail Caruso

Leader Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers. We pray for the whole church, for the Anglican Communion, for the Episcopal Church, and the Diocese of Pennsylvania, for

all the leaders and ministers who serve this church and every church, and all the holy people of God. Wash us through and through,
People **And cleanse us from our sin.**

Leader We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, for our leaders and all who govern and judge. Purge us from our sin,
People **And we shall be pure.**

Leader We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror or gun violence, especially those in our city and in Ukraine and the European Union, and those without a place to lay their head. Make them hear of joy and gladness,
People **that those who are broken may rejoice.**

Leader We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, those who are lonely, and especially for those on our prayer list: Scott, Jeff, Eddie, Alexandra, The Spencer Family, Kara, Megan, Leonard, The Deissler & Bucy Family, Barbara, Peyton, Peter R, The Scott Family, Abby, Andy, Andrew, Sue, Tommy, Lynn, The Welsford Family, Mike, Parke, Peter, David, Bill, Tricia, Robert, Michael, Charles, Judy, Ava, Lisa, Douglas, Bobby Alex, Noel, and Niel. Give them the joy of your saving help,
People **and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.**

Leader In this season of Lent we pray for those who prepare for baptism, especially Margot, Bobby, Nik, Kinsley and Scarlett. We pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God. Create in us clean hearts, O God,
People **and renew a right spirit within us.**

Leader We pray for those who have died, and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace. Cast them not away from your presence,
People **and take not your Holy Spirit from them.**

Celebrant Lord Jesus, you have given us a vision of your kingdom that invites us to be reconciled and reconnected to God; grant us the strength and wisdom to be a people consumed with prayer and zeal for you, letting go of the things that get in our way and holding fast to the things that give us life this day and always.
Amen.

Confession of Sin

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

A brief period of silence is kept.

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.

Absolution

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

You are invited 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 any physical connections before offering that kind of peace. Following the Peace, the people are seated.

Parish Notices

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Let us do what is good and spread love to those we meet. Let us bring forth the fruit of our labor, sharing what we have with our neighbors and with God, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love,
 who from yon bright throne above,
 ever watchful o'er our race,
 still to us extends his grace.

God, the merciful and good,
 bought us with the Savior's blood,
 and, to make our safety sure,
 guides us by his Spirit pure.

Heaven and earth by him were made;
 all is by his scepter swayed;
 what are we that he should show
 so much love to us below?

Sing, my soul, adore his Name!
 Let his glory be thy theme:
 praise him till he calls thee home;
 truth his love for all to come.

Please stand as able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' labels above the staves to indicate the parts.

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

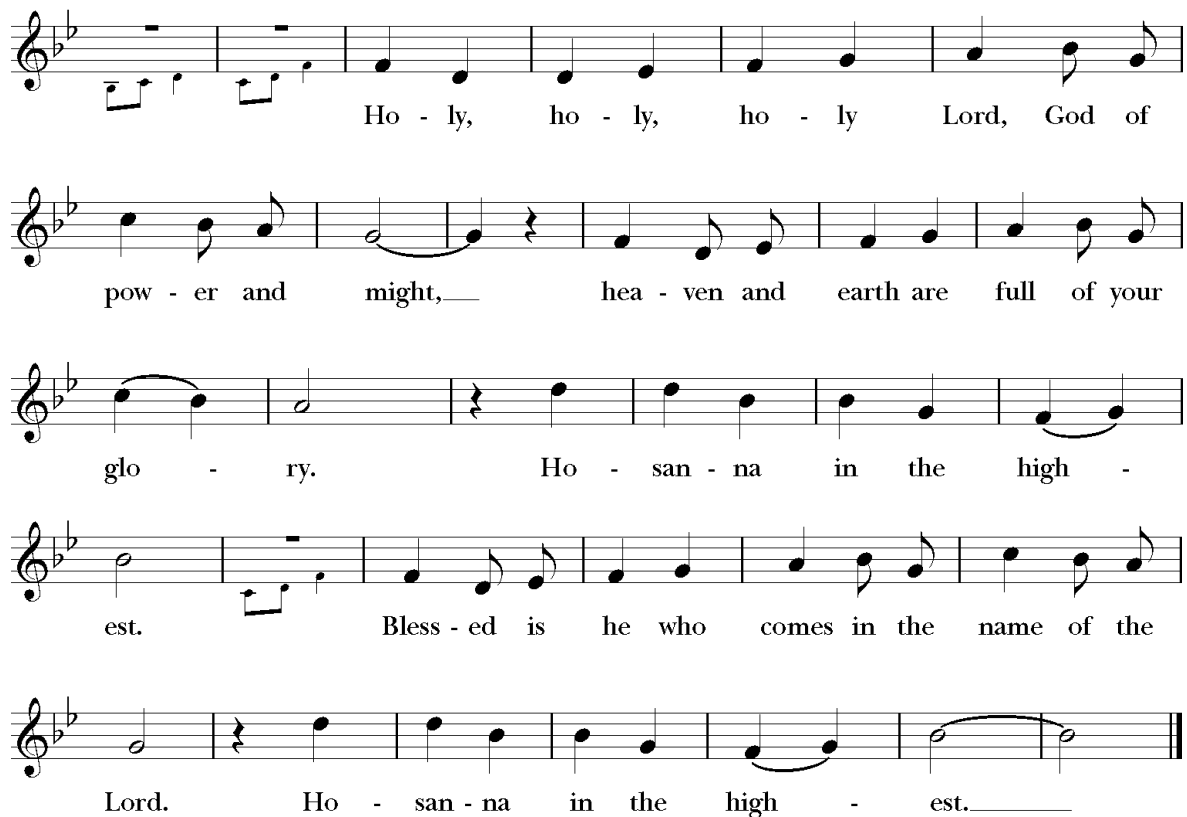
Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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: S-127



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 Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

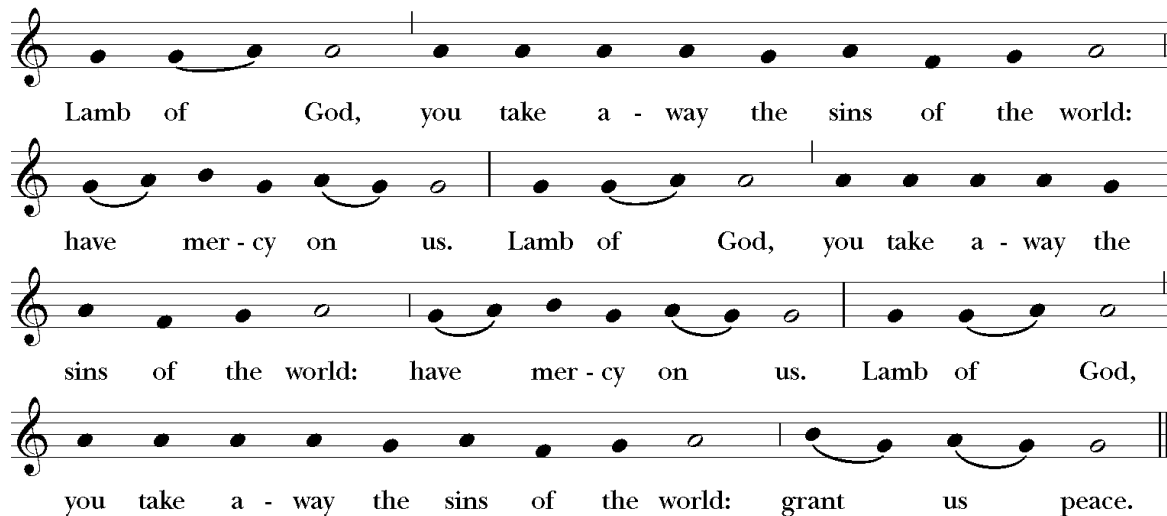
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All **Our Father, who are in heaven,**
 hallowed by 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Silence is observed

Agnus Dei: S-160



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.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

The following prayer may be prayed silently by those not receiving communion or those who are at home.

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

Distribution of Communion

Communion will be given in one kind only (bread) today. If you wish to receive communion, you are invited to come to one of the stations at the front of the church. We will bring communion to those unable to come to a standing station. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know. Each week one person (or family unit) will receive the wine on behalf of the whole congregation – if you wish to receive, please see the link at the beginning of the bulletin.

Communion Motet

Thou Knowest, Lord

Henry Purcell

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
Suffer us not at our last hour,
For any pains of death to fall away from Thee.

Please stand.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Blessing

Celebrant God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn 527 Singing songs of expectation

Tony-Botel

1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his
3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as
goes the pil - grim band, through the night of
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the
from the heart of one; one the con - flict,
doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.
gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:
Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and
one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the
one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the



Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

*As a sign of fasting during the season of Lent,
 there will be no Postludes until the Great Vigil of Easter.*

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Please join us after services today for coffee and treats in the Narthex (entry of the church) and for our **Lenten Book Study** on *Light Theology and Heavy Cream* by Robert Farrar Capon. Children ages 5+ are welcome to join us for supervised play in the youth area on the 2nd floor of the Parish House.

Please visit our website: www.htrit.org for more information about services and activities at The Church of the Holy Trinity.

Join our E-List: Sign up at www.htrit.org, or speak to Rev. John or Rachel before/after service if you'd prefer a printed copy of the newsletter.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Giving: There are several ways to still give at CHT. You can text, CHT DONATE to 73256 or scan the QR code. Standard text message rates apply. You can also sign up to give weekly with REALM (www.htrit.org/give).



Easter Flowers: We will publish a record of donations made to our flower fund in thanksgiving or in memorial. Please look for the envelopes in the back of the church or ask an usher. You can also give through [REALM](#) or text FLOWERS to 73256. Please write the reason for gifts of thanksgiving or those names you wish to be remembered.

PARTICIPANTS

Gail Caruso, *Reader: Prayers*

Peter Ryker, *Reader: First Lesson*

Emily Casey, *Reader: The Epistle*

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Nancy Rasmussen & Peter Ryker, *Ushers*

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