Che Church of the Holy Trinity Rittenhouse Square

Second Sunday in Lent

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Reflection - Preparation - Renewal

WIDE OPEN DOORS WIDE OPEN HEARTS

March 5, 2023

What's Happening This Week:

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

Winter Shelter for our unhoused guests, run by Project Bethesda, takes place every day in our Centennial Room.

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, March 5	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 12:30 4:30 pm	Family Service- Lent Holy Eucharist – <i>The</i> ^{2nd} Sunday in Lent Refreshments Formation/Education Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Narthex Parish House Walnut St.
Monday, March 6	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm	Church Open for Prayer Warden/Clergy Meeting	Online
Tuesday, March 7	10:00-3:00 4:30 pm	Church Open for Prayer Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Wednesday, March 8	10:00-2:00 11:00 am 12:15 pm	Church Open for Prayer Senior Staff Meeting Lenten Organ Meditation	Parish House Church
Thursday, March 9	10:00-2:00	Church Open for Prayer	
Friday, March 10	10:00-2:00	Church Open for Prayer	Church
Sunday, March 12	11:00 am 12:00 12:30 12:30 4:30 pm	Holy Eucharist – <i>The 3rd Sunday in Lent</i> Refreshments Chorister Rehearsal Formation/Education Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Narthex Choir Room Parish House Walnut St.

Welcome! We are so glad you are with us today!

A few reminders and information for your time with us today

Masks: Masks are welcomed, encouraged and optional at this time. If you need a mask, please let us know and we will be happy to get one for you.

Children are always welcome in our worship service and we love to hear their joyful sounds and see their wiggly ways! We have books for all ages and activity bags (you can even decorate your own) in the back near the service bulletins for those who wish to stay with their families during the service. Parents, if you want a little quiet time to yourself, your children can join Madison and Laura, our wonderful Child Care Team, in the Parish House for activities. They will meet you in the Narthex and show you where to go. All children will return to the church for communion during the Peace.

During **The Peace**, we invite you to connect with your neighbors by waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist/elbow bumps. Please be sure your neighbor is comfortable with physical contact before shaking hands.

Offering: You can give a financial gift to the church in three ways: by placing it in the plate that we pass in church today, by texting **CHT DONATE to 73256** or using the QR code to the right. You can also sign up to give weekly with REALM (www.htrit.org/give).



Communion Those who are baptized in any tradition are welcome to join us for communion. If you prefer a blessing, please let one of the clergy know. We will share the bread and wine at the altar rail at the front of the church. Gluten free wafers are available. If you are unable to come to the front, or prefer to stay in your pew and keep social distance, we will bring communion to you.

More Information? Join us at the Welcome table in the back of the church or visit our website <u>www.htrit.org</u> for more information about services and activities at The Church of the Holy Trinity and to sign up for the weekly E-News. If you prefer a printed version, please fill out a slip in the Narthex.

We ask that you turn off or silence your Cell Phone during the service. Thank you!

Welcome & Parish Notices

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Please stand as able Entrance Hymn 636

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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation.*People* Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

The Collect for Purity

Presider 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.

The Kyrie	Collegium Regale	Herbert Howells	
	Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.		

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be

Margaret Dowling

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a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

- *Reader* The Word of the Lord.
- People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 Beati quorum

The People sing the **bold** verses, taking a brief pause at the asterisk.



- ³ He will not let your / foot be moved*
 and he who watches over you will / not fall asleep.
- ⁴ Behold, he who keeps watch over / Israel* shall neither slum/ber nor sleep;
- ⁵ The LORD himself watches / over you;* the LORD is your shade at / your right hand.
- ⁶ So that the sun shall not strike you by / day,* nor / the moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD shall preserve you from all / evil;*
 it is he who shall / keep you safe.
- ⁸ The LORD shall watch over your going out and your / coming in,* from this time forth / for evermore.

The Epistle: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Andy Gutknecht

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

- Reader The Word of the Lord.
- People Thanks be to God.



Please stand as able Sequence Hymn 634



The Gospel: John 3:1-17

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Reverend John Gardner

Sermon

Following a period of silence, the people stand.

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.

Prayers of the People, Lent

Greg Maughan

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 the all 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 have been affected by natural disasters, those who live under the threat of terror or gun violence, especially those in our city 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: The Lewis & Hicks families, Jose, Yueh-Ha, Phillip, Cornelius, Paolo, Molly, Paula, Sandy, Sery, Allen, Divine, Vincent, Jan, Danielle, B.J, Dustin, Joan, Sarah, Claudette, Carolyn, Michael, David, Brian, M. Coty, and Bill. 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 Jon. 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.
Presider	Lord Jesus, you were tempted in the wilderness and yet did not succumb. You were tried, yet did not give in. Be with us, who live with trials and temptation every day, and give us your strength, courage and conviction, to abide in your love and share in the grace you have freely given. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Presider 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

Presider 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**

Peace

PresiderThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd 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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Presider 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.

Your financial gifts help the church to continue to serve the community, lift up the faithful, and keep this beautiful building safe. We invite you to give a gift/pledge to the church during the Offertory. If you prefer to give electronically you can text CHT DONATE to 7325 or use the QR Code on page 3.

AnthemSo God Loved the WorldOrlando GibbonsSo God loved the world that He forsook
The glorious heavens, men to dwell among;
Yca dcath and hell, and grave He captive took,
They could not hold His person fmm us long.
And being ascended to be glorified,
Rememb'ring till His mercy down did send
The Holy Ghost we might be sanctified.
Thus whom He Iover, He loves unto the end.
0 Lord, this Holy Spirit take frnm us never.
But purge, enlighten, sanctify us ever. Amen.

Please stand as able. Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 1



Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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-114



The people remain standing or kneel.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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 Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior 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.

Breaking of the Bread

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

Agnus Dei: S-158





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.

The People are seated.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those not taking communion or joining online today

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 *by* St. *Alphonsus de Liguori* (1696-1787),

Distribution of Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers and come to the station at the front of the church. We will bring communion to those unable to come to a standing station or those who are more comfortable staying in their pew. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know. Our healing team will be available in the prayer chapel to pray for you or someone you love during communion.

Communion Hymn 691



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Blessing & Godspeed to Carl Ellinwood, choir member

Presider The Scriptures are filled with stories of people who have been called to move to new places: Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Joseph, Paul and Barnabas, Priscilla and Aquilla. Filled with uncertainty about what lay ahead, these people of God could not have found their moves easy. Yet they were also filled with excitement, trusting that God was calling them and guiding them to a new place. And now Carl, a beloved member of our choir is preparing to leave to go to a new place.

Carl, as part of this body of Christ, you have given of yourself in more ways than just singing. You have been a constant presence, even when everything else was changing. Thank you for all the ways you have given back to this community. You will be missed.

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect for Church Musicians:

Dir of Music O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servant, Carl, who seeks through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to him even now glimpses of your beauty, and make him worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Blessing

The choir is joins in laying on their hands as the blessing is said.

Presider Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the wide and wonderful world in which we live. We praise you for your constant care for those who have trusted you in ages past, who journeyed in faith to new lands of promise. We trust that now you will hold Carl, securely in your hands as he, too, goes to a new place.

May he take with him a heart filled with your love and grace. Bless him that he may be a blessing. Help him to continue to grow in grace, in Spirit, and in truth. **Amen.**

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.
- People Amen.

Dismissal Hymn see next page

Dismissal

PresiderLet us go forth in the name of Christ.PeopleThanks 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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Marshall McMain, Acolyte Team Greg Maughan, Intercessor Margaret Dowling & Andy Gutknecht, Lectors Jeannie Welsh, Virtual Greeter



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.

Interested in knowing more or getting more involved?

Stop by the Welcome Table in the back of the church and let us know what you're interested in – we want to use YOUR gifts and the skills you want to share. For specifics see below!

if you have a flair for the dramatic, **read in church** – Jeannie jeanniewelsh7@gmail.com if you love to iron or polish silver, **join the altar guild**! Don <u>-mckenzie2101@aol.com</u> if you love baking **-bring a treat** after church – Nancy <u>nrasmussen2740@gmail.com</u> if you love being the center of attention, **acolyte** – Donald <u>dmeineke@htrit.org</u> if you love talking to people, help **greet and usher** – Nancy <u>nrasmussen2740@gmail.com</u> if you love all things techy – **help with the livestream/sound** – Daniel <u>dcooper@htrit.org</u> if you love throwing parties – join Congregational Life - Nancy <u>nrasmussen2740@gmail.com</u> if you love to knit/hang out – join the Knitting Circle –Martha <u>martha.lipscomb1723@gmail.com</u> if you love this church and want to help lead – join vestry – Greg <u>greg.maughan@gmail.com</u>

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