

The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

Holy Saturday

9:00 AM



April 8, 2023

What's Happening This Week:

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday, April 8	8:00 pm	The Great Vigil of Easter	Church
Sunday, April 9	11:00 am	Festival Eucharist w/Holy Baptism	Church
	12:30 pm	Easter Egg hunt	Rittenhouse Square
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Mon., April 10 – Tues. April 11		Church Closed	

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Parish Meeting - Sunday, April 30th after service,
Parish House (online and in person)

Welcome! We are so glad you are 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.

Offering: Your financial gifts help the church to continue to serve the community, lift up the faithful, and keep this beautiful building safe. 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).



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ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The Saturday after Good Friday, which recalls the day when the crucified Christ visited among the dead while his body lay in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. In the Episcopal Church there is no eucharist on Holy Saturday.

The BCP provides a simple liturgy of the word with collect and readings for the Holy Saturday service. The funeral anthem "In the midst of life" (BCP, pp. 484 or 492) is used instead of the prayers of the people (BCP, p. 283). In the ancient church, those preparing for baptism and perhaps others continued the fast they began on Good Friday. Holy Saturday ends at sunset. Fasting and other preparations end at sunset or with the Easter Vigil, which begins the celebration of Easter.

THE TRIDUUM: HOLY SATURDAY

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON: Job 14:1-14

Margaret Dowling

Reader A reading from the Book of Job.

Job said, "A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble, comes up like a flower and withers, flees like a shadow and does not last. Do you fix your eyes on such a one? Do you bring me into judgment with you? Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? No one can. Since their days are determined, and the number of their months is known to you, and you have

appointed the bounds that they cannot pass, look away from them, and desist, that they may enjoy, like laborers, their days.

"For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease. Though its root grows old in the earth, and its stump dies in the ground, yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth branches like a young plant. But mortals die, and are laid low; humans expire, and where are they? As waters fail from a lake, and a river wastes away and dries up, so mortals lie down and do not rise again; until the heavens are no more, they will not awake or be roused out of their sleep. Oh that you would hide me in Sheol, that you would conceal me until your wrath is past, that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me! If mortals die, will they live again? All the days of my service I would wait until my release should come."

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 31: 1-4; 15-16

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Reader: *A reading from the First Letter of Peter.*

Since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God. You have already spent enough time in doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry. They are surprised that you no longer join them in the same excesses of dissipation, and so they blaspheme. But they will have to give an accounting to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does.

The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 27:57-66

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Officiant When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.'

Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

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

A Reading from *An ancient homily for Holy Saturday*

ANTHEM

Officiant In the midst of life we are in death; from whom can we seek help? From you alone, O Lord, who by our sins are justly angered.

People **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

Officiant Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts; shut not your ears to our prayers, but spare us, O Lord.

People **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

Officiant O worthy and eternal Judge, do not let the pains of death turn us away from you at our last hour.

People **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

THE LORDS PRAYER

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 GRACE

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

All **Amen.**

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