

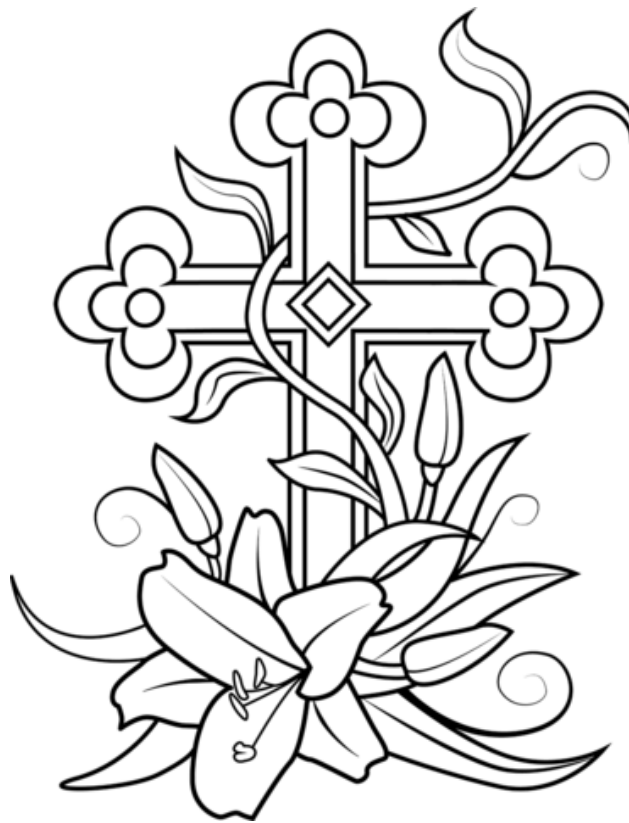
The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

The Sixth Sunday *of* Easter

11:00 am

Morning Prayer, Rite II



May 14, 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, May 14	11:00 am	Morning Prayer- <i>The 6th Sunday of Easter</i>	Church
	12:00	Refreshments	Narthex
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Monday, May 15	10:00-3:00	Church Open for Prayer	
Tuesday, May 16	10:00-3:00	Church Open for Prayer	
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Wednesday, May 17	10:00-3:00	Church Open for Prayer	
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Parish House
	6:00 pm	Evensong on the Eve of Ascension	Church
Thursday, May 18	10:00-3:00	Church Open for Prayer	
	12:15 pm	Healing Eucharist	Prayer Corner
Friday, May 19	10:00-3:00	Church Open for Prayer	Church
Sunday, May 21	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist - <i>The 7th Sunday of Easter</i>	Church
	12:00	Refreshments	Narthex
	12:30	Chorister Rehearsal	Choir Room
	12:30	Vestry Orientation/On-Boarding	Parish House
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.

Note: *Our Rectors, John and Rachel Gardner are away today for vacation. Our Deacon in Training, Beth Hollingshead will be leading the service and preaching.*

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.

Restrooms are located at the front of the church. Walk down the left aisle toward the door with the EXIT sign. Go through the door, and turn left. Men's room is straight ahead, women's to the right. If you prefer a gender neutral bathroom, please ask our ushers to show you where this is.

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.

Today's service is not a communion service, as our clergy are away.

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).



More Information? Join us at the **Welcome table in the back of the church** or visit our website www.htrit.org 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. Information about how to get more involved is in the back of the bulletin!

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

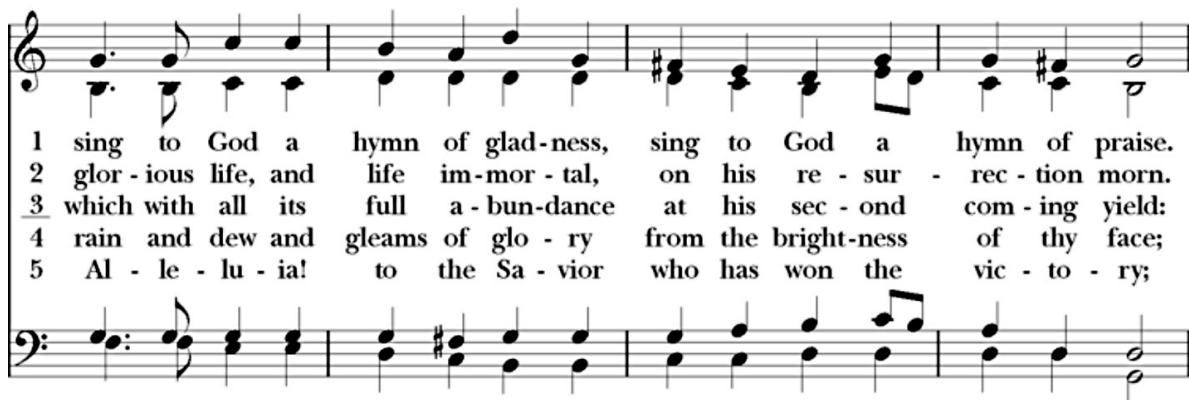
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Opening Hymn 191

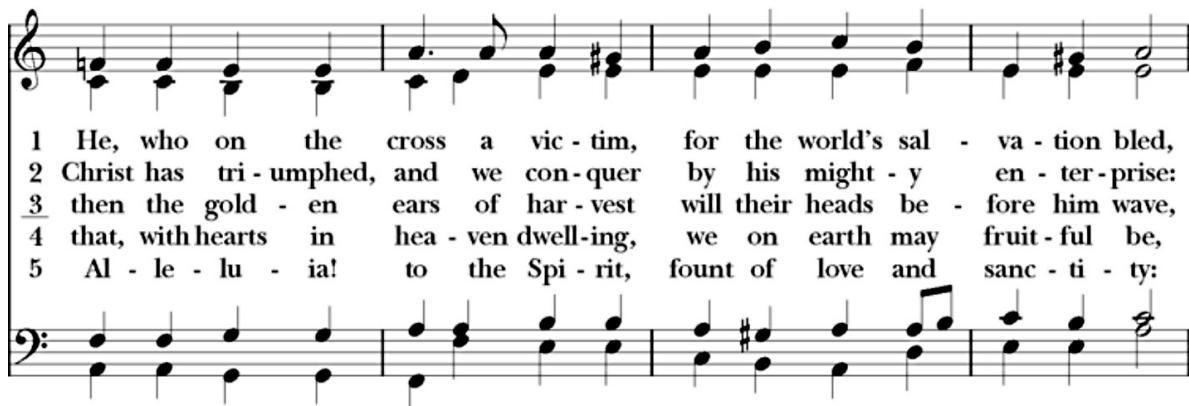
Lux eoi



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:
 2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
 3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,
 4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;



1 sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
 2 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.
 3 which with all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:
 4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright-ness of thy face;
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;



1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
 2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:
 3 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,
 4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty:



The Opening Sentence

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Officiant On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

Confession of Sin

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

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.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Cantor Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

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

Cantor: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto
him and speak good of his Name.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to
generation. Glory be to the Father...

Following the canticle, the People are seated as the choir sings the appointed Psalm for the Day.

Psalm 66 *Jubilate Deo*

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The People then stand for the Doxology:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

Gail Caruso

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader The Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.



1. God's Pas-chal Lamb is sac-ri-ficed for us; There-fore with
 2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a-gain; death has no
 3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead: though Ad-am's

joy we keep the Eas-ter feast; for-sak-ing sin, we
 more do-min-ion o-ver him; Through him we die to
 sin had doomed all flesh to die, in Christ's new life shall

share the bread of truth. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!
 sin and live to God. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!
 all be made a-live. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Margaret Dowling

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you~ not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Canticle 7 *Te Deum laudamus*

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud,
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
the Father, of an infinite majesty, thine adorable, true, and only Son,
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.

Please stand as able.

The Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

Beth Hollingshead

Approved for Ordination to the Diaconate

Following a period of silence, please stand as able.

The Apostles' Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's 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.

Suffrages A

Frank LaMay

Reader Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People. **And grant us your salvation.**

Reader Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People. **Let your people sing with joy.**

Reader Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Reader Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Reader Let your way be known upon earth;

People. **Your saving health among all nations.**

Reader Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Reader Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Officiant Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Sentence

Officiant “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. 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*

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me,
keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you forever,
e'en the spirit of truth.

Following the anthem, please kneel or sit for the prayers.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

Officiant We pray for the people of God throughout the world. We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the The Church of the Province of West Africa.

Officiant We pray for the Episcopal Church, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop. For our Diocese. For Daniel, our Bishop, his canons, the members of Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and the Diocesan Board of Trustees.
In the Diocesan Cycle of prayer, we pray for the Servant Year Program. In our companion diocese of Guatemala, we pray for Iglesia Episcopal San Felipe in San Felipe de Lara and their clergy, The Rev. Jose Ines Garcia.

Officiant We pray for our parish, for our clergy, the staff, the vestry, for all who minister and worship here.

A Prayer for Mission

Officiant O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Intercessions

Officiant We pray for those who are suffering, sick, or in need, especially all who are on our prayer list; The Ritter & Zampini Family, Yueh-Ha Shelly, Maggie, Fatimah, Marvin, Lee, Alex & Sara, Claire, Edward, John, Joe, Robin, Osiris, Adonius, Iddin, Tracey, Jay, Charlotte, and Howie & Ali. You are invited to offer your own prayers silently or aloud at this time.

All present may share their prayer requests.

Officiant Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's Name: We beseech you mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to your will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
All we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Please stand as able.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Closing Sentence

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can
ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and
in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

All **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn continues on the following page.

1 We sing of God, the might - y source of all things;
 *2 Tell them I AM, the Lord God said, to Mo - ses
 3 Glo - rious the sun in mid ca - reer; glo - rious the as -
 4 Glo - rious, most glo - rious, is the crown of him that

the stu - pen - dous force on which all strength de - pends;
 while on earth in dread and smit - ten to the heart,
 sem - bled fires ap - pear; glo - rious the co - met's train:
 brought sal - va - tion down by meek - ness, Ma - ry's son;

from whose right arm, be - neath whose eyes, all pe - riod,
 at once, a - bove, be - neath, a - round, all na - ture
 glo - rious the trum - pet and a - larm; glo - rious the al -
 seers that stu - pen - dous truth be - lieved, and now the

power, and en - ter - prise com - men - ces, reigns, and ends.
 with - out voice or sound re - plied, O Lord, thou art.
 might - y stretched - out arm; glo - rious the en - rap - tured main:
 match - less deed's a - chieved, de - ter - mined, dared, and done.

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