# he Church of the Holy Trinity Rittenhouse Square

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist 11:00 AM



May 7, 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 7	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 12:30	Family Service - Parables Holy Eucharist – The 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Refreshments Chorister Rehearsal	Church Church Choir Room
	12:30 4:30 pm	Formation/Education Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Parish House Walnut St.
Monday, May 8	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm 2:00-9:00	Church Open for Prayer Clergy/Warden Meeting PCMS Rehearsal	Online Church
Tuesday, May 9	10:00-3:00 2:00-9:00 4:30 pm	Church Open for Prayer PCMS Rehearsal Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Walnut St.
Wednesday, May 10	10:00-3:00 1:00-5:00 7:00 pm	Church Open for Prayer PCMS Rehearsal PCMS Concert	Church Church
Thursday, May 11	10:00-3:00 No Healing	Church Open for Prayer Eucharist this week – clergy are away	
Friday, May 12	10:00-3:00 7:30 pm	Church Open for Prayer AVA Graduation Recital	Church Church
Sunday, May 14	11:00 am 12:00 pm 4:30 pm	Morning Prayer - The 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Refreshments Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Narthex 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.

**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. If your children prefer to have some play time, they are always welcome to join two of our wonderful child care workers in the Parish House. One of them will be available in the Narthex when you come in to greet you.

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: All who are baptized in any Christian tradition are welcome to join us for communion (all ages are welcome). 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 <a href="www.htrit.org">www.htrit.org</a> for more information and to sign up for the weekly E-News.

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

### Welcome & Parish Notices

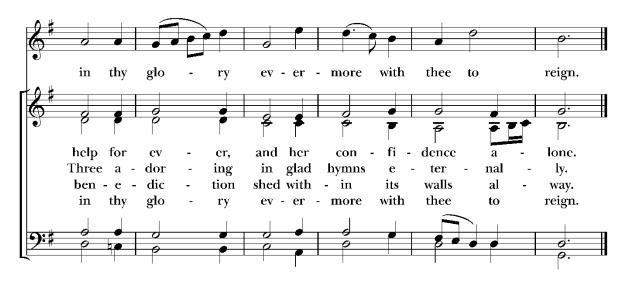
### THE ENTRANCE RITE

### Entrance Hymn 518

Westminster Abbey

Joseph Jongen





### The Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

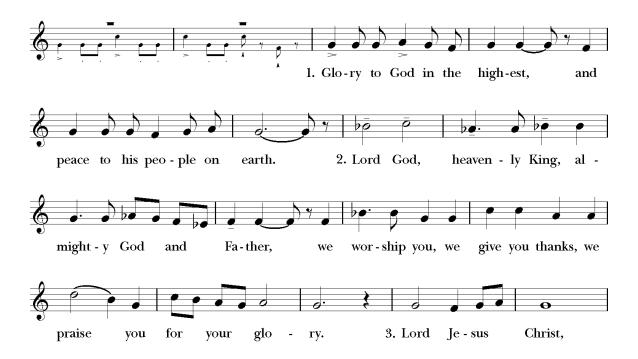
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### 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. **Amen.** 

### Gloria





### The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen** 

### THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Margaret Dowling

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 In te, Domine, speravi

- In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \* deliver me in your righteousness.
- Incline your ear to me; \* make haste to deliver me.
- 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.
- Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \* for you are my tower of strength.
- Into your hands I commend my spirit, \* for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
- My times are in your hand; \* rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- Make your face to shine upon your servant, \* and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Peter Ryker

Reader A reading from First Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and

"A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.



The Gospel: John 14:1-14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Rachel Wenner 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.

### Prayers of the People, Easter Season

Ben Leiby

Leader Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Let us lift our voices and pray,

People Risen Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Leader Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he showers upon us: For our lives and for those whom we love, For the beauty of this home God has created for us, For our families and our friendships, Let us give thanks to the God of Life.

People Risen Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Leader Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God: For our clergy and our bishop, for the many lay people who serve the church, and serve the world through the church. For those gather here in worship and prayer.

People Risen Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Leader Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

People Risen Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Leader

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle, especially those on our prayer list: The Hicks Family, Bill, Bob, Ellie, Shelly, Maggie, Fatimah, Marvin, Lee, Alex & Sara, Claire, Edward, John, Joe, Robin, Osiris, Adonius, Iddin, and Tracey. That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal and draw them deeper into communion with our redeeming God.

People Risen Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation. As you once freed your people

from Egypt and led them to the promised land, so now you have delivered us from darkness and brought us into light of your kingdom. May we, the first fruits of your new creation, rejoice in this new day you have made, and praise

you for your mighty acts. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

### Confession of Sin

Presider 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.

### 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

### The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All greet one another with the sign of Christ's peace. Please make sure 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

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. *Isa.* 65:17-18

Anthem

Peace I Leave with You

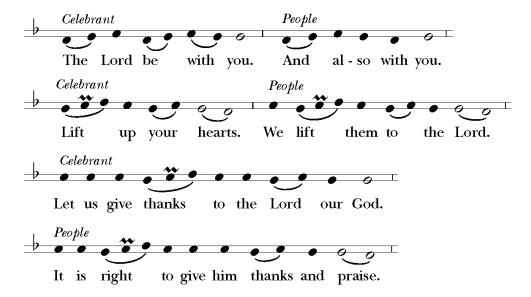
Walter L. Pelz

Peace I leave you, my peace I give unto you:
Not as the world giveth give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled;
Neither let it be afraid.

Please stand as able.

### The Great Thanksgiving

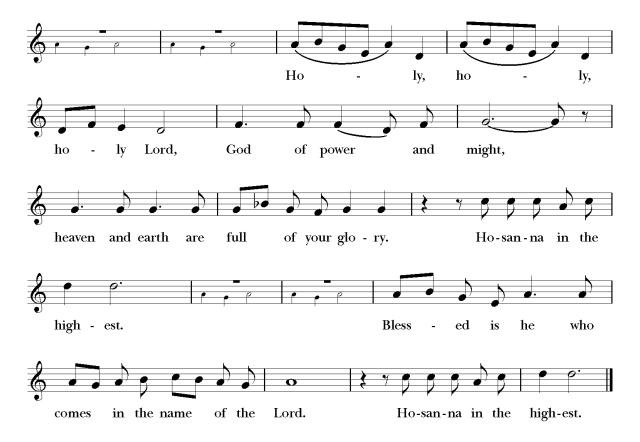
Eucharistic Prayer A



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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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



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

### The Lord's Prayer

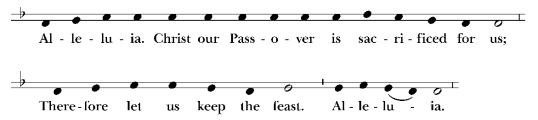
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All

Our Father, who art 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

### Fraction Anthem



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.

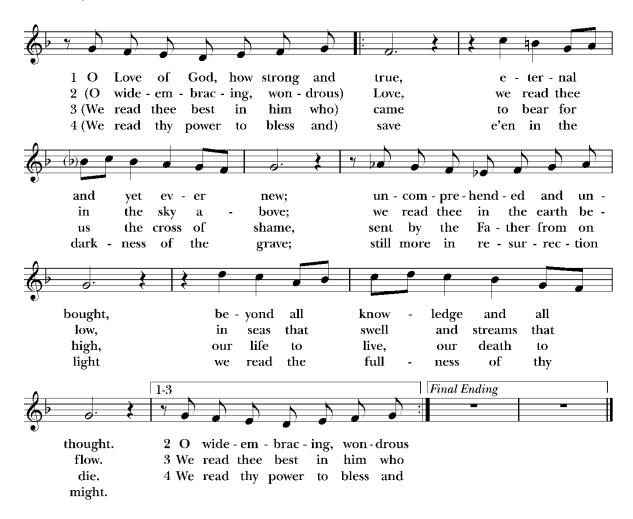
My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely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

### Distribution of Communion & Healing Prayer

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers and come to the altar rail at the front of the church. We will bring communion to you, if you are unable to come to a standing station or more comfortable staying in your 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 456

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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.

### The Blessing

Celebrant The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in

the knowledge and love of Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

The Dismissal Hymn see next page

### The Dismissal

Presider Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Marcia Eroica Charles V. Stanford

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### Interested in knowing more or getting 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!

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if you love this church and want to tell others about it - <a href="mailto:join us at the Welcome Table!!">join us at the Welcome Table!!</a>

### CHORAL EVENSONG

for the Eve of Ascension Day

## Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM

With music by Margaret Burk, Herbert Murrill, & Gerald Finzi



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