The Church of the Holy Trinity Rittenhouse Square

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II



July 23, 2023

What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, July 23	11:00 am 12:00 12:30 4:30 pm	Holy Eucharist - The 8 th Sun after Pentecost Refreshments - Reception for Rev. Beth H. Workshop - Being a Welcoming Church Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Parish House Parish House Walnut St.
Monday, July 24 Thomas a Kempis, <i>Priest</i> , 1471	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, July 25 Saint James the Apostle	10:00-3:00 4:30 pm	Church Open Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Wednesday, July 26 The Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10:00-3:00 6:30 pm	Church Open July Vestry Meeting	Online
Thursday, July 27 William Reed Huntington, <i>Priest</i> , 1909	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Friday, July 28	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Saturday, July 29 Mary and Martha of Bethany			
Sunday, July 30 William Wilberforce, 1833	11:00 am 12:00 4:30 pm	Morning Prayer - The 9th Sun after Pentecost 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.

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 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.

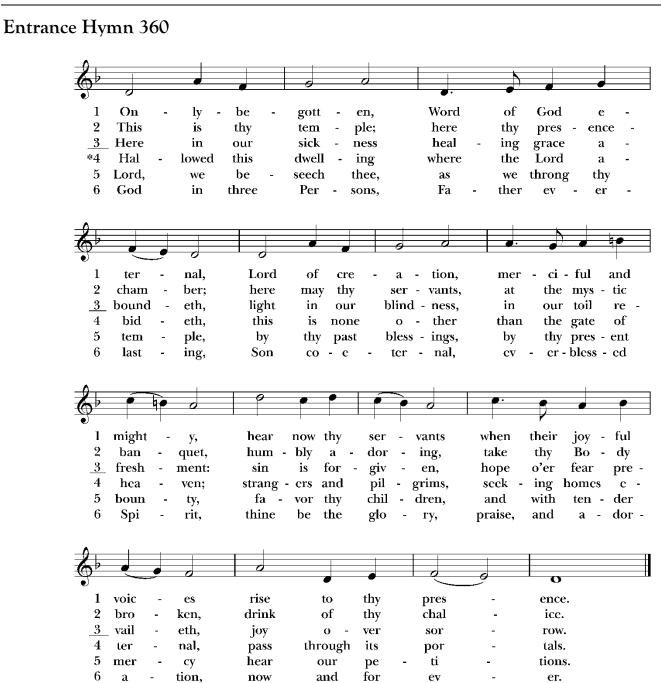
More Information? Join us at the Welcome table in the back of the church or visit our website www.htrit.org for more information about services and activities at The Church of the Holy Trinity and to sign up for the weekly E-News.

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

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Welcome & Parish Notices

THE ENTRANCE RITE



Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. Amen

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 S-280





Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Please be seated for the readings.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Isaiah 44:6-8 Shreve Simpson

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86 Inclina, Domine

- Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; * knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
- I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, * and glorify your Name for evermore.
- For great is your love toward me; * you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
- The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; * they have not set you before their eyes.
- But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- Turn to me and have mercy upon me; * give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.
- Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; * because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Epistle: Romans 8:12-25

Marshall McMain

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

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the fleshfor if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to
death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into
fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it
is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and
if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we
suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the

glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

People

Please stand as able.

Sequence Hymn 391

Winchester New



The Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel procession, the people are seated.

After a period of silence, please stand for the Creed.

The Nicene Creed

The Sermon

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 Form VI

Sally Griffith

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Daniel, our Bishop; and for all bishops

and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially all on our prayer list: Barbara, Bob, Ellie, Pat, Gabe, Yueh-Ha, Sylvia, Shelly, Marvin, Lee, Alex & Sara, Claire, Edward, John, Joe, Robin, Veronica & John, Barry & Ruth, The Barnas Family, Baahir, The Souffie Family, Carole, and Tracey.

The People may add their own petitions...

Leader

Hear us, Lord;

People

For your mercy is great.

Leader

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings...

Leader

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader

We pray that all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal

kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions...

Leader

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People

Who put their trust in you.

Presider

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

You are invited to connect with your neighbors by waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist or elbow bumps. Following the Peace, the people are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Presider

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

If you wish to offer a financial gift to the church, you are invited to do so during the Offertory Anthem. If you prefer to give electronically you can text CHT DONATE to 73256 or use the QR Code on page 3.

Offertory Anthem

When Rooks Fly Homeward

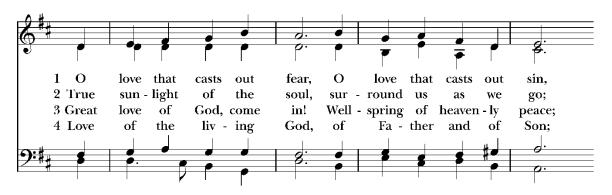
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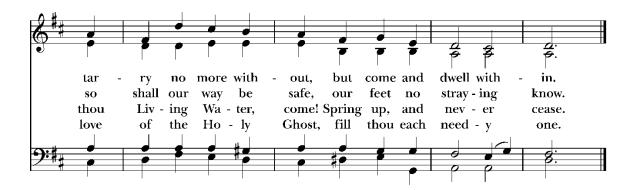
When rooks fly homeward and shadows fall, When roses fold on the hay-yard wall, When blind moths flutter by door and tree, Then comes the quiet of Christ to me. When stars look out on the Children's Path, And grey mists gather on carn and rath, When night is one with the brooding sea, Then comes the quiet of Christ to me.

All stand at the introduction of the hymn.

Offertory Hymn 700

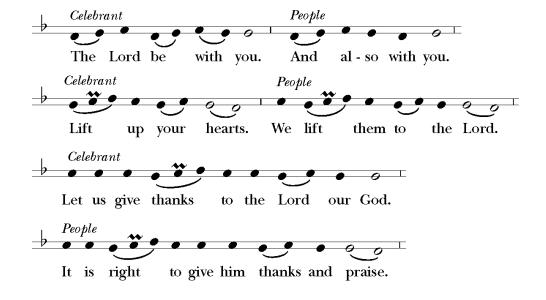
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The Great Thanksgiving

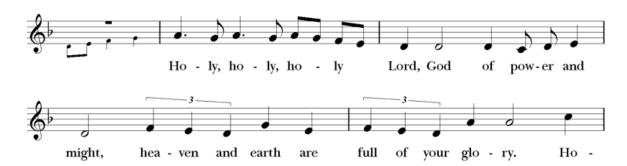
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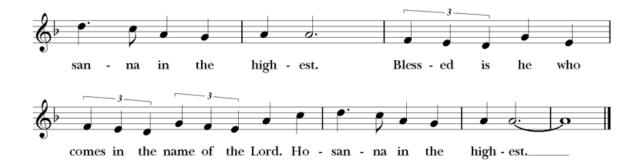


Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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-129





Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

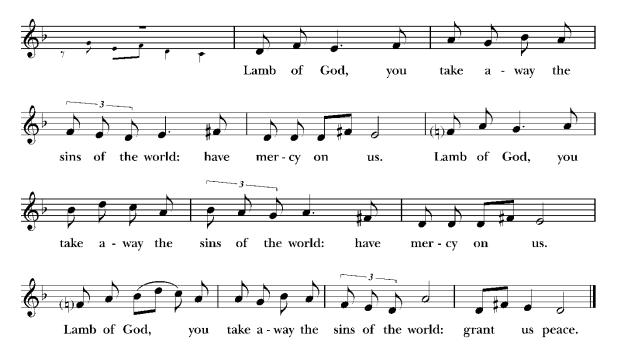
The Lord's Prayer

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

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 Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S-163 Agnus Dei



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be 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 to the rail at the front of the church. We will bring communion to those unable to come forward or 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 to offer healing prayers during communion.

Communion Motet

Richard de Castre's Prayer to Jesus

Sir R. R. Terry

Jhesu, Lord, that madest me, and with thy blessyd blood hast bought, forgive that I have grievéd thee with word and wil, and eek with thought.

Jhesu, in whom is all my trust, that died uppon the roodé tree, withdrawe myn herte from fleshli lust, and from all worldly vanyté.

Jhesu, for thy woundés smerte on feet and on thyn handés two, O make me meeke and low of herte, and thee to love as I schulde do. Jhesu, keepe them that are good, amend them that han grievéd thee, and send them fruites of earthli food as each man needeth in his degree.

Please stand as able.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and mind in the knowledge and love of God our and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Blessing & Godspeed to The Rev. Beth Hollingshead, Deacon

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 Beth, our beloved Deacon in formation is preparing for her new call to St. George-St. Barnabas Church in Cobbs Creek.

Beth, as a part of this body of Christ, you have given us wisdom in your sermons, kindness in your connections, and healing in your prayers. Thank you for all you have given to this community.

Let us pray.

The Prayer for the Church and the Ordained

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were being cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The Blessing

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 Beth, securely in your hands as she, too, goes to a new place. May she take with her a heart filled with your love and grace. Bless her that she may be a blessing. Help her to continue to grow in grace, in Spirit, and in truth. Amen.



The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fugue on St. Anne

Johann Sebastian Bach

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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!

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