The Church of the Holy Trinity Rittenhouse Square

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II



September 10, 2023

What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, September 10	11:00 am 12:00 4:30 pm	Holy Eucharist - The 15 th Sun after Pentecost Refreshments Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Walnut St.
Monday, September 11	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm	Church Open Wardens/Clergy Meeting	Online
Tuesday, September 12 John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830	10:00-3:00 4:30 pm	Church Open Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Wednesday, September 13 Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr of Carthage, 258	10:00-3:00 10:30 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Church Open Staff Meeting Congregational Life Meeting Choral Evensong	Parish House Online Church
Thursday, September 14 Holy Cross Day	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Friday, September 15	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Sunday, September 17	11:00 am 12:00 4:30 pm	Holy Eucharist - The 16 th Sun after Pentecost Refreshments Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church 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 <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.

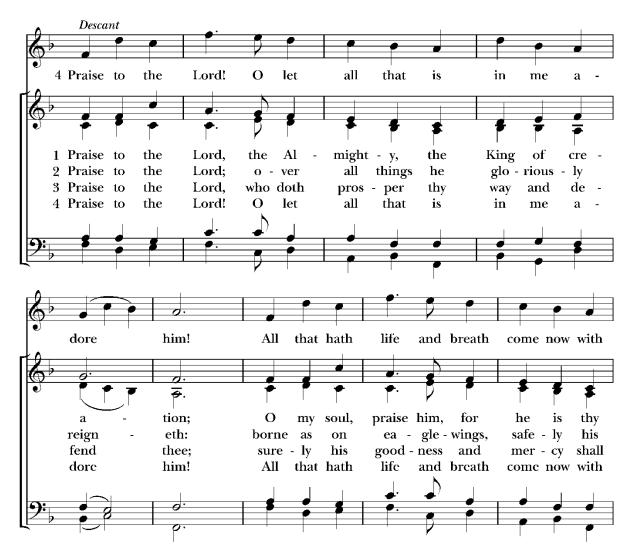
We ask that you **turn off or silence your Cell Phone** during the service. Thank you!

Welcome & Parish Notices

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn 390







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 from Rittenhouse Square Mass

John French





Collect of the Day

- *Presider* The Lord be with you.
- People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through 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: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Veronica Aplenc

Reader A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40 Legem pone

- ³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, * and I shall keep it to the end.
- ³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; * I shall keep it with all my heart.
- ³⁵ Make me go in the path of your commandments, * for that is my desire.
- ³⁶ Incline my heart to your decrees * and not to unjust gain.
- ³⁷ Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; * give me life in your ways.
- ³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant, * which you make to those who fear you.
- ³⁹ Turn away the reproach which I dread, * because your judgments are good.
- ⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your commandments; * in your righteousness preserve my life.

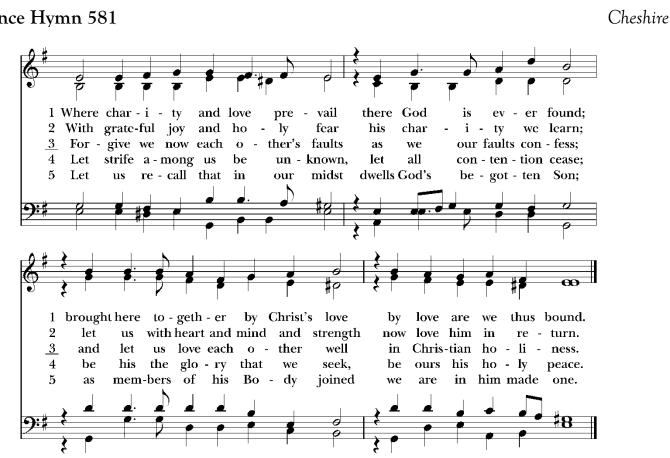
Epistle: Romans 13:8-14

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

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.



Please stand as able. Sequence Hymn 581 The Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner

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

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, Form VI

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. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Daniel, our Bishop; and for all bishops Leader and other ministers: For all who serve God in his Church. People For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Steve, Leader Kristin, P.J., Temuri, Lynn, Roz, David, Barbara, Bob, Ellie, Pat, Gabe, Yueh-Ha, Sylvia, Carrie, Claire, Edward, John, Joe, and Robin. 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...

Ben Leiby

Leader People	We will exalt you, O God our King; And praise your Name for ever and ever.
Leader	We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
	The People may add their own petitions
Leader People	Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; 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

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. Following the Peace, the people are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Presider The commandments...are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. *Romans* 13:9*a*, 11

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.

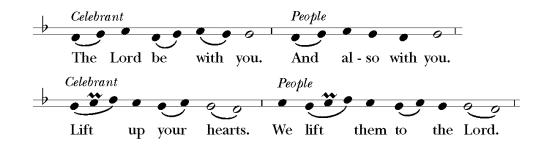
Offertory Anthem Draw Us in t		Spirit's Tether	Harold Friedell
for wh two c you	y us in the Spirit's tether, en humbly in your name or three are met together, are in the midst of them. Alleluia! Alleluia! now your garment's hem.	As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the break the bread and bless the Alleluia! Alleluia! so now bind our friendship u	cup,

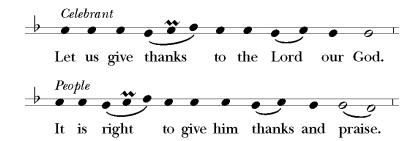
All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you, that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

Following the anthem the People stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

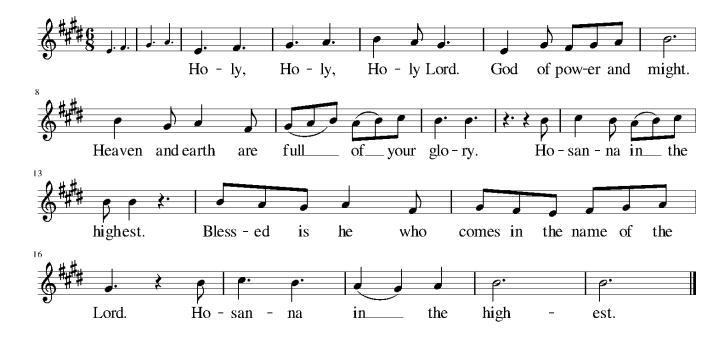
Eucharistic Prayer B





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 from Rittenhouse Square Mass



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

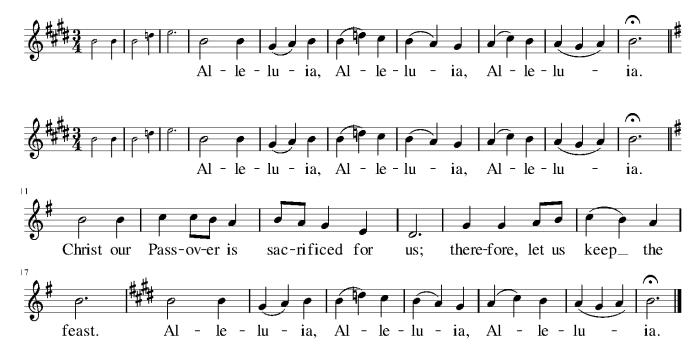
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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 Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem from Rittenhouse Square Mass



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

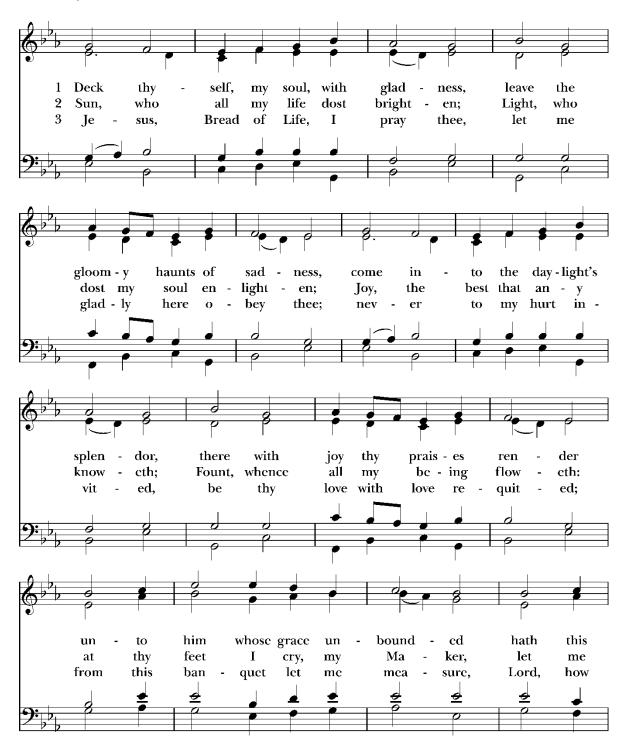
My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen *by* St. Alphonsus de Liguori (1696-1787),

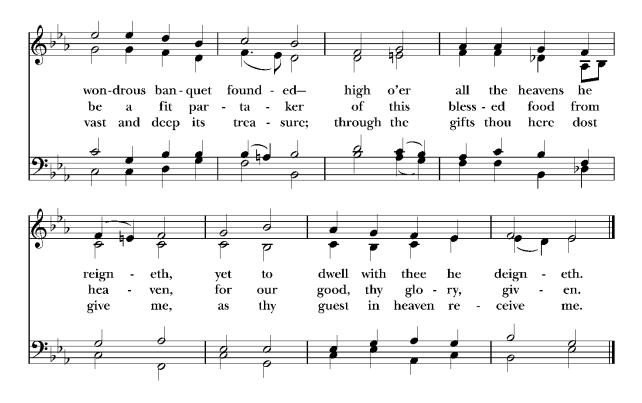
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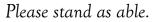
If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers to the rail at the front of the church. We will bring communion to those unable to come forward or who are more comfortable staying in their pew. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know. Our healing team will be available to offer healing prayers during communion.

Communion Hymn 339

Schmücke dich







Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

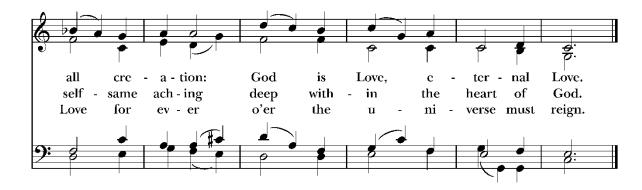
All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, 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**



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The Dismissal

PresiderGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Postlude

Zwölf Stücke, Op. 59 I. Prelude in e minor Max Reger

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CHORAL EVENSONG

On the Eve of Holy Cross Day

Wednesday, September 13th 6:00 PM

With music by Steven Paulus, Herbert Howells, & Balfour Gardiner

Seeking Deputies for the Annual Diocesan Convention!

The Annual Diocesan Convention is **Friday October 20 and Saturday October 21, 2023** at the **Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral**. Each year, 135 churches, which make up our diocese, gather together to share stories, hear reports, and consider the budget of the diocese. The Church of the Holy Trinity is looking for 4 deputies to join our clergy and represent us at this convention.

The convention begins with a Diocesan wide Eucharist on Friday, October 20 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm (reception following), and continues the next day, Saturday, October 21 from 8:30 until 4:00 pm (breakfast and lunch are included). More information at: <u>https://www.diopa.org/convention</u>

Please send an email to **rgardner@htrit.org** if you are interested.

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