The Church of the Holy Trinit

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II



September 3, 2023

What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, September 3	11:00 am 12:00 4:30 pm	Holy Eucharist - The 14 th Sun after Pentecost Refreshments Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Walnut St.
Monday, September 4	10:00-3:00	Office closed in observance of Labor Day	
Tuesday, September 5	10:00-3:00 4:30 pm	Church Open Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Wednesday, September 6	10:00-3:00 10:30 am	Church Open Staff Meeting	Parish House
Thursday, September 7	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm	Church Open Healing Eucharist	Church
Friday, September 8	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Sunday, September 10	11:00 am 12:00 4:30 pm	Holy Eucharist - The 15th 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 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!

Welcome & Parish Notices

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn 427

Laudes Domini



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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Shreve Simpson

Reader A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

O LORD, you know;

remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you to save you and deliver you,

says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26:1-8 Judica me, Domine

- Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; * I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- ² Test me, O LORD, and try me; * examine my heart and my mind.
- For your love is before my eyes; * I have walked faithfully with you.
- I have not sat with the worthless, * nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- I have hated the company of evildoers; * I will not sit down with the wicked.

- I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, * that I may go in procession round your altar,
- ⁷ Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving * and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- ⁸ LORD, I love the house in which you dwell * and the place where your glory abides.

Epistle: Romans 12:9-21

Andy Gutknecht

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

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

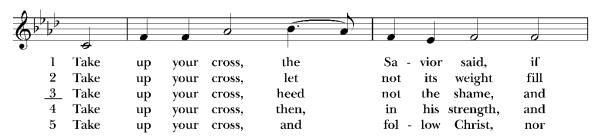
Reader The Word of the Lord.

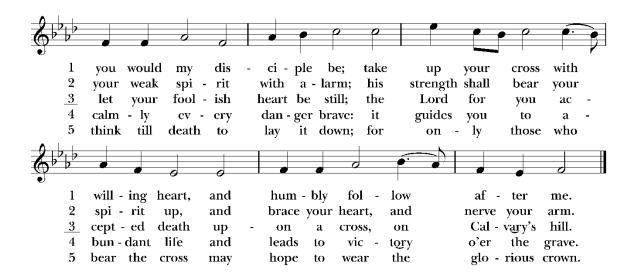
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

Sequence Hymn 675

Bourbon





The Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

The Sermon The Rev. John 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

Gail Caruso

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 all those affected by Hurricane Idalia. For the special needs and concerns

of this congregation, especially 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; for all students and

teachers returning to school, for rest and renewal on this Labor Day weekend;

and safe passage for all who travel.

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 for 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 love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. *Romans* 12:9, 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

Teach Me, O Lord

William Byrd

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statues and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;

Yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in thy path of thy commandments for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies and not to covetousness.

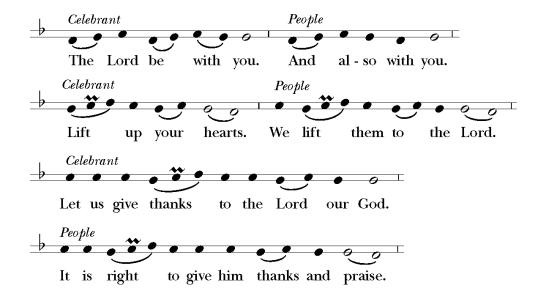
O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity and quicken thou me in thy way.

O stablish thy word in thy servant that I may fear thee.

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.

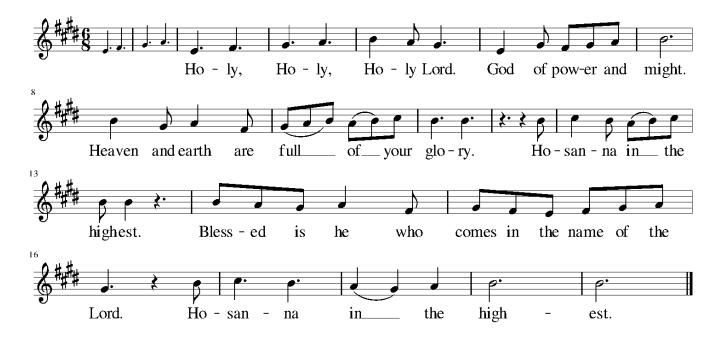
Following the anthem the People stand.



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.

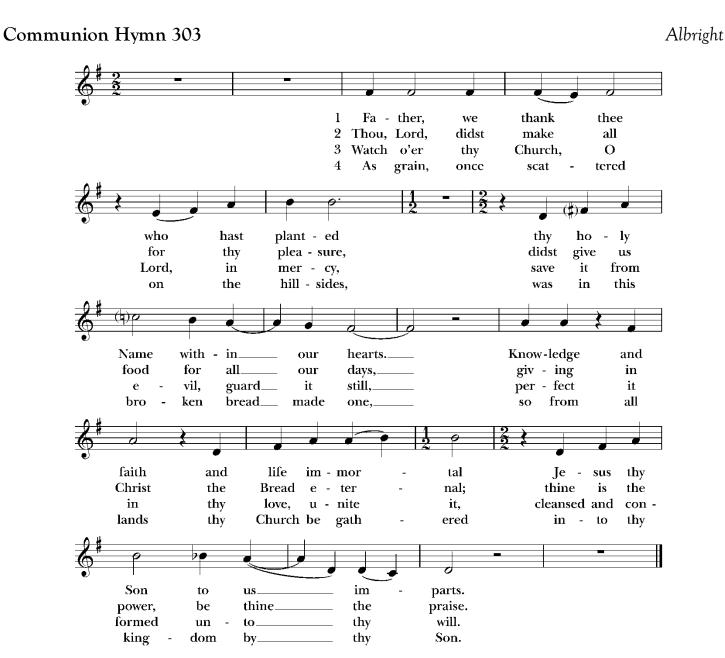
Please be seated.

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),

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.



Please stand as able.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty

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

Dismissal Hymn see next page

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

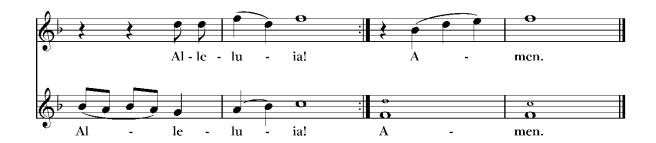
Postlude Festival Toccata Percy E. Fletcher

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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: https://www.diopa.org/convention

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

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!

if you love to iron or polish silver, join the altar guild! Don mckenzie2101@aol.com
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if you love flowers and want to learn how to arrange them - Sally sforemangriffith@gmail.com
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