# The Church of the Holy Trinity Rittenhouse Square

# The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II



November 12, 2023

## What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, November 12	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 4:30 pm	Adult Education Holy Eucharist - 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Refreshments Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Church Walnut St
Monday, November 13	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, November 14	10:00-3:00 4:30 pm	Church Open Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Wednesday, November 15	10:00-3:00 10:30 am	Church Open Staff Meeting	Parish House
Thursday, November 16	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm	Church Open Healing Eucharist	Church
Friday, November 17	The Church	n will be closed on Fridays until further noti	ce
Sunday, November 19	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 4:30 pm	Adult Education Holy Eucharist - 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Refreshments Chorister Rehearsal Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Church Choir Room Walnut St.

### Welcome! We are so glad you are with us today!

A few reminders and information for your time with us today

**Service:** Everything you need to join in the service is in this bulletin. If you have questions or need assistance, please ask one of the ushers (who handed you this bulletin) or a neighbor in your pew.

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 in the back near the service bulletins for those who wish to stay with their families during the service. We also have the "Pew Pen" in the front of the church for those we need a little more space to move around.

**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.

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.

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 (<a href="www.htrit.org/give">www.htrit.org/give</a>).

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 <a href="https://www.htrit.org">www.htrit.org</a> 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 665

Michael



### **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 202 from Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan





### Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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: Amos 5:18-24

James Otwell

Reader A reading from the prophet Amos.

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 70 Deus, in adjutorium

- Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*
  - O LORD, make haste to help me.
- Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; \* let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
- Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \* because they are ashamed.
- Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*

let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the LORD!"

- <sup>5</sup> But as for me, I am poor and needy; \* come to me speedily, O God.
- You are my helper and my deliverer; \* O LORD, do not tarry.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Ieannie Welsh

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

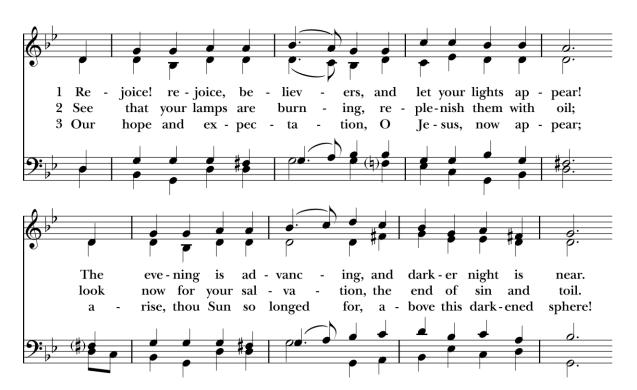
Reader The Word of the Lord.

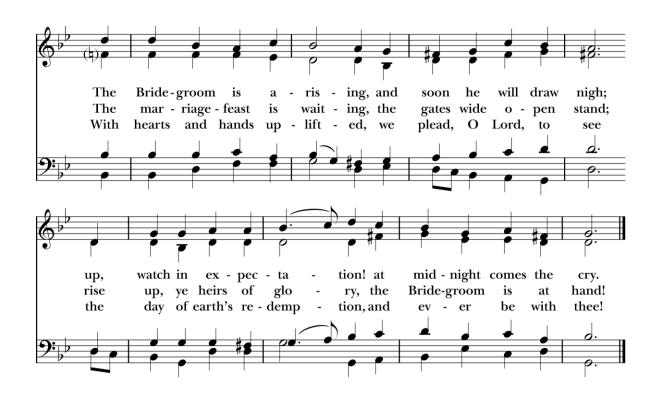
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

### Sequence Hymn 68

Llangloffan





The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Veronica Aplenc

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.

<sup>\*</sup>The word 'catholic' refers to the universal church and not the Roman Catholic church.

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; for Daniel, our Bishop; and for all bishops

and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For those who live with the consequences of war, terrorism and violence, and

for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Catherine, Leila, Zeca, Antonia, Fabio, Julia, Emily, Matthew, Jamie, Rafael, Tenzin, Diana,

Steve, Kristin, P.J., Temuri, Lynn, Roz, Regina, and David.

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 for all who have died, especially Karen Hafer, 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 Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked in faith, grant that

we may see and feel in our lives, to the glory of your Name; through 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.

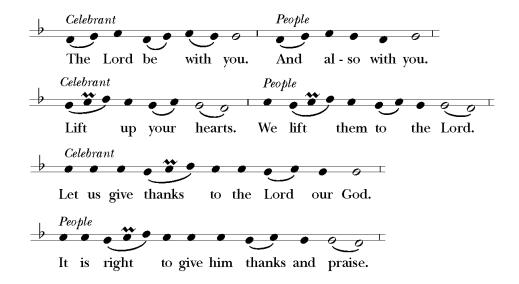
### Offertory Anthem

Wake, Awake

Franz Tunder

Wake, awake, for night is flying;
The watchman on the heights are crying.
Awake, awake, Jerusalem, arise!
Mightnight's solemn hour is tolling.
His chariot wheels are nearer rolling.
He comes! Prepare, prepare, ye virgins wise.
Behold! The Bridegroom comes.
Arise and take your lamps. Alleluia!
Yourselves prepare, your Lord draws near.
He bids you to His marriage feast.

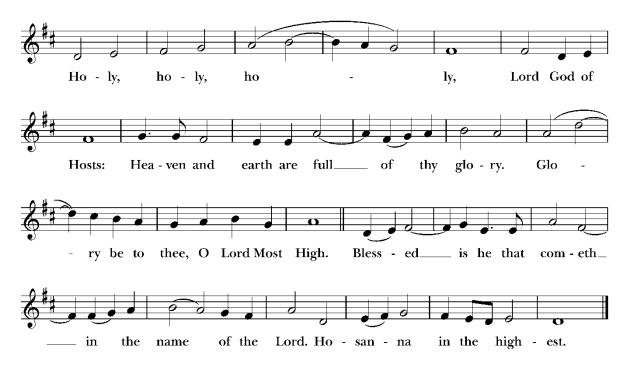
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Celebrant

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 114 from Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena



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

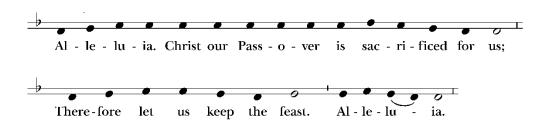
And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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 S 152



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

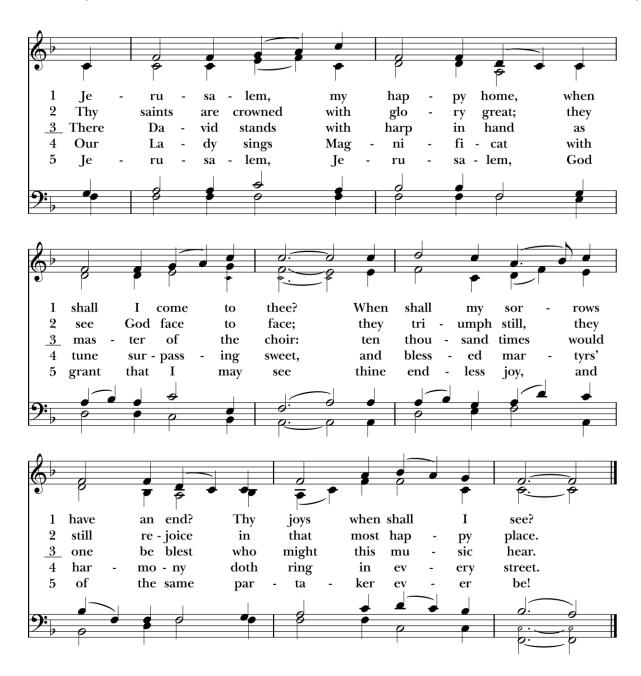
Please be seated.

### 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)ad,

### 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.



At the invitation of the Celebrant, 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

Dismissal Hymn see next page

### The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Wachet Auf Emma Lou Diemer

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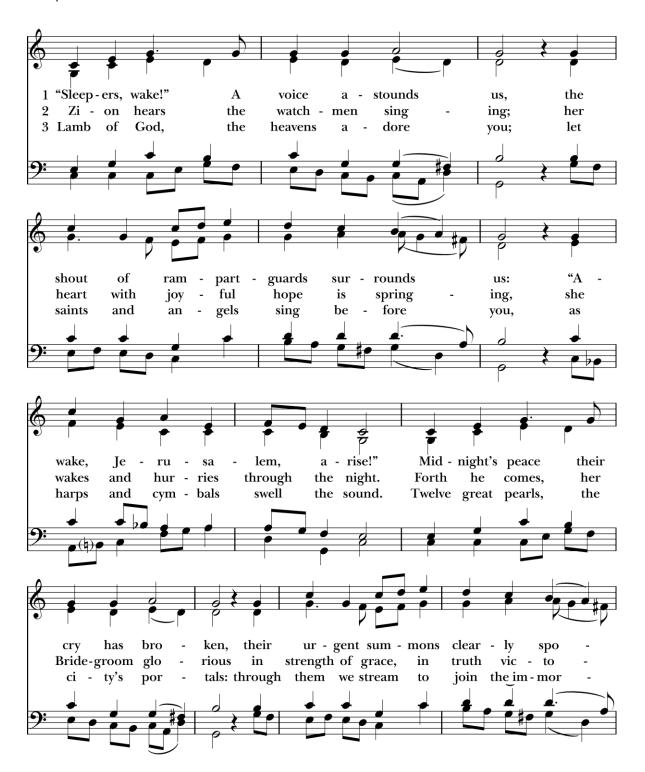
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### Sunday Adult Education at 9:30 am

Join us BEFORE the Service each Sunday for Adult Education.

November's Schedule is as follows:

November 19: Thomistic Prayer November 26: Other ways to Pray

### **OPEN HEARTS NEEDS:**

Winter Hats & Gloves
Winter Jackets (L or XL)
Men's Underwear (L or XL)
Blankets
Men's Jeans
Drop off 10-3 Mon-Thu
or During the meals (Sun/Tu 4:30 – 6:00 pm)

# Let your voice be heard in the PARISH SURVEY

The Congregational Life Committee has put together a brief survey of 11 questions. The results will be used by the Vestry as a way of meeting parishioners' needs better. Paper copies of the survey are in the back of the nave at the Welcome Table. If you prefer an online form, follow this link:

### www.tinyurl.com/CHTsurvey

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