

# The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

## Second Sunday *in* Lent

11:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



*Where everyone can find a place*

February 25, 2024

# What's Happening This Week:

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

*A winter shelter for men, run by Bethesda Project, is held in our Centennial Room daily from Dec-April*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, February 25	9:30 am	Lenten Adult Education <i>The Screwtape Letters</i>	Church
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist - <i>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	12:30 pm	Chorister Rehearsal	Choir Room
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Monday, February 26	10:00-3:00	Church open	
	6:30-8:30 p	Winter Shelter	Parish House
	7:00 pm	Choral Arts Rehearsal	Church
Tuesday, February 27	10:00-3:00	Church open	
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Wednesday, February 28	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	12:15 pm	Lenten Music Meditation	Church
Thursday, February 29	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	12:15 pm	Healing Eucharist	Church
	5:00 pm	Finance Committee	Online
Sunday, March 3	9:30 am	Lenten Adult Education - <i>The Screwtape Letters</i>	Church
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist - <i>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	12:30 pm	Chorister Rehearsal	Choir Room
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.

**Save the Date:** March 6, 2024 6:00 pm Evensong, 7:00 Film Screening *The Philadelphia Eleven*  
 April 21, 2024 after the 11:00 am service Annual Church Meeting

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## TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Greg Maughan & Ben Leiby, *Lectors*

Veronica Aplenc, *Intercessor*

Nancy Rasmussen & David Otwell, *Usher*

Boyden Gardner, *Streaming*

Nancy Rasmussen, *Refreshments*

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

*You can find more information on the back of the bulletin.*

## Our Vivid Vision

*This was created in 2022 in collaboration with the Rectors, Wardens & Vestry and is intended to describe where we will be in 3 years.*

The church is bursting with life. Outside the building, people are talking, resting, and enjoying the weather. Inside, people are coming and going – staff and volunteers connecting and welcoming. Families, students, working professionals, retirees and neighbors mingle with each other, finding resources they need: safety and support, education, and creative outlets. Visitors and members alike find a place to make a difference and share their gifts with each other. The smell of delicious food wafts through the air as the chefs prepare the community meal for the day. Visitors from all over the world are marveling at the beautiful interior of the sanctuary. Worshippers are laughing, singing, praising, and just enjoying being together. The delicate sounds of violin mingle with the robust organ and the echoes of voices. We are more than just a place on the Square. We are an integral part of the neighborhood.

## Core Values

### **Inclusion/Welcome**

We believe that no one should feel left out or alone. We embrace our differences and respect each person within our community. This allows everyone to bring their unique and authentic gifts to further the mission of the church.

### **Innovation**

We are not afraid of trying new things or changing when necessary. If things do not work out, we are open to re-evaluate, learn from our mistakes, and try again.

### **Collaboration**

We listen to and support one another, working and evolving together. We build upon each other's strengths and lift up each other's gifts.

### **Community Mindedness**

Church is not an individual endeavor, but a community experience. We believe that we cannot each succeed or be whole, unless everyone finds success and wholeness.

## Culture

### **Joyful**

We are hopeful, optimistic, and have fun together. Being part of this community gives us joy, and our joy spreads to others and makes us want to share joy with them.

### **Fearless**

We are innovative, purposeful and adaptable. We believe that with God all things are possible and that with prayer and connection to God we will always have enough. We are not afraid of trying new things or of failing. We learn from our mistakes. We reach out to others drawing them in, not waiting for them to find us.

### **Embracing**

We love others, because God loves us. This means that we are accepting, welcoming, open, genuine, and empathetic. We speak the truth in love.

### **Engaged**

Our connection to this organization is full of energy. We give without expectation of return. We continuously learn about the community and our neighbors and adapt our connections as needed. We all contribute our time, money and skills to make our community better.

## Welcome &amp; Parish Notices

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

*Please stand as able*

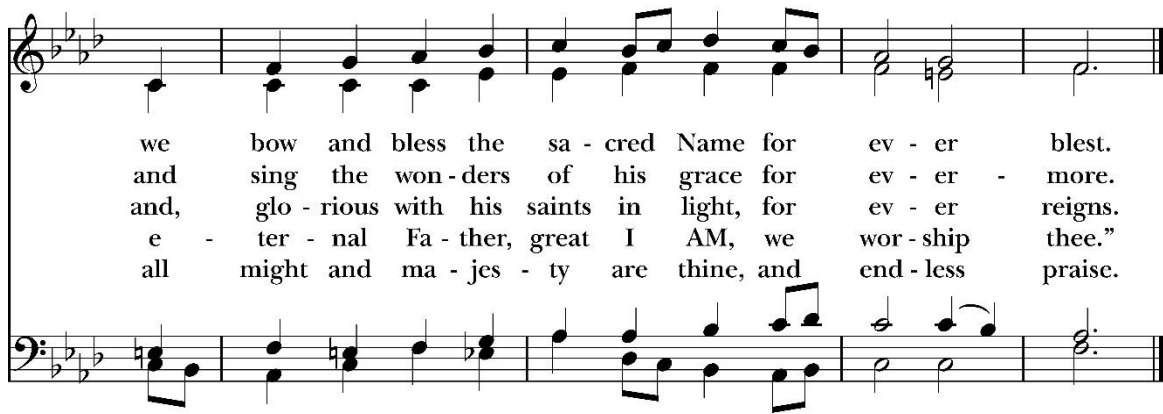
## Entrance Hymn 401

Leoni

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be the God of our salvation:

*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

## The 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.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Kyrie

*Mass for Three Voices*

William Byrd

Kyrie eleison.      *Lord, have mercy.*  
 Christe eleison.      *Christ, have mercy.*  
 Kyrie eleison.      *Lord, have mercy.*

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

# THE WORD OF GOD

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**First Lesson:** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Greg Maughan

*Reader*      A reading from the Book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

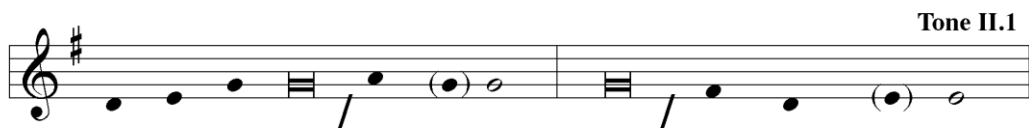
God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22** *Deus, Deus meus*

*The People sing the bold verses, taking a brief pause at the asterisk.*



- <sup>22</sup> *Praise the LORD, you that / fear him;\**  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, / give glory.
- <sup>23</sup> **For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;**  
**neither does he hide his / face from them;\***  
**but when they cry to him / he hears them.**
- <sup>24</sup> My praise is of him in the great as/sembly;\*
- I will perform my vows in the presence of those / who worship him.
- <sup>25</sup> **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**  
**and those who seek the LORD shall / praise him:\***  
**"May your heart live / for ever!"**



- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / LORD;\*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow / before him.
- 27 **For kingship belongs to the / LORD;\*  
he rules over / the nations.**
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in / worship;\*  
all who go down to the dust fall / before him.
- 29 **My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall / serve him;\*  
they shall be known as the LORD's / for ever.**
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people / yet unborn\*  
the saving deeds / that he has done.

## The Epistle: Romans 4:13-25

Ben Leiby

*Reader* A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

## Sequence Hymn 142

St. Flavian

1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and  
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and  
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor

1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -  
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -  
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.  
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

## The Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."



*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**

The Rev. John Gardner

*Following a period of silence, the people stand.*

**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, Lent**

*Veronica Aplenc*

*Leader*        Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers. We pray for the church, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Daniel our Bishop. And for all leaders, ministers and all the holy people of God. Wash us through and through,

*People*        **And cleanse us from our sin.**

*Leader*        We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, for our leaders and all who govern and judge. Purge us from our sin,

*People*        **And we shall be pure.**

*Leader* We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, war and violence, and those without a place to lay their head. For those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely, especially Linda, Don, Ruth & Barry, John, Marie, Catherine, Julia, Matthew, Jamie, Diana, Steve, David, Doris, Judy, Alex & Nolan, Brian, Paula, Jon and Bob. Make them hear of joy and gladness,

*People* **that those who are broken may rejoice.**

*Leader* We pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God. Create in us clean hearts, O God,

*People* **and renew a right spirit within us.**

*Leader* We pray for those who have died and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace. Cast them not away from your presence,

*People* **and take not your Holy Spirit from them.**

*Leader* We pray for all the good things that have happened this week, and for our families, friends and neighbors. Give them the joy of your saving help.

*People* **and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.**

*Presider* Lord Jesus, you taught your disciples that you must undergo great suffering and be killed before rising again; grant us the strength and wisdom to be your followers and to take up our cross to follow you, this day and always.  
**Amen.**

## **The Confession of Sin**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

*A brief period of silence is kept.*

*All* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

## The Absolution

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 shaking hands, hugging, waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist or elbow bumps. Following the Peace, the people are seated.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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### Offertory Sentence

*Presider* Jesus said, "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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it." *Mark 8*

### Anthem

#### *Be Ye Followers of God*

Leo Sowerby

Be ye followers of God, as dear children,  
And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us,  
and hath given himself for us an offering  
and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor.  
Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord  
and in the pow'r of his might.  
Wherefore, take unto you the whole armor of God,  
that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day,  
and having done all, to stand.

*Please stand as able.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching our Worship, Prayer 1

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

### Sanctus: S-131

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people remain standing or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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*    Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons and all your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant*    And now, as our Savior 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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

### Agnus Dei: S-166



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on  
us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

*Celebrant* The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*The people are 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

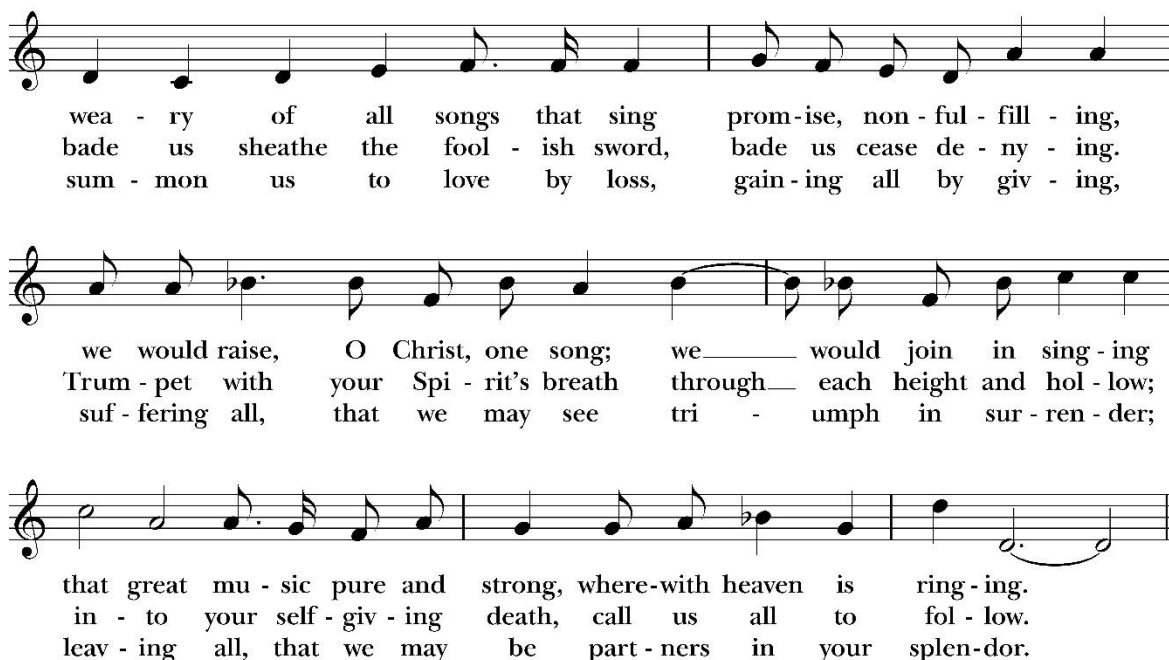
*To receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers to the rail at the front of the church. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you prefer a blessing, let us know! We will bring communion to anyone unable or uncomfortable coming to the rail.*

### Communion Hymn 572

*Distler*



1 Wea - ry of all trum - pet - ing, wea - ry of all kill - ing,  
2 Cap - tain Christ, O low - ly Lord, Ser - vant King, your dy - ing  
3 To the tri - umph of your cross sum - mon all the liv - ing;



wea - ry of all songs that sing prom-ise, non - ful - fill - ing,  
 bade us sheathe the fool - ish sword, bade us cease de - ny - ing.  
 sum - mon us to love by loss, gain - ing all by giv - ing,

we would raise, O Christ, one song; we ——— would join in sing - ing  
 Trum - pet with your Spi - rit's breath through — each height and hol - low;  
 suf - fering all, that we may see tri - umph in sur - ren - der;

that great mu - sic pure and strong, where-with heaven is ring - ing.  
 in - to your self - giv - ing death, call us all to fol - low.  
 leav - ing all, that we may be part - ners in your splen - dor.

*Following the hymn, the people stand.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## Blessing

*Celebrant* Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The Dismissal Hymn continues on the following page.*

1 We sing the praise of him who died, of  
 2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see in  
 3 The cross: it takes our guilt a - way, and  
 4 It makes the cow - ard spi - rit brave, and  
 5 The balm of life, the cure of woe, the

1 him who died up - on the cross; the sin - ner's hope let  
 2 shin - ing let - ters, God is love: he bears our sins up -  
 3 holds the faint - ing spi - rit up; it cheers with hope the  
 4 nerves the fee - ble arm for fight; it takes its ter - ror  
 5 mea - sure and the pledge of love, the sin - ner's re - fuge

1 sin de - ride: for this we count the world but loss.  
 2 on the tree: he brings us mer - cy from a - bove.  
 3 gloom - y day, and sweet - ens ev - ery bit - ter cup.  
 4 from the grave, and gilds the bed of death with light.  
 5 here be - low, the an - gels' theme in heaven a - bove.

## Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*As a sign of fasting during the season of Lent,  
 there will be no Postludes until the Great Vigil of Easter.*



Join us for  
**LENTEN MUSIC MEDITATIONS**  
each Wednesday in Lent  
12:15 – 12:45pm

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## About this service...

**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 for children 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:** We don’t require masks, but we support you if you want to wear one. We generally ask staff and service participants to wear them when they aren’t feeling well. Please ask if you need one!

During **The Peace**, we connect with our neighbors to say hello and to offer each other the Peace of Christ (which is an incredible gift to give). You can shake hands, wave, show the peace sign or fist/elbow bump. Check in with your neighbor to see what kind of contact they want and follow their lead, and don’t be afraid to tell someone what’s best for you!

**Offering:** Halfway through the service you will notice that we pass a plate around to collect the offering. The offerings we give help to support to work this church does, the people who work here, and our programs for the neighborhood. If you wish to help support our amazing programs, you can put something in the plate, text **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](http://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 we will bring communion to you.

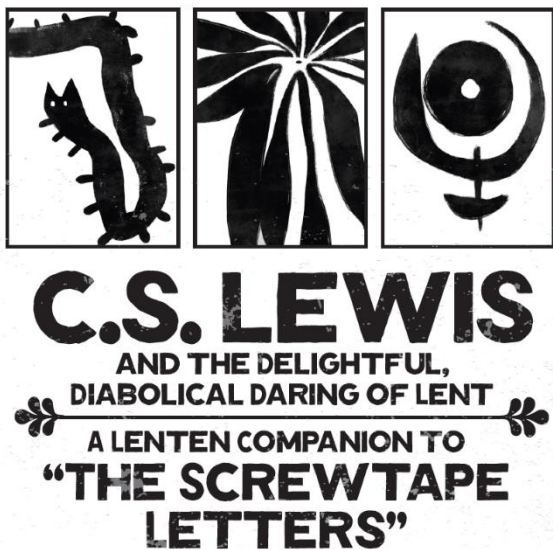
More Information? Join us at the Welcome table in the back of the church or visit our website [www.htrit.org](http://www.htrit.org) for more information and to sign up for the weekly E-News.

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

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## More Information

**Adult Education** Join us each week at 9:30 am in the back of the church



Our Lenten Adult Education will begin this weekend. We will be using a study guide for lent from Salt. Please email [rgardner@htrit.org](mailto:rgardner@htrit.org) if you would like a digital copy.

The guide will take us through CS Lewis' Screwtape Letters and readings from the Gospels. The book is available for free online or you can purchase for less than \$10 at a local bookstore. There is even an audiobook read by John Cleese, which should be a fun listen! The Screwtape Letters is a "playful, perceptive study of human life and struggle through the eyes of two fanciful characters, Wormwood, a young demon-in-training, and Screwtape, is uncle and mentor. Through 31 letters, Screwtape advises his nephew about how best to sabotage a human being's attempts to live a faithful,

fruitful, beautiful life." What better way to join in Jesus' own temptation and 40 days of lent than to walk with this book, "leaning into the power of literature to provoke thought and inspire action."

**February 18:** We will discuss the first 12 pages (1-4 chapters) of the book at the first class, but don't worry if you can't get to it! Come and participate anyway!

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## Volunteer Opportunities

**Open Hearts Café**, our weekly meal and clothing service for our neighbors, is always open for volunteers and donations. Gently used clothing, especially coats, jeans, and shoes, and new socks, underwear and under garments are always needed!

Sign up to volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/OpenHeartsCafeSignUp>



## Share your Gifts! We want to use YOUR gifts and skills.

For specifics see below!

Read in church– Jeannie *communications@htrit.org*

Join the altar guild! Don *mckenzie2101@aol.com*

Bring treats to share – Nancy *nrasmussen2740@gmail.com*

Acolyte/Chalice Donald *dmeineke@htrit.org*

Greet/Usher Nancy *nrasmussen2740@gmail.com*

Flower arranging – Sally *sforemangriffith@gmail.com*

AV assistance – *communications@htrit.org*

Welcome Team – Andy

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## Holy Week & Easter Schedule

March 27	Wednesday in Holy Week	6:00 pm
March 28	Maundy Thursday	6:00 pm
March 29	Good Friday	12:00 pm
March 30	Holy Saturday	9:00 am
March 30	Great Vigil of Easter	8:00 pm
March 31	Easter Day	11:00 am

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## Easter Flowers

We invite you to give a gift to our flower fund, in thanksgiving of those you love or in memorial of those we love and see no longer. We are asking for all contributions to be made by **Monday, March 25th**. Please look for the envelopes in the back of the church or ask an usher. You can also give through REALM. Please write the reason for gifts of thanksgiving or those names you wish to be remembered if you wish for your donation to be listed in the Easter bulletins. Thank you!

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