he Church of the Holy Trinit

Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Where everyone can find a place

March 10, 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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, March 10	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 4:30 pm	Lenten Adult Education - The Screwtape Letters Holy Eucharist - The 4 th Sunday in Lent Refreshments Chorister Rehearsal Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Church Choir Room Walnut St.
Monday, March 11	Church 6:30-8:30p 7:00 pm	closed Winter Shelter Choral Arts Rehearsal	Parish House Church
Tuesday, March 12	10:00-3:00 4:30 pm	Church open Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Wednesday, March 13	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm 4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Church Open Lenten Music Meditation Congregational Life Committee Property Committee	Church Online Online
Thursday, March 14	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm 5:00 pm	Church Open Healing Eucharist Finance Committee	Church Online
Saturday, March 16	4:00 pm	Choral Arts Philadelphia Concert	Church
Sunday, March 17	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 4:30 pm	Lenten Adult Education - The Screwtape Letters Holy Eucharist - The 4 th Sunday in Lent Refreshments Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Church Walnut St.

Save the Date: April 21, 2024 after the 11:00 am service Annual Church Meeting

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Thomas Lipscomb, Crucifer

Marshall McMain & Margaret Dowling, Lectors & Usher

Shreve Simpson, Intercessor

Boyden Gardner, Streaming

Jeannie Welsh, 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

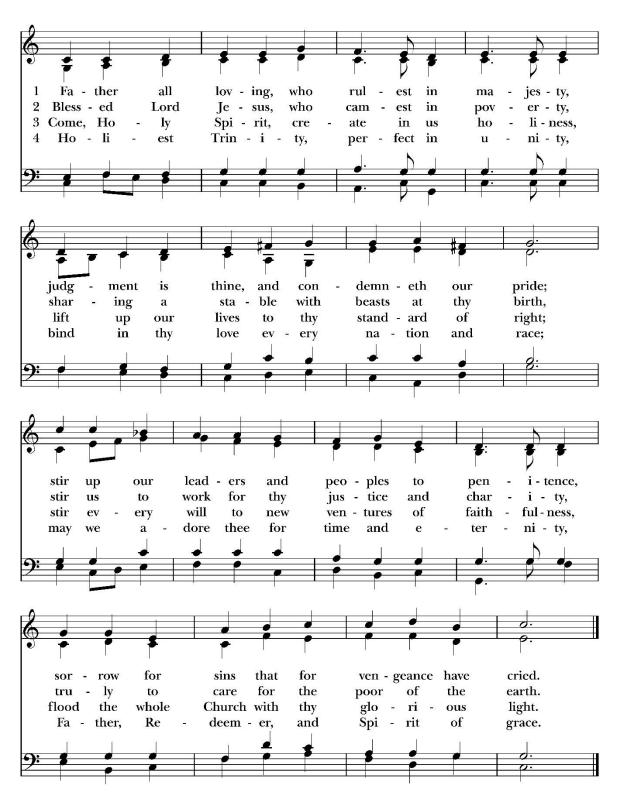
Our connection to this organization is full of energy. We give without expectation of return. We continuously learn about the community and our neighbors and adapt our connections as needed. We all contribute our time, money and skills to make our community better.

Welcome & Parish Notices

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn 568

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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 Margaret Burk

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

Marshall McMain

Reader A reading from Numbers.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said

to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107 Confitemini Domino

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



- Give thanks to the LORD, for / he is good,* and his mercy endures / for ever.
- Let all those whom the LORD has re/deemed proclaim* that he redeemed them from the hand / of the foe.
- He gathered them out of the / lands;* from the east and from the west, from the north / and from the south.
- Some were fools and took to re/bellious ways;* they were afflicted because / of their sins.
- They abhorred all manner of / food* and drew near / to death's door.
- Then they cried to the LORD in their / trouble,* and he delivered them / from their distress.
- He sent forth his word and / healed them* and saved / them from the grave.
- Let them give thanks to the LORD for his / mercy* and the wonders he does for / his children.

The Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10

Margaret Dowling

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Ephesians:

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us

alive together with Christ- by grace you have been saved- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able

Sequence Hymn 641

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The Gospel: John 2:13-22

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Rachel Wenner 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

Shreve Simpson

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

Gracious God, because of your great love for the world you gave us your son; grant us the strength and wisdom believe in him that we would not perish but have eternal life. **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

Offertory Sentence

Presider "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who

believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16

Anthem

Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above, ever watchful o'er our race, still to us extends his grace.

God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood, and, to make salvation sure, guides us by his Spirit pure.

Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed; what are we that he should show so much love to us below?

Sing, my soul, adore his Name! Let his glory be thy theme: praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

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.

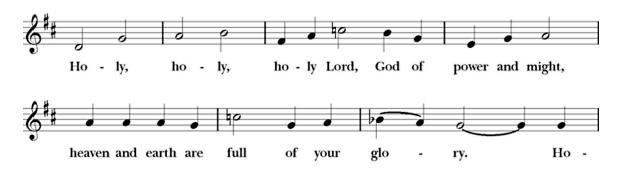
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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





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 Ar

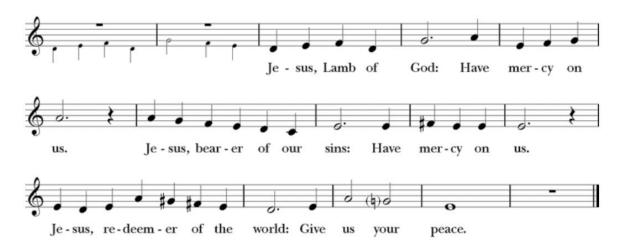
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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



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. Glutenfree 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 339

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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.**

Dismissal Hymn Llangloffan



Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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).



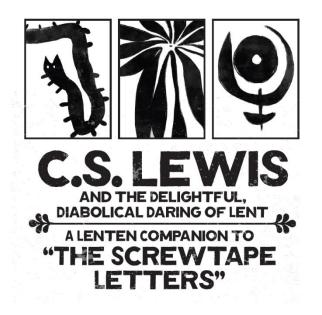
Communion: All who are baptized in any Christian tradition are welcome to join us for communion (all ages are welcome). If you prefer a blessing, please let one of the clergy know. We will share the bread and wine at the altar rail at the front of the church. Gluten free wafers are available. If you 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 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.

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 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."

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.

Read in church – Jeannie communications@htrit.org
Join the altar guild! Don mckenzie2101@aol.com
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Welcome Team – Andy

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

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

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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