he Church of the Holy Trinity Rittenhouse Square

Third Sunday of Easter

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II



April 14, 2024

What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, April 14	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 4:30 pm	Adult Education - The Screwtape Letters Holy Eucharist - The 3 rd Sunday of Easter Refreshments Choristers Rehearsal Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Church Choir Room Centennial Room
Monday, April 15	Church closed		
Tuesday, April 16	10:00-3:00 4:30 pm	Church open Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, April 17	10:00-3:00 6:00 pm	Church Open Choral Evensong	Church
Thursday, April 18	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm	Church Open Healing Eucharist	Church
Sunday, April 21	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 4:30 pm	Adult Education - The Screwtape Letters Holy Eucharist - The 4 th Sunday of Easter Refreshments Annual Meeting Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Church Parish House Centennial Room

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Thomas Lipscomb, Crucifer

Henry Lipscomb & Robert Lipscomb, Acolytes

James Otwell & Veronica Aplenc, Lectors

Mike O'Bryan, Intercessor

Boyden Gardner, Streaming

Martha Lipscomb & David Otwell, Ushers

Martha Lipscomb, Refreshments

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today.

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.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn 195

Mowsley



Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

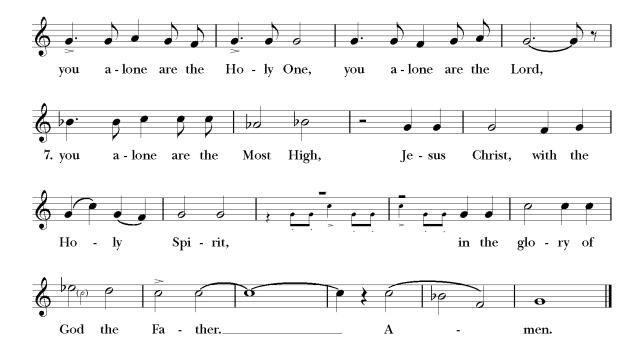
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

The Gloria S-278





The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for eyer.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19

James Otwell

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4 Cum invocarem

- Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.
- Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7

Reader A reading from First John:

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Veronica Aplenc

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.



Christ ist erstanden



The Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Celebrant

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner

Following the sermon, the People stand to confess 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.

The Prayers of the People, Form III

Mike O'Bryan

Leader: God, we pray for the Christian Church throughout the world;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, especially, Linda, Don, Ruth & Barry, John, Marie, Catherine, Julia, Matthew, Jamie, Diana, Steve, David, Doris, Judy, Alex & Nolan, Brian, Paula, Jon, Bob, Ramona, Jim & Joann, The

Harty Family, Gwynette, and those we now wish to add...

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

A Note about the Peace:

All are invited to connect with their neighbors to share the Peace of Christ with them - the peace that passes all understanding and that which we long for the world and in our souls. This is reconciliation at its most intimate and reflective of Jesus' reconciliation with us at Easter. There are many ways for us to reach out to each other – we can shake hands, offer fist or elbow bumps, wave or flash the peace sign to each other, smile, nod or bow. At the Peace, we connect with each other joyfully and fearlessly, but also recognizing everyone's comfort. It's not about how we connect. It's about taking the time to reach out to the people around us and making a connection.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Presider Walk

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

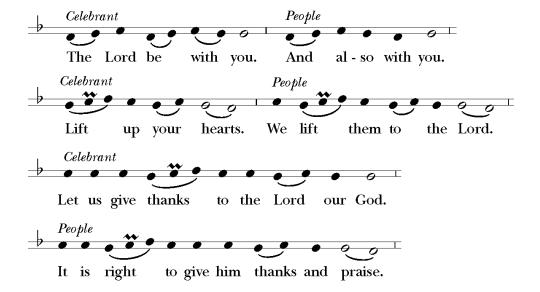
Anthem He is Risen Percy Whitlock

He is risen, he is risen!
Tell it with a joyful voice:
He has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
Death is conquered, Man is free,
Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow!
Lent's long shadows have departed;
All his woes are over now,
and the passion that he boresin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning, chant our Lord's triumphant lay;
Not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray, breaking o'er the purple east, of our Easter feast.

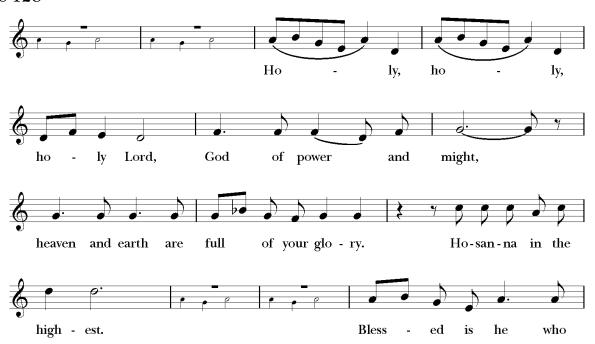
The Great Thanksgiving



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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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-128





Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

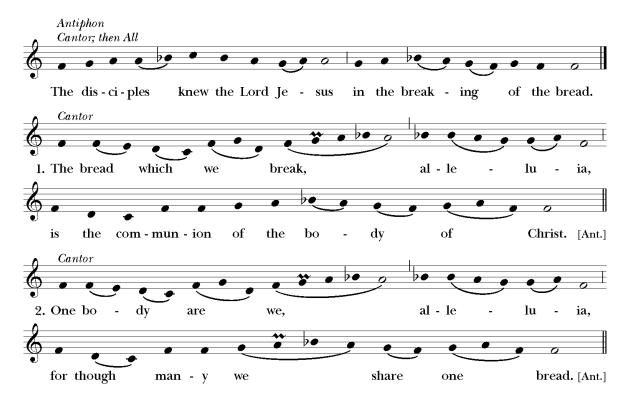
And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

Fraction Anthem



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

The following prayer may be prayed silently by those not receiving communion or those who are at home.

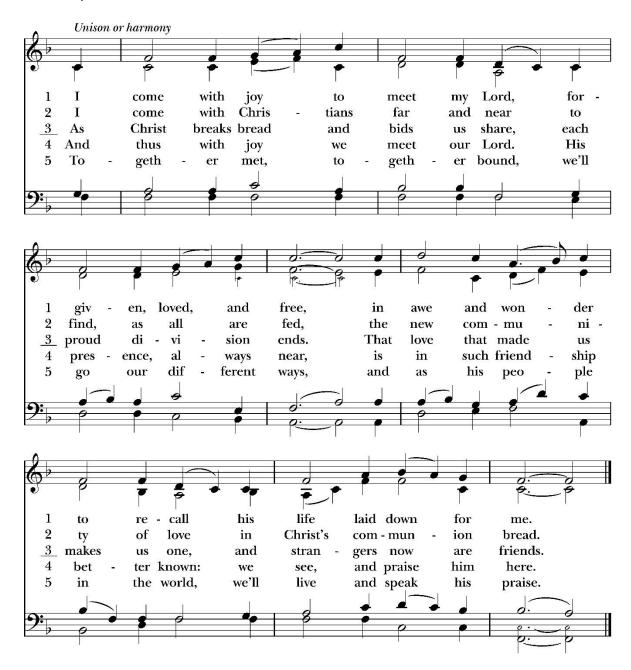
My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely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

Distribution of Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers and form two lines in the center aisle. There will be two stations for bread and wine in front of the altar rail. We will bring communion to those who are more comfortable staying in their pew (please alert an usher). If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know. Our healing team will be available in the prayer chapel to pray for you or someone you love during communion.

Communion Hymn 304

Land of Rest



Following the hymn, all stand as able.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

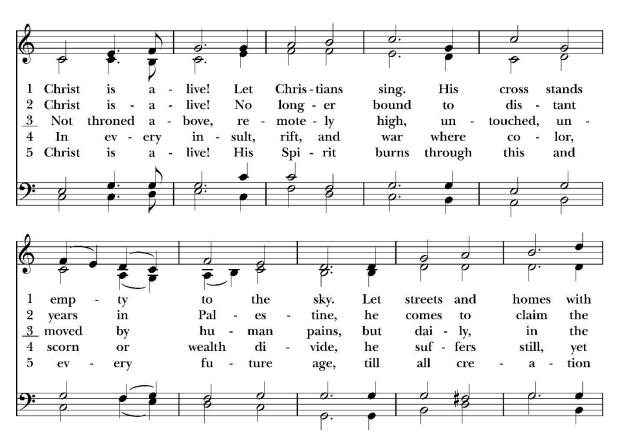
The Blessing

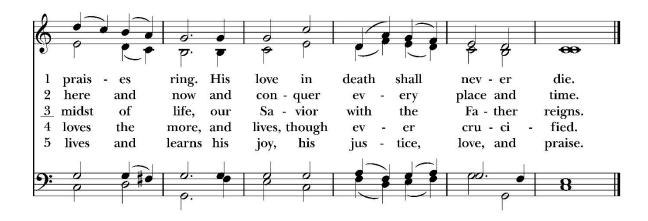
Celebrant

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn 182

Truro





The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Salem Suite - VI. Celebration

Margaret Vardell Sandresky

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CHORAL EVENSONG

Wednesday, April 17th 6:00 PM

With music by Peter Aston, William Byrd, Patrick Hadley & Arthur Baynon

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.

More Information

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

We are wrapping up our Lenten Education with Screwtape Letters

Coming soon...A historical walk through the Church of the Holy Trinity and Intro to the Episcopal Church and the Christian Church basics, using the Catechism.

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



Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities

Lectors/Read in church- Jeannie communications@htrit.org

Altar Guild/Setting up for Church Rachel rgardner@htrit.org

Coffee Hour: Bring treats to share - Nancy nrasmussen2740@gmail.com

Acolyte/Chalice Donald dmeineke@htrit.org

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AV assistance/help stream the service - communications@htrit.org

Welcome Table Team - Andy

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