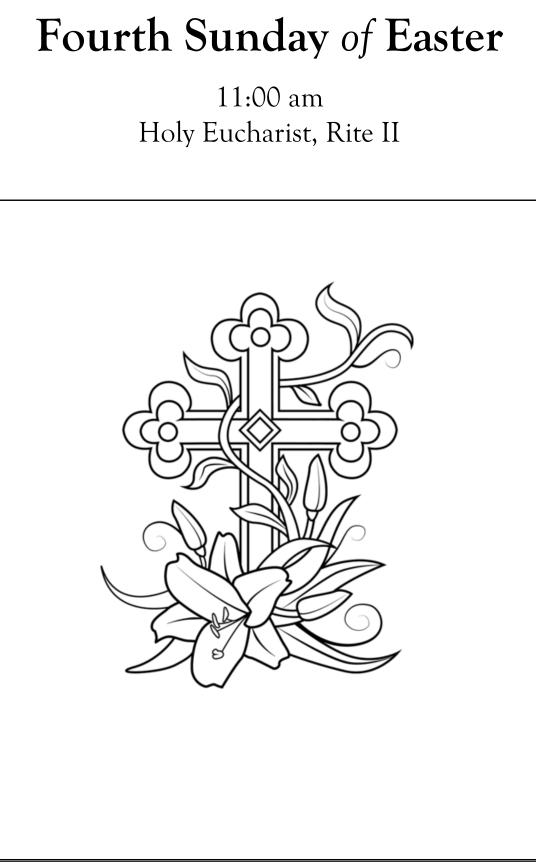
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April 21, 2024

# What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, April 21	11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 4:30 pm	Holy Eucharist – The 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Refreshments Annual Meeting Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Parish House Centennial Room
Monday, April 22	Church	closed	
Tuesday, April 23	10:00-3:00 4:30 pm	Church open Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, April 24	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Thursday, April 25	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm 6:30-7:30pm	Church Open Healing Eucharist Knitting Circle	Church Parish House
Sunday, April 28	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 4:30 pm	Adult Education – History of Holy Trinity Holy Eucharist – The 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Refreshments Chorister's Rehearsal Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Church Choir Room Centennial Room

### **TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS**

Marshall McMain, Crucifer Joshua Karstendick & Mark Ritter, Lectors Thomas Lipscomb, Intercessor Boyden Gardner, Streaming Teresa Pisani, Refreshments Sally Griffith and Teresa Pisani, Flowers

# 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.

# <u>Culture</u>

### 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.

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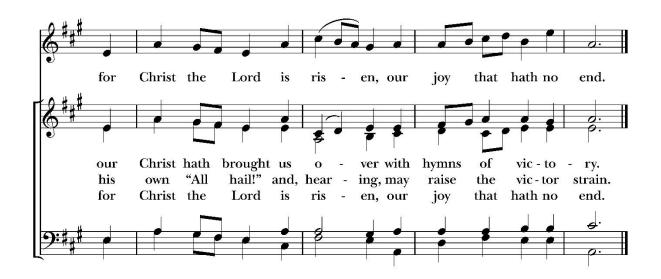
### Welcome & Parish Notices

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

### Entrance Hymn 210



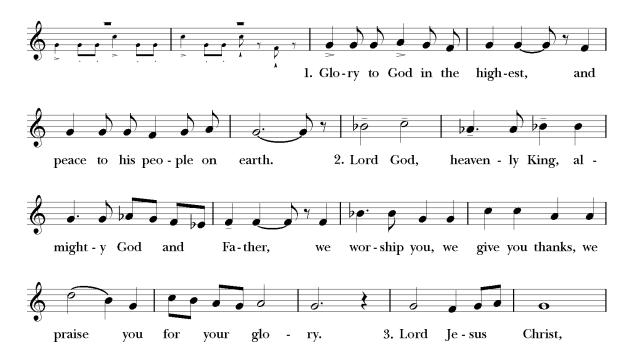
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### **Opening Acclamation**

- 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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

# THE WORD OF GOD

## First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

Joshua Karstendick

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

## People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 Dominus regit me

- 1 THE LORD is my shepherd; \* therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He shall feed me in a green pasture, \* and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- 3 He shall convert my soul, \* and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; \* for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me; \* thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; \* and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24

Ubi caritas

*Reader* A reading from First John:

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

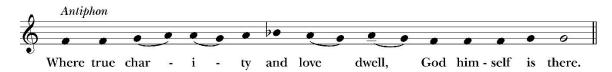
And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.*People* Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

### Sequence Hymn 606

The Antiphon is sung once by the choir and then by all:



Choir: Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body, let us all rejoice and be glad now and always.And as we hear and love our Lord, the living God, so let us in sincerity love all people.

Antiphon

Choir: As we are all of one body, when we gatherlet no evil discord or enmity break our oneness.May all our pety jealousies and hatred ceasethat Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days.Antiphon

The Gospel: John 10:11-18

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ

- Celebrant Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."
- CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. John 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

Thomas Lipscomb

Leader:	God, we pray for the Christian Church throughout the world;
People <b>:</b>	<b>That we all may be one.</b>
Leader:	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People <b>:</b>	That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Leader:	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People <b>:</b>	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 <b>:</b>	That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Leader:	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People <b>:</b>	That our works may find favor in your sight.
Leader:	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People <b>:</b>	That they may be delivered from their distress.
Leader:	Give to the departed eternal rest.
People <b>:</b>	Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Leader:	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People <b>:</b>	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, The Hauser Family, Barbara, 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**.

## Confession of Sin

Celebrant 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

*Celebrant* 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

PresiderThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

# A Note about the Peace:

All are invited to connect with their neighbors to share the Peace of Christ with them, which is reconciliation at its most intimate and reflects of Jesus' gift to us at Easter. There are many ways for us to reach out to each other - shake hands, offer fist or elbow bumps, wave or flash the peace sign to each other, smile, nod or bow – check your neighbor'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 in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

John Rutter

Loving shepherd of thy sheep, Keep thy lamb, in safety keep. Nothing can thy power withstand; None can pluck me from thy hand.

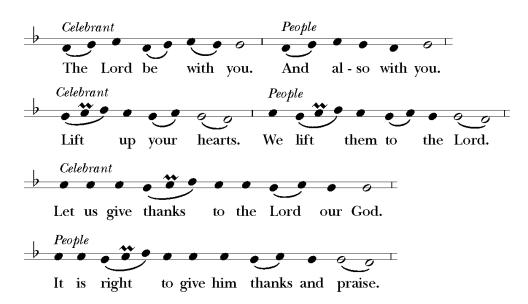
> I would praise thee every day, Gladly all thy will obey, Like thy blessed ones above, Happy in thy perfect love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near, Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear; Suffer not my step to stray From the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go, Walking in thy steps below, Till before thy Father's throne I shall know as I am known.

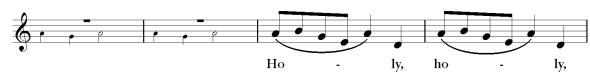
### The Great Thanksgiving

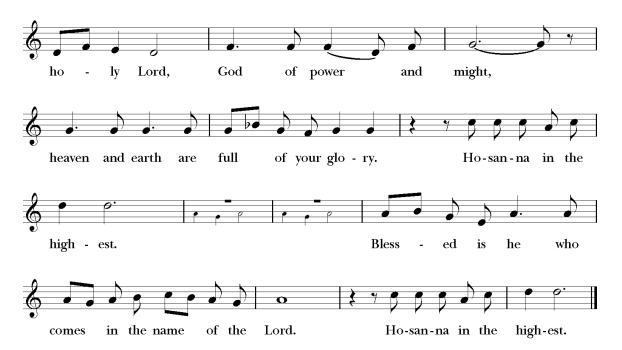
### Eucharistic Prayer A



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.** 

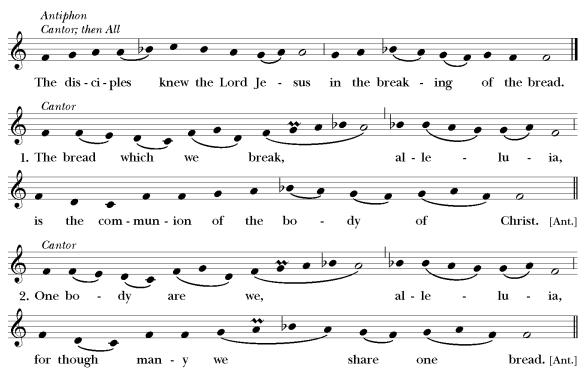
### The Lord's Prayer

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 343**

Shep - herd of fresh bless 1 souls, re and thy cho - sen 2 would We not live by bread lone, but by thy a ing 3 and Be known to us in break bread, do not 4 Lord. sup with us in love di vine thy Bo - dy **I**P grim flock with in the pil man na word of grace, of which in strength we Sa vior, bide with then de part; -a Blood, bread, and thy that liv ing that 0 ₫. P p wil der with from the rock. ness, wa ter place. el bid trav on to our a ing ble us. and spread thy ta in our heart. food. heaven ly wine, be our im mor tal 0

St. Agnes

Following the hymn, all stand as able.

### Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

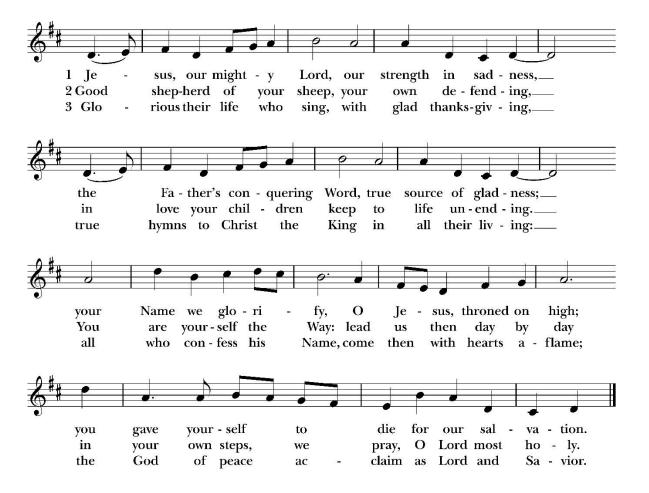
All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness 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 478

Monk's Gate



## The Dismissal

Presider	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People	Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!

PostludePrelude in D minorGeorg Böhm

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# About this service...

Service: Everything you need for 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 (<u>www.htrit.org/give</u>).

**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 <u>www.htrit.org</u> 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.

Beginning April 28: A historical walk through the Church of the Holy Trinity.
April 28 – In the beginning...the building, the founders, and the growth of Rittenhouse Square
May 5 – the leaders and the people of the church
May 12 – growing churches, starting missions
May 19 – outreach to the community
Possibly May 26, if people are in town – What's next?

# 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: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/OpenHeartsCafeSignUp">https://tinyurl.com/OpenHeartsCafeSignUp</a>

# Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities

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