

The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

Eighth Sunday *after* Pentecost

11:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



July 14, 2024

What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, July 14	9:30 am	Adult Forum – Contemplative Prayer & Psalms	Church
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist – 8 th Sunday after Pentecost	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, July 15	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
Tuesday, July 16	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, July 17	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Parish House
	4:30 pm	Property Committee Meeting	Online
	6:00 pm	Revenue Committee Meeting	Online
Thursday, July 18	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
	11:00 am	Finance Committee Meeting	Online
Sunday, July 21	9:30 am	Adult Forum – Contemplative Prayer & Psalms	Church
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist – 9 th Sunday after Pentecost	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	12:30 pm	July Vestry Meeting	2 nd Floor Parish House Library
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Andy Gutknecht & Jeannie Welsh, *Lectors*

Marshall McMain, *Intercessor*

Martha Lipscomb, *Usher*

Boyden Gardner, *Streaming*

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. Worshipers 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 428

Irish

1 O all ye works of God, now come to thank him
 2 O sun and moon and stars of heaven, your end - less
 3 O heat and cold, O night and day, O storms and
 4 O earth and sea, O all that live in wa - ter
 5 O let his peo - ple bless the Lord like right - eous

1 and a - dore; O an - gels, sing and
 2 praise out - pour; O chang - ing sea - sons,
 3 thun - der's roar, O fields and for - ests,
 4 or on shore, O men and wo - men,
 5 souls of yore; let those of ho - ly,

1 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 2 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 3 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 4 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 5 hum - ble heart come praise him ev - er - more.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

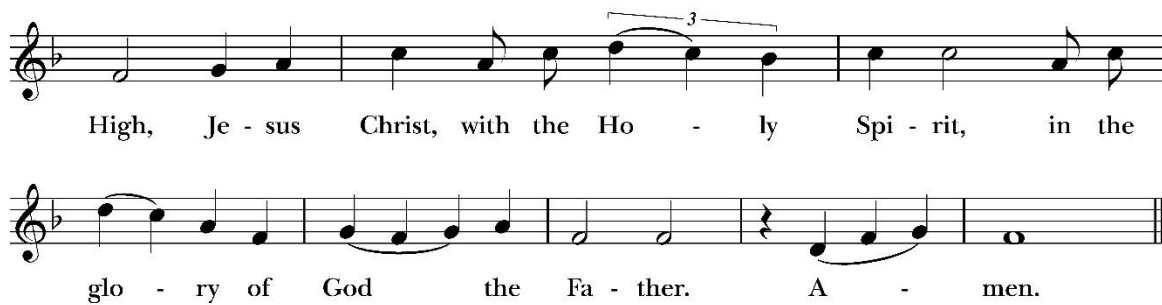
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Andy Gutknecht

Reader A reading from the prophet Samuel:

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24 *Domini est terra*

Each side of the congregation takes a verse, starting with house right.

Right ¹ **The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, ***
 the world and all who dwell therein.

Left ² For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
 and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

Right ³ **"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? ***
 and who can stand in his holy place?"

Left ⁴ "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
 who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

Right ⁵ **They shall receive a blessing from the Lord ***
 and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Left ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
 of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob

Right ⁷ **Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; ***
 and the King of glory shall come in.

Left ⁸ "Who is this King of glory?" *
 "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."

Right ⁹ **Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; ***
 and the King of glory shall come in.

Left ¹⁰ "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
 "The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

Sequence Hymn 455

Dunedin



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
 3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
 4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
 us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
 dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



The Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Celebrant King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise 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 IV

Sally Griffith

Leader: **In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.**

Leader: **For all people in their daily life and work;**

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: **For this community, the nation, and the world;**

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: **For the just and proper use of your creation;**

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: **For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;**

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop Elect; and Daniel, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and for those who have asked for our prayers: especially Sydney, Rose, Sylvia, Sam, Peter, Barbara, Gwynette, Kathy, Linda, Don, John, Marie, Catherine, Julia, Matthew, Jamie, Diana, Steve, David, Doris, Judy, Brian, Paula, Bob, Ramona, Arthea, and those we now wish to add...

Leader: Hear us, Lord;
People: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. For all who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. For those who are graduating. For our family and friends. For all the people we love.

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;
People: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People: **Who put their trust in you.**

Presider: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

A brief moment of silence is observed.

Confession of Sin

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing, just as he chose us before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. *Ephesians 1:3-6*

Anthem

Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee

Edward Bairstow

Jesu, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.

The People stand at the invitation of the Celebrant.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant May God 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 One who created us.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you forever and ever.**

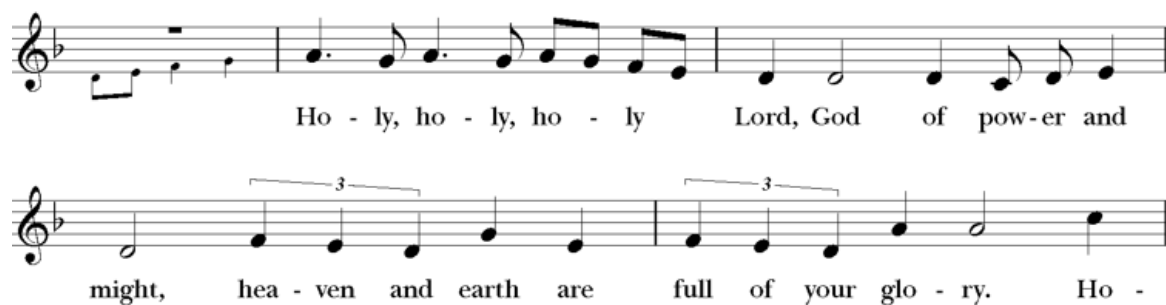
Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

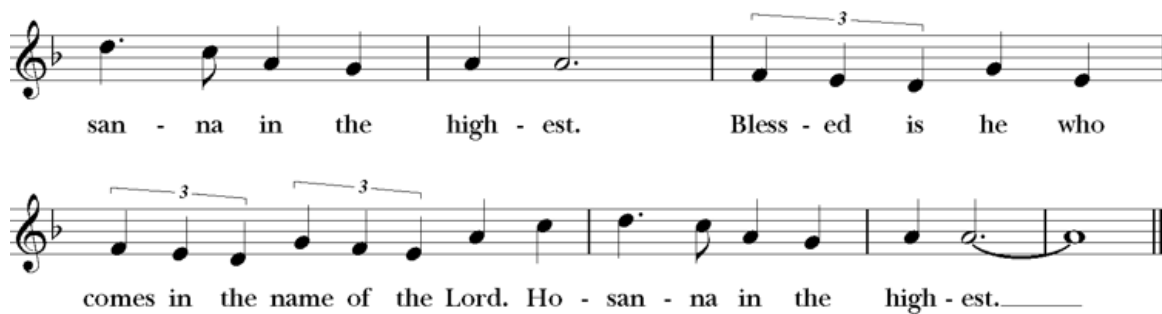
Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S-129





Celebrant And so, Most Gracious God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant God of our kindred and their generation: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Sarah, Rebecca, Hannah and Deborah; God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let this grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in your Son's name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, O God, Most Merciful, though Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All **AMEN.**

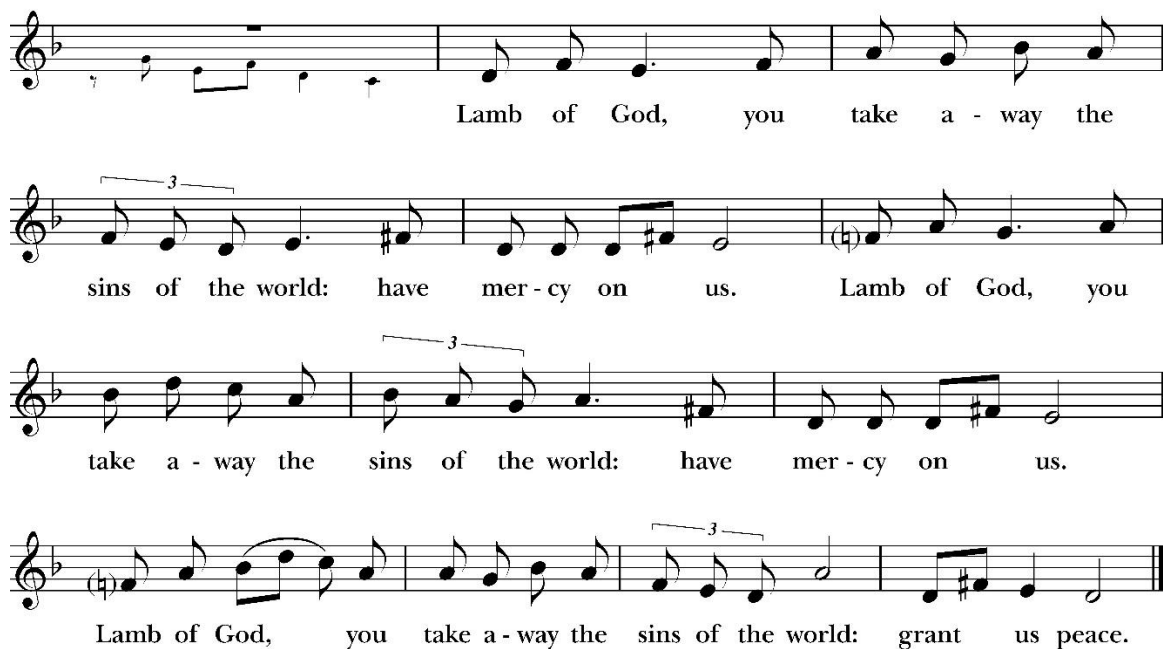
The Lord's Prayer

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

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed 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

Agnus Dei S-163



The musical score for Agnus Dei S-163 is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace." The music features a variety of note values, including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. There are three trills marked with a '3' and a slur. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God – Holy Food for Holy People.

Please be seated.

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.

Communion Hymn

Coe Fen

1. How shall I sing that ma - jes - ty which an - gels do ad -
2. Thy bright - ness un - to them ap - pears, whilst I thy foot - steps
3. En - light - en with faith's light my heart, in - flame it with love's
4. How great a be - ing, Lord, is thine, which doth all be - ings

mire? Let dust in dust and si - lence lie; sing, sing, ye
trace; a sound of God comes to my ears, but they be -
fire; then shall I sing and bear a part with that ce -
keep! Thy know - ledge is the on - ly line to sound so

heaven - ly choir. Thou - sands of thou - sands stand a - round thy
hold - thy face. They sing, be - cause thou art their Sun; Lord,
les - tial choir. I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with
vast a deep. Thou art a sea with - out a shore, a

throne, O God most high; ten thou - sand
send a beam on me; for where heav'n
all my fire and light; yet when thou
sun with - out a sphere; thy time is

times ten thou - sand sound thy praise; but who am I?
is but once be - gun there al - le - lu - ias be.
dost ac - cept their gold, Lord, trea - sure up my mite.
now and ev - er - more, thy place is ev - ery - where.

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 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn 292

Engelberg

1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, _____
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found _____
 3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, _____
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night _____
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! _____

1 and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride, _____
 2 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound, _____
 3 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, _____
 4 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? _____
 5 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise! _____

1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried _____
 2 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found _____
 3 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue, _____
 4 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, _____
 5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways _____

1-4 Al - le - lu - ia! Final Ending Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fugue on the name ALAIN

Maurice Duruflé

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Healing Prayer – *all who wish to receive prayers for healing for themselves, a loved one or even the world, are invited to join a member of the clergy and/or the healing team in the Prayer Corner (to the right of the altar area) after the service.*

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.

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.

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> or use QR Code



Worship Volunteers, It takes many hands to make this service amazing!! Join us in helping!

Hand out bulletins & welcome people; Set up & clean up the altar for services; Help give out the wine & bread during communion; Read the scriptures during the service; Help arrange flowers, etc.



To sign up – <https://forms.gle/KecUkXw7MH9cLTY79> or scan QR code above

Adult Education

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

Praying with the Psalms (through July 28) – Contemplative Prayer with the Psalm for the day.

Join us before the service for a little quiet reflective prayer.

Upcoming Formation/Education Class (Fall 2024-Spring 2025)

Our Bishops visitation is scheduled for April 13, 2025. Anyone interested in being welcomed officially into the Episcopal Church, reaffirm their commitment to the church, or just have the Bishop pray over them can participate in the rites of Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation at this service.



**PRACTICING
OUR FAITH**

Preparation this year will take place over the course of 26 weeks, using the curriculum **Practicing our Faith**, based on the book, *Walk in Love* by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Schobe. The curriculum breaks down the beliefs, faith, and practices of the Episcopal Church.

We will have 2 offerings:

- 1) **Sunday Lecture & Discussion** – each week we will be presenting a topic & discussing
- 2) **Weekday Book Study & Conversation** – reading the book together & having conversation

Registration will be available soon – please let Rachel Gardner know if you have questions.

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