The Church of the Holy Trinity Rittenhouse Square

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II



September 22, 2024

What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, September 22	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 4-6 pm	Adult Education: Walk in Love Holy Eucharist - 17 th Sunday after Pentecost Refreshments September Vestry Meeting Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Church Online Centennial Room
Monday, September 23	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
Tuesday, September 24	10:00-3:00 4-6 pm 6:30-10 pm	Front Doors Open Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing Rental Goup	Centennial Room Church
Wednesday, September 25	10:00-3:00 5:45 pm 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Front Doors Open Extended Prelude for Choral Evensong Choral Evensong & Blessing of the Organ Donor Event	Church Church
Thursday, September 26	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm 6:00-10 pm	Front Doors Open Healing Eucharist AVA New Artists Recital	Church Church
Sunday, September 29	9:30 am Stewardship 11:00 am	Adult Education: Walk in Love Kickoff - Walk in Love Holy Eucharist - St. Michael & All Angels	Church Church
	12:00 pm 4-6 pm	Refreshments Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Centennial Room

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Mark Ritter & James Otwell, Lectors
Shreve Simpson, Intercessor
Boyden Gardner, Streaming
Congregational Life Committee, Usher
Peg Mertz, Welcome Table
Martha Lipscomb, Refreshments
Wesley Parrott, Assisting Organist

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

Please rise in body or in spirit.



Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

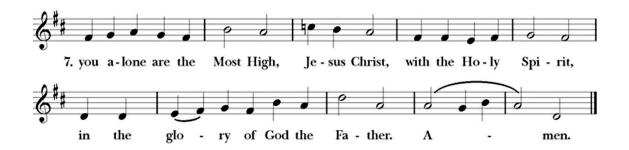
The Collect for Purity

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. **Amen.**

Gloria S-279 Gerald Near





The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

The First Lesson Jeremiah 11:18=20

Mark Ritter

Reader A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;

then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,

let us cut him off from the land of the living,

so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,

who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,

for to you I have committed my cause.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 Beatus vir qui non abiit

The antiphon is sung once by the choir and then by all.

The choir sings the verses and all join on the antiphon as indicated.



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, * and they meditate on his law day and night.

Antiphon

- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Antiphon

The Second Lesson James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

James Otwell

Reader A reading from the letter of James

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

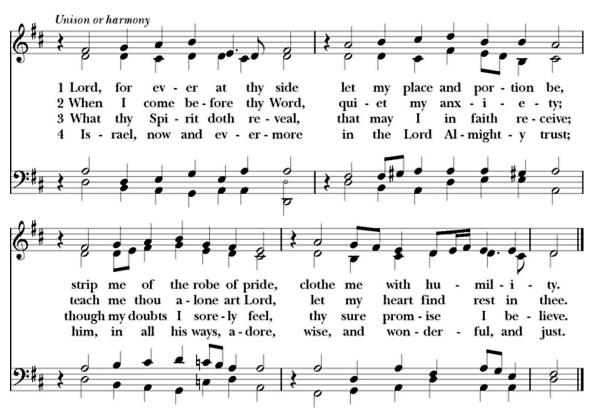
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or in spirit.

The Sequence Hymn 670

Song 13



The Gospel Mark 9:30-37

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend John Gardner

Please rise in body or in spirit.

The Nicene Creed

All W

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

Shreve Simpson

Leader Let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to walk in love together.

Leader I ask your prayers for the Church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople.

As Christ loved us,

People We walk in love.

Leader I bid your prayers for our Nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to hostilities, for a spirit of Goodwill. We pray for our citizens as we elect leaders, and for leaders who serve with love.

As Christ loved us,

People We walk in love.

Leader I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts.

As Christ loved us,

People We walk in love.

Leader I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. Please pray for those on our parish prayer list, especially Daniela, Caitlin, Richard, Daniel, Jennifer, Riohima, Bernard, Matthew, Yeshua, Benjamin, The Hui Family, Alison, Bill, Cole, Kevin, Peter, Barbara, Pat, Dick, Jerome, John, Lawrence, Margaret, Arthea, and all who we name now either silently or aloud.

Leader As Christ loved us, People We walk in love.

Leader I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. As

Christ loved us,

People We walk in love.

Leader Let us lift up our celebrations, remembrances, and the naming of our many

blessings, innumerable and filled with Grace. May we be inspired to share our

wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and our Church.

As Christ loved us,

People We walk in love.

Presider Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and

abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You made. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief moment of silence may be observed.

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Presider Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ

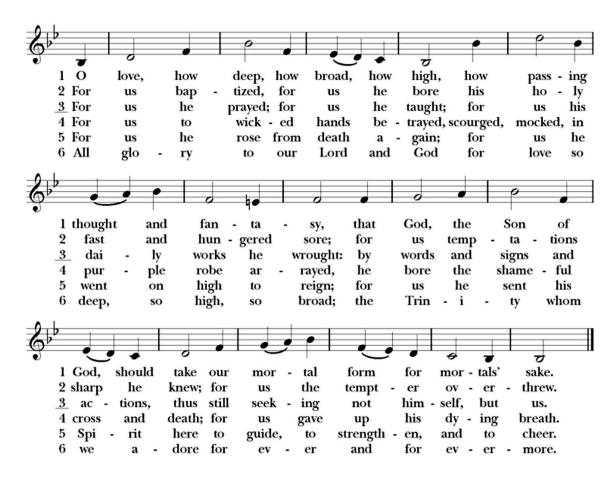
loved us and gave himself up for us, and fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2 (NIV)

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame:
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb.
Return, o holy dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
So shall my walk be close to God, calm and serene my frame:
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Please rise in body or in spirit

Offertory Hymn 448



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

Celebrant May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

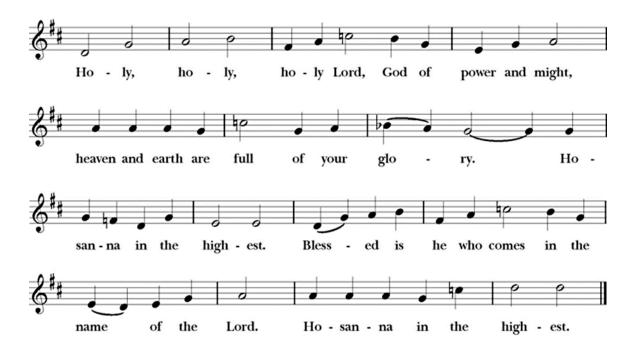
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the One who created us.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is truly right to glorify you, O God, our Refuge and Strength, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

Sanctus S-131



Celebrant

We acclaim you, Holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, given the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might dwell as faithful companions with all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Gracious God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom, to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill

your purpose, Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; offered thanks and 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Most Blessed One, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, the Rock of our Salvation.

Celebrant

We pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, O God, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Eternal God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and forever.

People AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

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

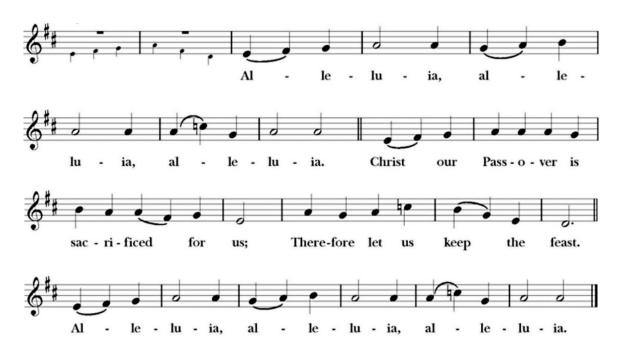
All

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed 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

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S-155



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Please he seated.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion for 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

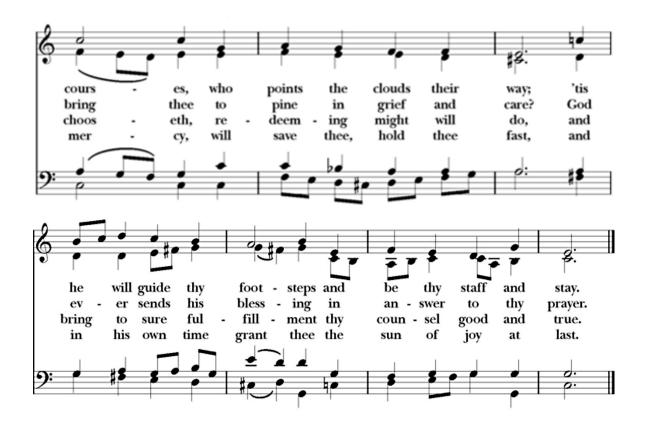
Distribution of Communion

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 669

Herzlich tut mich verlangen





Please rise in body or in spirit

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 minds in the knowledge and love of God 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 480

Kingsfold



The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth from this place, sharing the Good News of God's love

with the world!

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Trumpet Prelude Johan Helmich Roman

Permission to reprint, broadcast, and/or stream the music in this service has been obtained from One License with license #A-735450

Healing Prayer – all who wish to receive prayers for healing for themselves, a loved one or even the world, are invited to john 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: 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.

Adult Education - September/October 9:30 am Sundays

September 29 Not Only With Our Lips, But in Our Lives - Beliefs and Practices

October 6 The New Life of Grace - Baptismal Beliefs

October 13 The Covenant They Have Made-Baptismal Practice

October 20 A Wonderful Sacrament - Eucharistic Beliefs

October 27 Be Known to Us in the Breaking of Bread - Eucharistic Practice

Adult Education - October 7:00 pm Wednesdays

October 2 Not only with our Lips, But in Our Lives - Beliefs and Practices

October 9 New Life of Grace - Baptismal Beliefs

October 16 The Covenant They Have Made-Baptismal Practice

October 23 A Wonderful Sacrament - Eucharistic Beliefs

October 30 Be Known to Us in the Breaking of Bread - Eucharistic Practice

JOIN US

Choral Evensong & Blessing of the Organ



Möller Opus 8128 @ The Church of the Holy Trinity



or online: https://tinyurl.com/CHTOrganEvent2024

