The Church of the Holy Trinity Rittenhouse Square

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II



November 17, 2024

What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, November 17	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 4:00-6:00 pm	Adult Education: Walk in Love Holy Eucharist – 26 th Sunday after Pentecost Refreshments Vestry Meeting Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Church 2 nd Floor PH Library Centennial Room
Monday, November 18	10:00-3:00 pm	n Front Doors Open	
Tuesday, November 19	10:00-3:00 pm 11:00 am 3:00-5:00 pm 7:00 pm	r Front Doors Open Staff Meeting Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing Rental Rehearsal	2 nd Floor PH Library Centennial Room Sanctuary
Wednesday, November 20	10:00-3:00 pm 7:00 pm	n Front Doors Open Adult Education: Walk in Love Book Study	Parish House
Thursday, November 21	10:00-3:00 pm 12:15 pm	n Front Doors Open Healing Eucharist	Church
Sunday, November 24	9:30 am 11:00 am	Adult Education: Walk in Love Holy Eucharist – Last Sunday after Pentecost Arrive a few minutes early to welcome pianist N play the prelude and portions of the service	Church Church uoya Zhang who will
	12:00 pm 4:00-6:00 pm	Refreshments Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Centennial Room

PARTICIPANTS

Thomas Lipscomb & Mark Ritter, Readers
Gail Caruso, Intercessor
Connor Gardner, Acolyte
Boyden Gardner, Streaming
Martha Lipscomb & David Otwell, Ushers
Gail Caruso & Margaret Dowling, Flowers
Wesley Parrott, Organist

WELCOME

WE ARE GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE!

OUR VIVID VISION

This was created in 2022 in collaboration with the Rectors, Wardens & Vestry and is intended to describe where we will be in 3 years.

The church is bursting with life. Outside the building, people are talking, resting, and enjoying the weather. Inside, people are coming and going – staff and volunteers connecting and welcoming. Families, students, working professionals, retirees and neighbors mingle with each other, finding resources they need: safety and support, education, and creative outlets. Visitors and members alike find a place to make a difference and share their gifts with each other. The smell of delicious food wafts through the air as the chefs prepare the community meal for the day. Visitors from all over the world are marveling at the beautiful interior of the sanctuary. Worshippers are laughing, singing, praising, and just enjoying being together. The delicate sounds of violin mingle with the robust organ and the echoes of voices. We are more than just a place on the Square. We are an integral part of the neighborhood.

CORE VALUES

INCLUSION/WELCOME

We believe that no one should feel left out or alone. We embrace our differences and respect each person within our community. This allows everyone to bring their unique and authentic gifts to further the mission of the church.

INNOVATION

We are not afraid of trying new things or changing when necessary. If things do not work out, we are open to re-evaluate, learn from our mistakes, and try again.

COLLABORATION

We listen to and support one another, working and evolving together. We build upon each other's strengths and lift up each other's gifts.

COMMUNITY MINDEDNESS

Church is not an individual endeavor, but a community experience. We believe that we cannot each succeed or be whole, unless everyone finds success and wholeness.

CULTURE

JOYFUL

We are hopeful, optimistic, and have fun together. Being part of this community gives us joy, and our joy spreads to others and makes us want to share joy with them.

FEARLESS

We are innovative, purposeful and adaptable. We believe that with God all things are possible and that with prayer and connection to God we will always have enough. We are not afraid of trying new things or of failing. We learn from our mistakes. We reach out to others drawing them in, not waiting for them to find us.

EMBRACING

We love others, because God loves us. This means that we are accepting, welcoming, open, genuine, and empathetic. We speak the truth in love.

ENGAGED

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

Welcome & Parish Notices

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Please rise in body or in spirit.





Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

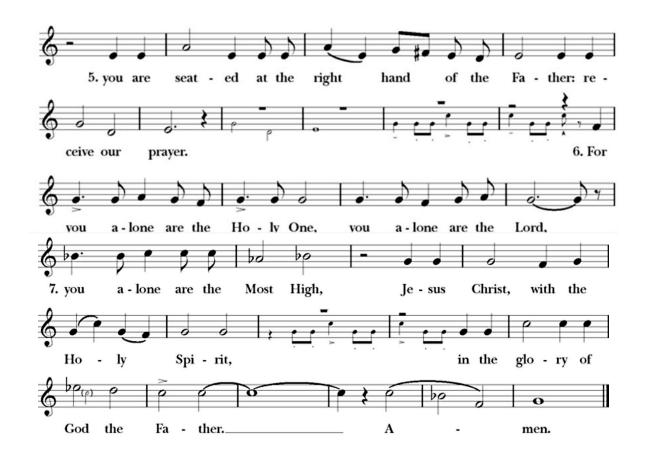
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.**





The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson 1 Samuel 1:4-20

Thomas Lipscomb

Reader A reading from the book of Samuel.

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle: The Song of Hannah 1 Samuel 2:1-10

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.



My heart exults in you, O God; *
my triumph song is lifted in you.

My mouth derides my enemies, *
for I rejoice in your salvation.

There is none holy like you, *
nor any rock to be compared to you, our God.

Do not heap up prideful words or speak in arrogance; *
only God is knowing and weights all actions.

Antiphon

The weapons of the mighty are broken,
but the weak are clothed in strength.

Those once full now labor for bread; *
those who hungered now are well fed.

The childless woman finds her life fruitful, *
and the mother of many sits forlorn.

The LORD destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up; *
gives wealth or takes it away, humbles and dignifies.

The LORD raises the poor from the dust; *
and lifts up the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with rulers *
and inherit a place of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, *
and on them he has set the world.

Antiphon

He will guard the path of the faithful, *
but the wicked will languish in darkness.

For it is not by human might *
that any mortal will prevail.

The foes of our God will be shattered;
the Most High will thunder through the heavens.

The Almighty will judge the earth to its ends; *
and will give strength to the ruler of God's own choosing.

Antiphon

Reader A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,"

he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



The Gospel Mark 13:1-8

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings! Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him

privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

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 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

Gail Caruso

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. God of love and mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for the world-wide Anglican Church, for Sean, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; for Daniel, our Bishop; for John and Rachel, our clergy; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray for the people in this place who are doing God's work, may we be instruments of reconciliation, healing, love and peace. God of love and mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another serve the common good. God of love and mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. God of love and mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Let us pray for those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or other celebrations this week. God of love and mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, all who have been left out, who feel alone or forgotten, who are being oppressed or live under threat. We pray especially for all who have asked for our prayers: Erika, Mindy, Slobodon, Jean, James, Barbara, Rose, Johanna, Patricia, Milton, Tash, Cari, Ray, Daisy, Caitlin, Richard, Daniel, Jennifer, Matthew, Alison, Bill, Cole, Pat, Margaret, Arthea; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. God of love and mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially, Andre Iwanicki, that

your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your

saints in your eternal kingdom. God of love and mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Presider 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

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

A brief moment of silence may be observed.

All N

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 But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices

are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:15, 16

The Offertory

The offerings we give help to support the 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 regularly with REALM (www.htrit.org/give).



Offertory Anthem

A New Magnificat

Carolyn Jennings

Franny Geller, Soprano Julianna Smith, Mezzo-soprano

Hannah: My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in the Lord. My mouth derides my enemies; I rejoice in God's salvation.

Mary: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior, who looks upon a lowly handmaid with favor. All generations shall call me blessed.

Choir: My heart o'erflows, Alleluia!

Hannah: There is none holy like the Lord; there is no rock like our God. Let not your mouth be arrogant, for the Lord is a God of all knowledge.

Mary: For God who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is God's name. And God's mercy is given to God's people from generation to generation.

Choir: My heart o'erflows, Alleluia!

Hannah: The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble put on strength. Those who were full are hungry, and those who were hungry are filled.

Mary: Strong is the arm of the Lord, who has scattered the proud in their hearts; God has put down the mighty and lifted those of low degree.

Hannah: The Lord kills and brings to life; God brings low and also exalts. God lifts up the poor from the dust to sit with rulers and inherit a seat of honor.

Choir: For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's and on them God has set the world.

Mary: Strong is the arm of the Lord, who has scattered the proud in their hearts. God has filled the hungry, and the rich have been sent empty away.

Choir: My heart o'erflows, Alleluia!

Hannah: God will guard the faithful flock, and human might shall not prevail. The Lord will judge the earth; and will exalt the power of God's anointed.

Mary: For the Lord has helped the servant Israel in remembrance of God's love and mercy, which was promised to Sarah and Abraham, and to their children's children forever.

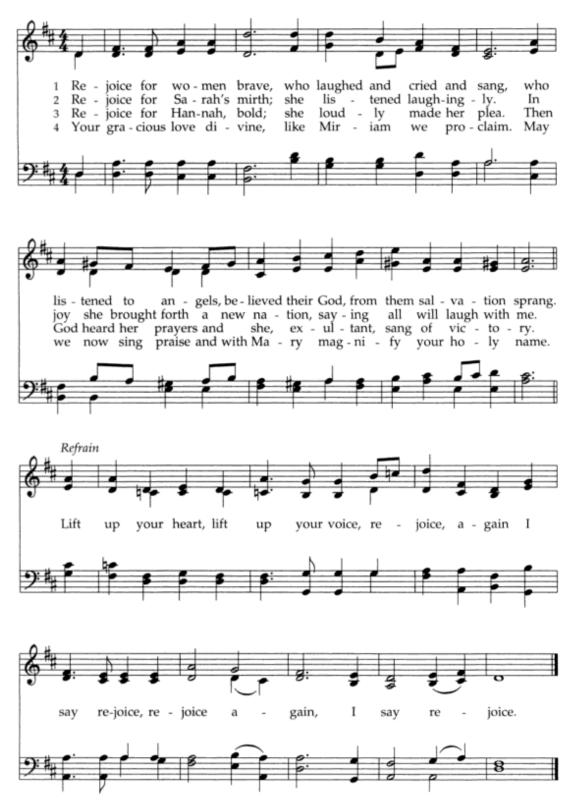
Choir: My heart o'erflows, Alleluia!

Hannah, Mary: Alleluia!

Choir: Amen.

Offertory Hymn 18, Voices Found Hymnal

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Eucharistic Prayer D

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

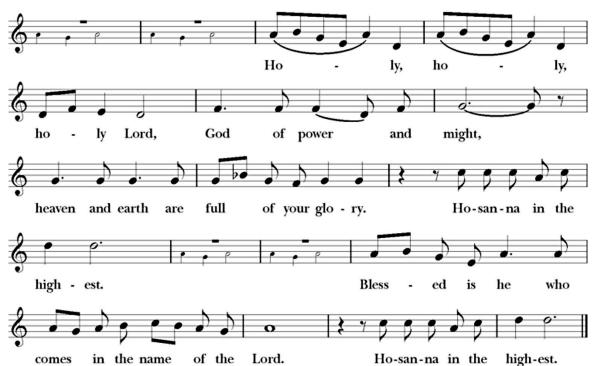
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the One who created us.

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-128 Mathias



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.



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

Distribution of Communion

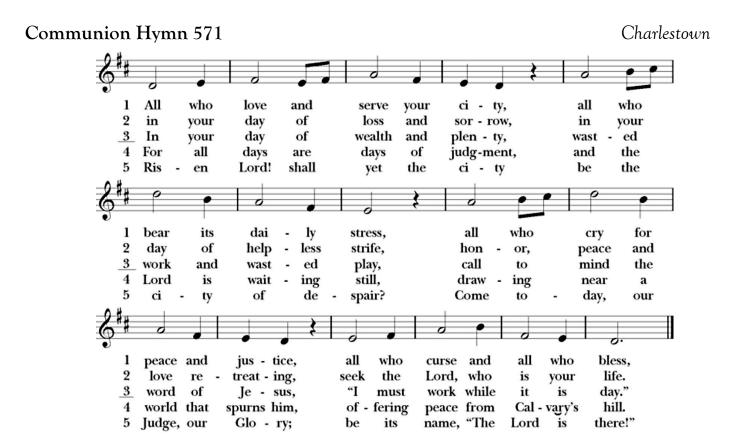
If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers and form two lines in the center aisle. There will be two stations for bread and wine in front of the altar rail. We will bring communion to those who are more comfortable staying in their pew (please alert an usher). If you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

Communion Anthem

Ave verum corpus

Edward Elgar

Hail! True body, born of Mary the virgin, that truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind. From whose pierced side ran true blood; let that body be tasted by us before we face the trial of death. O merciful, O holy, O sweet Jesus, Son of Mary.



Please rise in body or in spirit

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

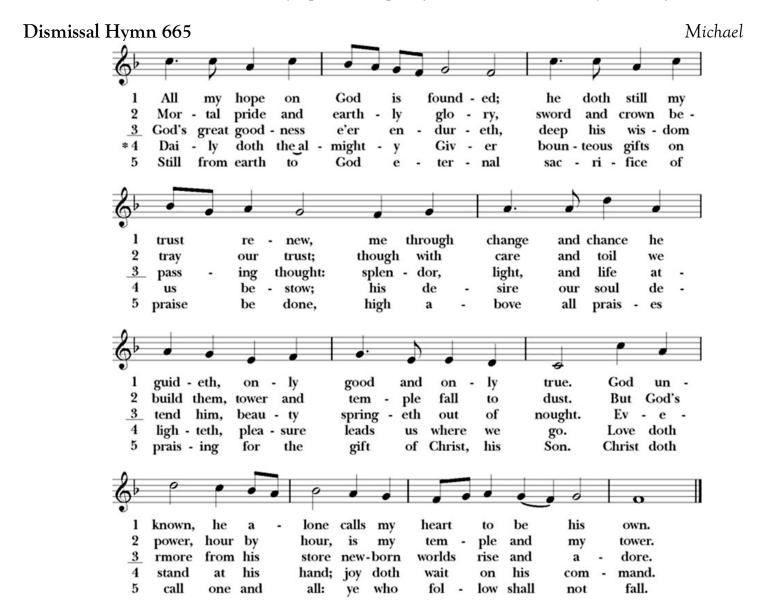
All

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.**



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 Fugue in a minor, BWV 543.2 Johann Sebastian Bach

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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 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 regularly 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.

Open Hearts Café - Winter Coat Drive

To help our neighbors face the coming winter, Open Hearts is holding a **WINTER COAT DRIVE**. Please bring any winter coats you'd like to donate to the Church between **Mondays and Thursdays**, from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars... December 4 Advent Organ Meditation!

Join us for the first Advent Organ Meditation of "L'Orgue Mystique" by Charles Tournemire, led by Richard Spotts.

Although today shrouded in popular obscurity, Charles Tournemire was a seminal musical influence of the twentieth century, particularly in the realm of sacred music. Born in Bordeaux in 1870, Tournemire, who was a student of César Franck and Charles-Marie Widor, was organist of the Basilica of Sainte-Clotilde in Paris from 1898 until his death in 1939, where he was known as an improviser extraordinaire. He produced an enormous compositional output of incredible profundity. His most renowned work, the magnum opus "L'Orgue Mystique", transformed the sound of the organ world, hearkening to the past with its use of Gregorian chant while yet welcoming it into modernity with its innovative mystical sonorities. This recital will feature selected works of from "L'Orgue Mystique" commemorating the Advent and the Nativity seasons.

Richard Spotts is a graduate of Westminster Choir College in Princeton. Over the past sixteen years, Richard dedicated himself to the study of Charles Tournemire and his "L'Orgue Mystique", during which he performed segments of the work—both liturgically and in concert—at cathedrals, parishes, universities, and other such institutions in the United States and Canada. He has performed the complete "L'Orgue Mystique" in concert series, most notably in Pittsburgh for the Pittsburgh and Duquesne chapters of the American Guild of Organists and Duquesne University.

The performance for the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, which was interrupted due to the pandemic, is rescheduled for Lent 2026 at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Chestnut Hill. Mr Spotts' book on the subject—"Charles Tournemire's L'Orgue Mystique: La haute mission", which is a summation of his study of the man and his music—is set to be published by the Leupold Foundation in the coming months.

Adult Education Schedule

November 24: Grow in Grace Through the Years - Confirmation and Marriage December 1: Thanksgiving Break

Upcoming Advent and Christmas Schedule

ADVENT

Advent Wreath Making Workshop NEXT SUNDAY!

November 24 after Church (12:30 ish)

Advent Organ Meditations

Wednesdays
December 4, 11, and 18
12:15 p.m.

Choral Evensong for Advent

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Decorate the Church for Christmas

Monday, December 23, 2024 5:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve

Blessing of the Creche, 4:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols, 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist, 10:00 a.m.

The Church of the Holy Trinity Staff

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner, Rector

The Rev. John Gardner, Rector

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