

# The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

## The Last Sunday *after* Pentecost: Christ the King

11:00 am  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II



*Georges Rouault, Christ condemned by Pilate  
wood engraving, 1939*

November 24, 2024

# What's Happening This Week:

*This week, Morning Prayer is held Monday through Wednesday at 9:00 am on Facebook.*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sunday, November 24	9:30 am	Adult Education: Walk in Love	Church
	<i>Arrive a few minutes early to welcome pianist Nuoya Zhang who will play the prelude and portions of the service</i>		
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist – <i>Last Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	12:00 pm	Advent Wreath Making Workshop	Church
	4:00-6:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, November 25	10:00-3:00 pm	Front Doors Open	
Tuesday, November 26	10:00-3:00 pm	Front Doors Open	
	11:00 am	Staff Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor PH Library
	3:00-5:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
	7:00 pm	Rental Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wednesday, November 27	10:00-3:00 pm	Front Doors Open	
		<b>No Adult Education Class</b>	
Thursday, November 28		<b>Church Closed for Thanksgiving – No Morning Prayer, No Healing Service</b>	
Sunday, December 1		<b>No Adult Education Class</b>	
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist – <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	4:00-6:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

## PARTICIPANTS

Phillip Duffy & Alyssa Force, *Readers*  
 Joshua Karstendick, *Intercessor*  
 Amy Perkins, *Acolyte*  
 Boyden Gardner, *Streaming*  
 Nancy Rasmussen, *Usher*  
 Nuoya Zhang, *Pianist*  
 Ben Leiby & Andy Gutknecht, *Flowers*

# 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. 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

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Please rise in body or in spirit.

Opening Hymn 494

Diademata

*Descant*

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran-somed sin - ners slain, now  
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

### 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.**

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 High, Je-sus Christ, with the  
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of  
 God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

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### The First Lesson 2 Samuel 23:1-7

*Phillip Duffy*

*Reader* A reading from the book of Samuel.

These are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?

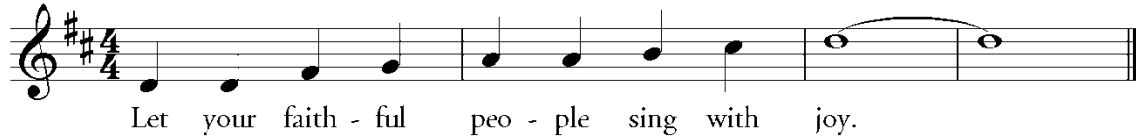
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?

But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*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 Lord, remember David, \*  
and all the hardships he endured;
- 2 How he swore an oath to the Lord \*  
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
- 3 "I will not come under the roof of my house," \*  
nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, \*  
nor let my eyelids slumber;
- 5 Until I find a place for the Lord, \*  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

### **Antiphon**

- 6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; \*  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
- 7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; \*  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."
- 8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, \*  
you and the ark of your strength.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; \*  
let your faithful people sing with joy.

### **Antiphon**

- 10 For your servant David's sake, \*  
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.
- 11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David; \*  
in truth, he will not break it:
- 12 "A son, the fruit of your body \*  
will I set upon your throne.
- 13 If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, \*  
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

### **Antiphon**



## The Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4b-8

Alyssa Force

*Reader* A Reading from Revelation

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Sequence Hymn 483

St. Magnus

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;  
2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,  
3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,  
4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;  
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,

1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dons the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;  
3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.  
4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.  
5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him:  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.

## The Gospel John 18:33-37

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Judeans?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Judean, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the religious authorities. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

*The Reverend Rachel Wenner 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

*Joshua Karstendick*

*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: The Glenn Family, Emily, Erika, Michael, Arlene, Thomas, Robert, Barry, Sydney, Sonia, Mindy, Slobodon, Jean, Christopher, James, Patricia, Cari, Richard, Pat, Margaret; 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* 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

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### 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](http://www.htrit.org/give)).



### Offertory Anthem

*The Last Words of David*

Randall Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.  
And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds;  
as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.  
Alleluia. Amen. – 2 Samuel 23

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -  
 2 The Lord the Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love: when  
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the  
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and

*Refrain*

tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift  
 keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.  
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

1-3  
 up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a - gain I say, re -

*Final Ending*

joyce! up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a -

gain I say, re - joice!

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-128

Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*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. **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-165

*Mathias*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

*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 Voluntary** Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring *Johann Sebastian Bach (tr. Hess)*  
*Nuoya Zhang, Pianist*

Communion Hymn 307

Bryn Calfarina

1 Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be -  
 \*2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in  
 \*3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of  
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for  
 5 Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, smit - ten

1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -  
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment  
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels  
 4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -  
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -

Al - le -

1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.  
 2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.  
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.  
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.  
 5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing  
 2 Thou art here, we ask not  
 3 We in wor - ship join with  
 4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery  
 5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!  
 2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.  
 3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.  
 4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.  
 5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

*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.**

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 2 throughto crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

### The Dismissal

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Hymn d'Action de Grace (Te Deum)*

Jean Langlais

**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...

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**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](http://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.

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## 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.**

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## Adult Education Schedule

Adult Education Classes will resume on Wednesday, December 4 & Sunday, December 8

# Upcoming Advent *and* Christmas Schedule

## ADVENT

### Advent Wreath Making Workshop **TODAY!!**

after Church (12:30 ish in back of the church)

### 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.

## 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.

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