

# The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

## The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

11:00 am  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II



February 2, 2025

# What's Happening This Week:

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sunday, February 2	9:30 a.m.	Adult Education- <i>Daily Office &amp; Daily Prayer</i>	Church
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - <i>The Presentation of our Lord</i>	Church
	12:00 p.m.	Refreshments	Church
	1:00 p.m.	Combined Choir Rehearsal for Evensong	Church
	4:00 p.m.	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, February 3	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, February 4	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	3:00 p.m.	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, February 5	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>	<b>Church</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Organ Recital</b>	<b>Church</b>
<i>*There will be no Adult Class held this Wednesday*</i>			
Thursday, February 6	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	12:15 p.m.	Healing Prayer Service	Prayer Corner
Sunday, February 9	9:30 am	Adult Education	Church
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist - <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany</i>	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	4:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

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## TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Veronica Aplenc & Frank LaMay, *Lectors*

Alyssa Force, *Intercessor*

Connor Gardner, *Acolyte*

David Otwell & Mark Ritter, *Ushers*

Boyden Gardner, *Streaming*

Emily Stromberg, *Refreshments*

Gail Caruso, *Flowers*

Peg Mertz, *Welcome Table*

Wesley Parrott, *Assisting Organist*

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# WELCOME

## WE ARE GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE!

We ask that you **turn off or silence your Cell Phone** during the service. Thank you!

## 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.

Join us on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

## CHORAL EVENSONG

*Sung with the Choir of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia  
Music of Tallis, Radcliffe, Stanford, Hogan, and Hurd*

**6:00 p.m.**

*followed by*

## ORGAN RECITAL

*Daniel Carroll, student at the Curtis Institute of Music  
Music of J S Bach, Dupré, Panufnik, and Widor*

**7:00 p.m.**

## ABOUT OUR SERVICE TODAY

Today we celebrate **The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple**, also known as Candlemas. You will be handed a candle to hold (if you wish). We will begin the service in the back of the church. The choir will lead the congregation in singing the canticle. Candles will be lit during this and can be extinguished before the readings for the day.

### BACKGROUND

This feast of the church is celebrated on February 2, and is also known as Candlemas and the Feast of the Purification. We commemorate the presentation of Jesus and the purification of Mary in the Jerusalem Temple **forty days** after Jesus' birth, in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law (cited in Leviticus 12:2-8). The feast is celebrated about **forty days after Christmas**. According to the Gospel of Luke 2:22-39, the presentation of Jesus was also the occasion of the meeting of Jesus with Simeon and Anna. Simeon's prayer of blessing is the basis for the canticle *Nunc dimittis*, which we will sing today.

Celebration of the feast dates from the 4th century in Jerusalem. It was introduced in Rome in the seventh century, where it included a procession with candles and the singing of the *Nunc dimittis*. The celebration came to include the lighting and blessing of candles which were carried in procession. This feast was known as "Candlemas."

**CANDLEMAS PROCESSION**

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*All rise in body or in spirit.*

*Presider* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Presider* Dear people of God, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the Incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same Spirit, we now enter the house of God, where we shall recognize Christ in the breaking of bread.

Let us pray.

O eternal God, who has created all things; on this day you fulfilled the petitions of the just Simeon: We humbly ask you to bless and sanctify these candles for our use. Graciously hear our prayers and be merciful to us, whom you have redeemed by your Son, who is the light of the world, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## Nunc dimittis

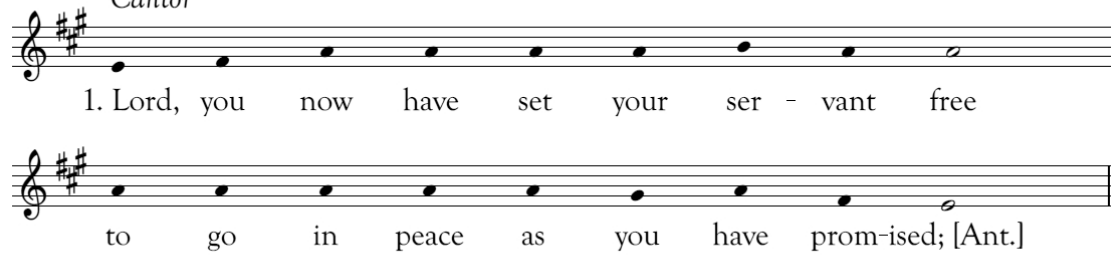
The following canticle is then sung, during which the candles are lighted. The cantor will sing the Antiphon, the congregation repeats. Then, the cantor will sing the verses, and the congregation sings the Antiphon.

**Antiphon**  
*Cantor; then All*



A light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.

*Cantor*



1. Lord, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as you have promised; [Ant.]



2. For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see: [Ant.]

The Celebrant then says the following prayer

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, through Jesus Christ the Light of the World.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Procession

*Presider* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

1 O Zi - on, o - pen wide thy gates, let  
 2 A - ware of hid - den de - i - ty, the  
 3 The a - ged Si - meon sees at last his  
 4 But si - lent knelt the mo - ther blest of  
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all

1 sym - bols dis - ap - pear; a priest and vic - tim,  
 2 low - ly Vir - gin brings her new - born babe, with  
 3 Lord, so long de - sired, and An - na wel - comes  
 4 the yet si - lent Word, and pon - dering all things  
 5 glo - ry to the Son, all glo - ry, Ho - ly

1 both in one, the Truth him - self, is here.  
 2 two young doves, her hum - ble of - fer - ings.  
 3 Is - rael's hope, with ho - ly rap - ture fired.  
 4 in her heart, with speech - less praise a - dored.  
 5 Ghost, to thee, while end - less a - ges run.

Words: Jean Baptiste de Santeuil (1630-1697); tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt. Music: *Edmonton*, from *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1760; harm. *Hymnal 1982*; alt. melody and bass from *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1760.



## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen**

*Candles can now be extinguished.*

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

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**First Lesson:** Malachi 3:1-4

*Veronica Aplenc*

*Reader* A reading from the Prophet Malachi.

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

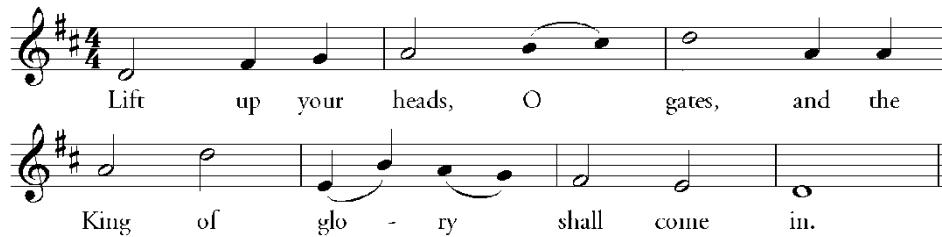
For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 24:7-10 *Domini est terra*

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.



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

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

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

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

### Antiphon

## Hebrews 2:14-18

Frank LaMay

*Reader* A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Sequence Hymn 259

Old 120th



1 Hail to the Lord who comes, comes to his tem - ple gate;  
2 but, borne up - on the throne of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,  
3 There Jo - seph at her side in rev - erent won - der stands;  
4 O Light of all the earth, thy chil - dren wait for thee!

not with his an - gel host, not in his king - ly state;  
watched by her du - teous love, in her fond arms at rest,  
and, filled with ho - ly joy, old Si - meon in his hands  
Come to thy tem - ples here, that we, from sin set free,

no shouts pro - claim him nigh, no crowds his com - ing wait;  
thus to his Fa - ther's house he comes, the heav - en - ly guest.  
takes up the prom - ised child, the glo - ry of all lands.  
be - fore thy Fa - ther's face may all pre - sent - ed be!

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Old 120th*, melody from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1570; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?), after Richard Allison (16th cent.); adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

**The Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*At the conclusion of the Gospel procession, the people are seated.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner

*After a period of silence, 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, Form III

Alyssa Force

*Leader* God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially  
Phil, George, Clare, Mark, Halley, Barb, Michael & Jessica, Chelbie,  
Edelon, Grace, John, Paul, Natalie, Douglas, Chris, Haley & Joe, Jamie,  
Patty, Micola, Richard, Kathy, and Lisa.  
*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* Give to James and all the departed eternal rest.

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom**

*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.

*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.**

*You are invited to connect with your neighbors by waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist or elbow bumps. Following the Peace, the people are seated.*

## Parish Notices, Welcome & Celebration Blessings

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Sentence

*Presider* Compassionate God, who sees beyond our boundaries and loves without limit, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts. Let them reflect the light we find in Jesus, that we may extend your love to all. Transform our gifts into a beacon of hope and inclusion that reflects the boundless love of Christ in every corner of our community. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

### Offertory Anthem

*Christ is the Morning Star*

Cecilia McDowall

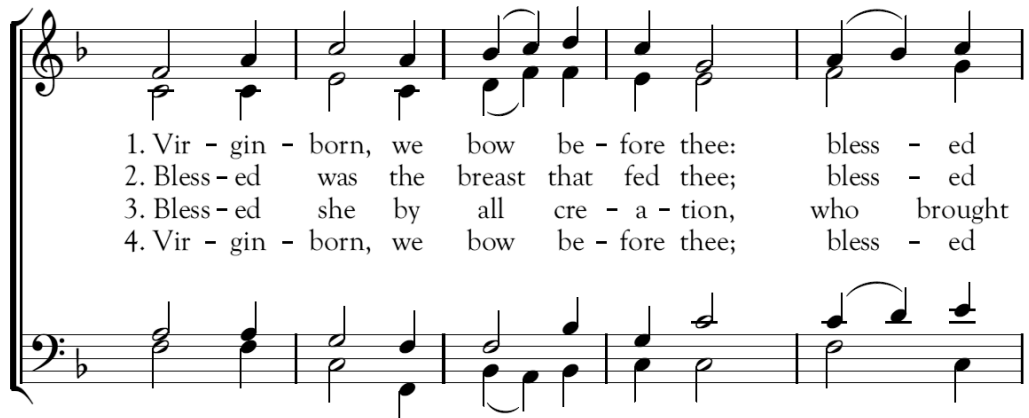
Christ is the morning star  
who when the night of this world is past  
brings to his saints the promise of the light of life  
and opens everlasting day.

-The Venerable Bede

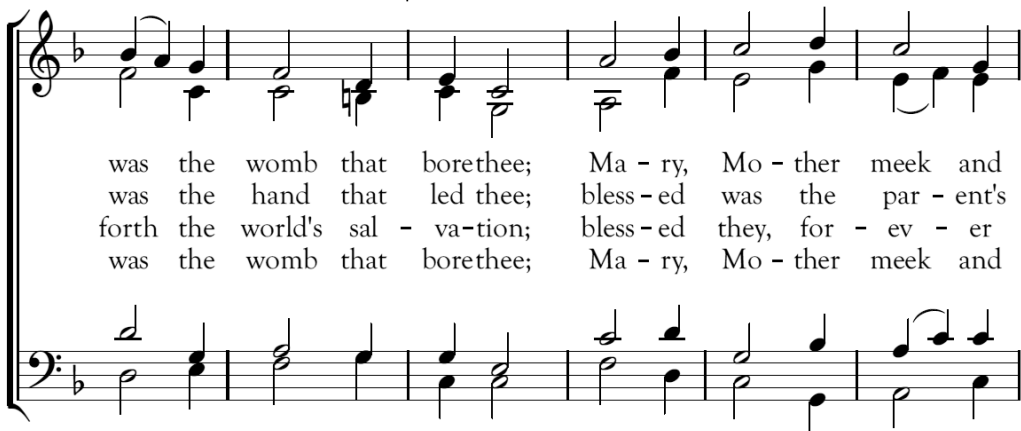


The Offertory Hymn 258


Quem Pastores



1. Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee: bless - ed  
2. Bless - ed was the breast that fed thee; bless - ed  
3. Bless - ed she by all cre - a - tion, who brought  
4. Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee; bless - ed



was the womb that bore thee; Ma - ry, Mo - ther meek and  
was the hand that led thee; bless - ed was the par - ent's  
forth the world's sal - va - tion; bless - ed they, for - ev - er  
was the womb that bore thee; Ma - ry, Mo - ther meek and



mild, — bless - ed was she in her Child.  
eye that watched thy slum - bering in - fan - cy.  
blest, who love thee most and serve thee best.  
mild, — bless - ed was she in her Child.



*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*All* Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory.**

*Celebrant* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*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 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.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem S-155

Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Please be seated.*

## Distribution of Communion

*To receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers to the rail at the front of the church. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you prefer a blessing, let us know! We will bring communion to anyone unable or uncomfortable coming to the rail.*

Communion Anthem

O nata lux

Thomas Tallis

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be members of thy blessed body.

Communion Hymn VF 31

Lourdes

1 When can - dles are light - ed on Can - dle - mas Day  
 2 The kings have de - part - ed, the shep - herds have gone,  
 3 They go to the tem - ple, o - bey - ing the law,

the dark is be - hind us, and spring's on the way.  
 the child and his par - ents are left on their own.  
 and of - fer two pi - geons, the gift of the poor.

A glo - ry dawns in ev - ery dark place,

the light of Christ, the full - ness of grace.

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Music: Lourdes, French traditional melody.

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.

## Blessing

*Celebrant* The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and mind in the knowledge and love of God and of his son, Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and those you love, now and forever. Amen.

## Dismissal Hymn 496

*Wie schön leuchtet*



1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam -  
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast  
3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin -



ing from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
a pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
ners, fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.



O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man  
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser -  
In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on,



and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:  
a - phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
great Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.



Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

## Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit.

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

## Postlude

*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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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:** 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.

### **Church of the Holy Trinity Staff**

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner, *Rector*

The Rev. John Gardner, *Rector*

Robbin McCarthy, *Deacon-in-Training*

Benjamin Leiby, *Interim Organist-Choirmaster*

Robyn Schnieders, *Director of Administration & Operations*

Inaara Shiraz, *Director of Development & Communications*

Karen Majer, *Rentals & House Manager*

Demetrius Swinson, *Assistant to the Director of Operations*

Therese Tiger, Molly Hebert-Wilson, *Reception*

Nabayah Parker, *Child Care Worker*

Boyden & Connor Gardner, *Streaming Services*

Dr. Stephen Framil, *Musician-in-Residence*

Dr. John French, *Organist-Choirmaster emeritus*

### **The Choir of Holy Trinity**

Gail Caruso, Patricia Conrad, Stephanie DeMane, Will Dowling, Franny Geller, Andrew Gutknecht, Thomas Kneeland, Alex Mathews, John Miles, Mike O'Bryan, Aimee Pilgermayer, Eddie Rubeiz, Erica Rose Smith, Julianna Smith, and Amanda Staub

### **Church of the Holy Trinity, Vestry**

Brian Conroy, Phillip Duffy, Alyssa Force, Monica Heuer, Margaret Hughes, Simson Hui, Susan Leidy, Martha Lipscomb, Greg Maughan, James Otwell, Ali Shott, & Emily Stromberg

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