# he Church of the Holy Trinit

# Third Sunday in Lent

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II



March 23, 2025

# What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, March 23	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:45 pm 4:00 pm	Adult Education Holy Eucharist - The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent Refreshments March Vestry Meeting Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Church 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor PH Library Walnut St.
Monday, March 24	10:00-3:00	Church open	
Tuesday, March 25	10:00-3:00 3:00 pm	Church open Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Wednesday, March 26	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm	Church Open Lenten Music Meditation - Glenn Rodgers	Church
Thursday, March 27	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm	Church Open Healing Eucharist	Church
Friday, March 28	7:00 pm	Augustana Symphonic Band	Church
Sunday, March 30	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:15 pm 4:00 pm	Adult Education Holy Eucharist - The 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Refreshments Annual Church Meeting Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Church Church Walnut St.

Save the Date: Annual Church Meeting on March 30, 2025 after the 11:00 am service

### **TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS**

Ali Shott & Veronica Aplenc, Lectors
James Otwell, Intercessor
David Otwell & Mark Ritter, Ushers
Quinn Gardner, Acolyte
Boyden Gardner, Streaming
Jeannie Welsh, Refreshments
Ashley Del Bianco, Welcome Table
Wesley Parrott, Assisting Organist

# Welcome! We are glad you are with us today.

You can find more information on the back of the bulletin.

### Our Vivid Vision

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

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

### Core Values

### Inclusion/Welcome

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

### Innovation

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

### Collaboration

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

### **Community Mindedness**

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

### Culture

### Joyful

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

### **Fearless**

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

### **Embracing**

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

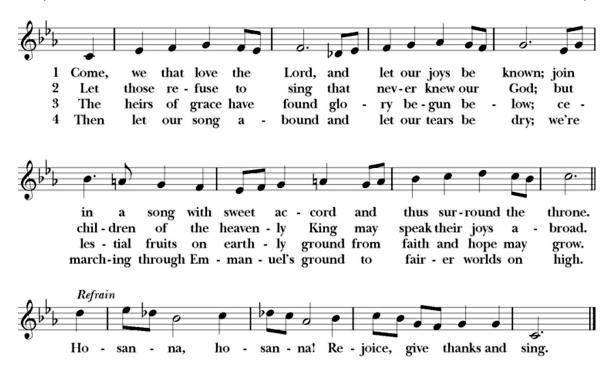
### Engaged

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

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

### Entrance Hymn 392

Vineyard Haven



### The Penitential Order

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Presider

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8.9

### The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

A brief period of silence is kept.

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.

### The Absolution

Presider

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



Music: From Deutsche Messe; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

### Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

### THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

Ali Shott

Reader A reading from Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 63 Deus, Deus meus

The congregation joins on the bold verses, pausing at the asterisk.



- O God, you are my God; eagerly I / seek you;\* my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is / no water.
- Therefore I have gazed upon you in your / holy place,\* that I might behold your power and / your glory.
- For your loving-kindness is better than / life itself;\* my lips / shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I / live\* and lift up my hands / in your Name.
- My soul is content, as with marrow and / fatness,\* and my mouth praises you / with joyful lips,
- When I remember you up/on my bed,\* and meditate on you in the / night watches.
- For you have been my / helper,\* and under the shadow of your wings / I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul / clings to you;\*
  your right / hand holds me fast

Reader A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians:

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to

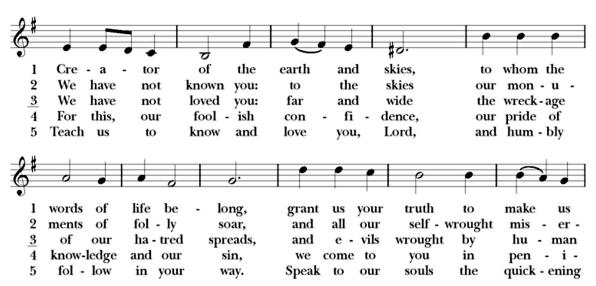
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or in spirit.

## Sequence Hymn 148

**Uffingham** 





The Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them-do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. John Gardner

Following a period of silence, all rise in body or in spirit.

### 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.

### Prayers of the People, Lent

James Otwell

Leader

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers. We pray for the church, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Daniel, our Bishop. And for all leaders, ministers and all the holy people of God. Wash us through and through,

People

And cleanse us from our sin.

Leader

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, for Ukraine, Sudan, Palestine and other war torn areas, for our leaders and all who govern and judge. Purge us from our sin,

People

And we shall be pure.

Leader

We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, war and violence, and those without a place to lay their head. For those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely, especially Roy, Robert, Moira, Bea, Linda, Bonnie, Silvana, Judy, Allan, David, Gloria, Barbara, Halli, Reid, Johanna, Alianna, Tonette, Mark, Jessica, Tracy, Mike, Dolores, John, Jason, Lorre, Abby, Donna, Anna, Jan, Francis, Nick, Joshua, Patrece, Phillip, Felicia, Glenn, Gwenette, Nyiel, Rosa, Chelbi, Matthew, and Paul. Make them hear of joy and gladness,

People

that those who are broken may rejoice.

Leader We pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow

closer to you, O God. Create in us clean hearts, O God,

People and renew a right spirit within us.

Leader We pray for those who have died and who have entered into the land of eternal

Light and your abiding peace. Cast them not away from your presence,

People and take not your Holy Spirit from them.

Leader We pray for all the good things that have happened this week, and for our

families, friends and neighbors. Give them the joy of your saving help.

People and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.

Presider Gracious God, our refuge and stronghold, the God in whom we put our trust;

guide your people through our Lenten wilderness, have mercy on us and answer us as we call, though Christ the Lord of all, who is generous to everyone who

calls upon him. Amen.

### The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome, Parish Notices & Celebration Blessings

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Sentence

Presider

Faithful God, our guide and sustainer, as we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit for your kingdom. In this solemn season of Lent, we remember your call to repentance and renewal. Help us tend the soil of our hearts so that we may grow in faith and bear witness to your grace. Use these offerings to bring hope to those in need and light to those in darkness. May we live as your fruitful servants, trusting in your abundant mercy.

Amen. Luke 13:1-9.

Anthem I sought the Lord Kile Smith

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew he moved my soul seek him, seeking me;

It was not I that found, O Savior true; no, I was found of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold; I walked and sank not on the storm vexed sea;

'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold as thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but O the whole of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee!

For thou wert long beforehand with my soul; always thou lovedst me.

### Offertory Hymn 387

Magdalen College



### The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

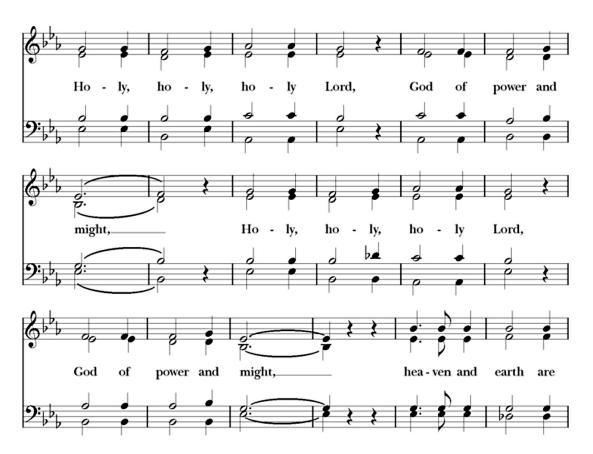
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

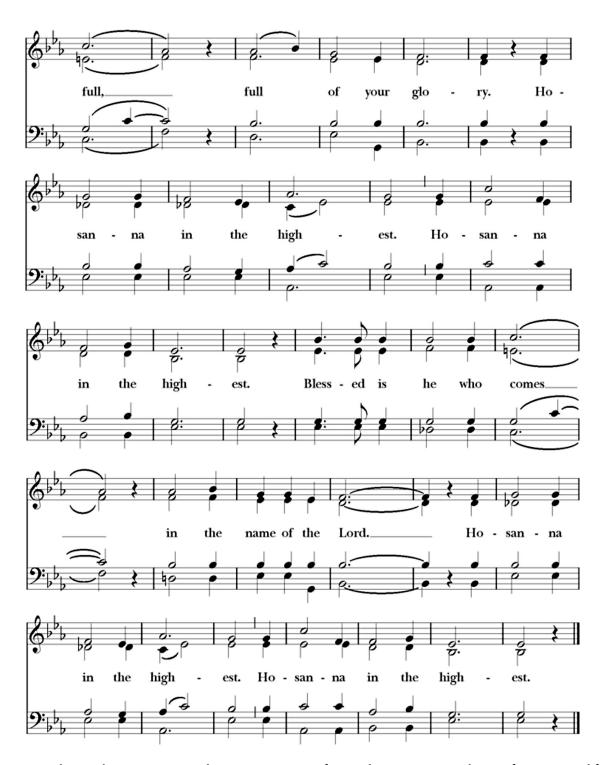
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: S-130 Schubert





Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 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



Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Adaptation: Copyright © 1985 G1A Publications, Inc.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people are seated.

### Distribution of Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers and go to the altar rail to receive. You can receive bread and/or wine, depending on your preference. If you wish to receive the wine, you can retain your wafer and dip it in the cup or drink directly from the cup. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know. We will bring communion to those who are more comfortable staying in their pew (please alert an usher).

Just as the deer longs for the springs of water, so my soul yearns for you, O God.



Words: Stanzas 1-2, Thomas Moore (1779-1853); Stanza 3, Thomas Hasting (1784-1872). Music: Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

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



Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

As a sign of fasting during the season of Lent, there will be no Postludes until the Great Vigil of Easter.

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

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

### About this service...

**Service:** Everything you need for the service is in this bulletin. If you have questions or need assistance, please ask one of the ushers (who handed you this bulletin) or a neighbor in your pew.

**Children** are always welcome in our worship service and we love to hear their joyful sounds and see their wiggly ways! We have books for all ages and activity bags in the back for children who wish to stay with their families during the service. We also have the "Pew Pen" in the front of the church for those we need a little more space to move around.

**Restrooms** are located at the front of the church. Walk down the left aisle toward the door with the EXIT sign. Go through the door and turn left. Men's room is straight ahead, women's to the right. If you prefer a gender-neutral bathroom, please ask our ushers to show you where this is.

**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).



# Sunday School Jam Session Reunion: April 6, 2025

We are "getting the band" back together! CHT will be holding a *Sunday School Jam Session Reunion* on Sunday, April 6 at 12:30 PM. Bring your favorite instrument to jam with your friends! We'll also have games to play! We will provide pizza, snacks, and drinks. Let us know if you can bring any drinks or snacks! A few basic instruments will be available but feel free to bring your own. Meet in the parish house at 12:30PM to reconnect over music, food, and live chats. We look forward to seeing everyone again! Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:maheuer06@gmail.com">maheuer06@gmail.com</a> by April 3<sup>rd</sup> so we can plan accordingly.

# Holy Week & Easter Schedule

April 17, 6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday

April 18, 12:00 pm: Good Friday April 19, 9:00 am: Holy Saturday April 19, 8:00 pm: Great Vigil of Easter

April 20, 11:00 am: Easter Day

# **Easter Flowers**

We invite you to give a gift to our flower fund, in thanksgiving of those you love or in memorial of those we love and see no longer. We are asking for all contributions to be made by **Monday, April 14**. Please look for the envelopes in the back of the church or ask an usher. You can also give through REALM. Please write the reason for gifts of thanksgiving or those names you wish to be remembered if you wish for your donation to be listed in the Easter bulletins. Thank you!

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 Team

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, Gregory Maughan, James Otwell, Ali Shott, & Emily Stromberg