he Church of the Holy Trinit Rittenhouse Square

The Third Sunday of Easter

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II



May 04, 2025

What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, May 4	9:30 am 11:00 am	Adult Education Class Holy Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday of Easter *Undie Sunday: Bring newly bough	Church Church <u>nt</u>
	12:00 pm 3:00 pm 4:00 pm	underwear donations for Open Hea Refreshments Singing City Choir Performance Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Church Church Centennial Room
Monday, May 5	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, May 6	10:00-3:00 3:00 pm	Church Open Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, May 7	10:00-3:00 5:30 pm	Church Open Isza Wu, graduate recital	
Thursday, May 8	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm	Church Open Healing Eucharist	Prayer Corner
Friday, May 9	7:30 pm	Academy of Vocal Arts Performance	Church
Sunday, May 11	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm	Adult Education Class Holy Eucharist – 4 th Sunday of Easter Refreshments Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Church Church Church Centennial Room

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

James Otwell & Gail Caruso, Lectors

Joshua Karstendick, Intercessor

Connor Gardner, Acolyte

David Otwell, Usher

Jeannie Welsh, Welcome Table & Refreshments

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 182

Truro



Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**



Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

James Otwell

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30 Exaltabo te, Domine

The antiphon is sung once by the choir and then by all. The choir sings the verses, the congregation joining on the verses in **bold**. All sing the antiphon as indicated.



Chant: Richard Massey



- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord,
 - because you have | lifted me | up * and have not let my | ene mies | triumph | over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried | out to | you, * and | you res | tored me to | health.
- 3 You brought me up, O | Lord, from the | dead; * you restored my life as I was | going | down to the | grave.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you | servants of | his; * give thanks for the re|membrance | of his | holiness.

Antiphon

- 5 For his wrath endures but the | twinkling of an | eye, * his | favor | for a | lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may | spend the | night, * but | *joy* | comes in the | morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,
 "I shall | never be dis|turbed.*

You, Lord, with your favor, | made me • as | strong as • the | mountains."

8 Then you | hid your | face, * and | I was | filled with | fear.

Antiphon

- 9 I cried to | you, O | Lord; *
 I | pleaded with the | Lord, | saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go | down to the | Pit? * will the dust | praise you or de | clare your | faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O Lord, and have | mercy •up | on me; * O | *Lord*, | be my | helper."
- 12 You have turned my | wailing into | dancing; * you have put off my | sack-cloth and | clothed me with | joy.
- †13 Therefore my heart sings to | you with out | ceasing; * O Lord my God, I will | give you | thanks for | ever.

 Antiphon

The Epistle: Revelation 5:11-14

Gail Caruso

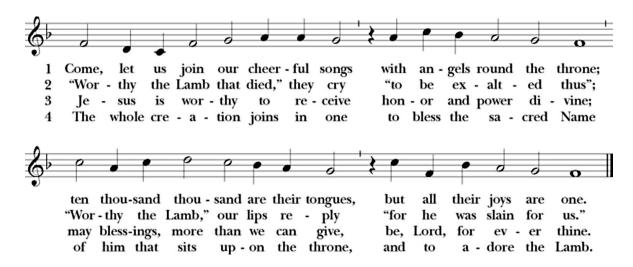
Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or in spirit.



The Gospel: John 21:1-19

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Rachel Wenner 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.

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

Ioshua Karstendick

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world; People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Daniel, our Bishop; and for all bishops and

other ministers; We pray for our clergy, John and Rachel, who are on sabbatical,

and our congregation, who are finding renewal this summer together.

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our

prayer list: Carlotta, Juanita, Barbara, Juan, David, Ebony, Brenden, Johnas, Alayan, Alima, Iddin, Adonius, Cottrel, Jarred, Khalil, Kyree, Harmony, Sawyer, Leslie, Joshua, Collin, Halli, Chuck, Tonya, Lisa, Earnest, Rosemary, Chelsea,

Christopher, Tracey, Jessica, Sydney, Shamor, Maricarmen, Shana, Scott, Erin,

Mike, Gwenette, Debbie, Penelope

Silence

Leader Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Celebrant 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

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you!

Please be seated.

Welcome, Parish Notices & Celebration Blessings

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Presider Gracious God, through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, you have given

immeasurable grace to us. May our offerings reflect the grace we have received,

and symbolize lives committed to the service of our risen Lord. Amen

Anthem

O Sacrum Convivium

Kenneth Leighton

O sacrum convivium!
in quo Christus sumitur,
recolitur, memoria passionis
ejus mens impletur gratia:
et futurae floriae, nobis pignus datur.
Alleluia

O sacred banquet!

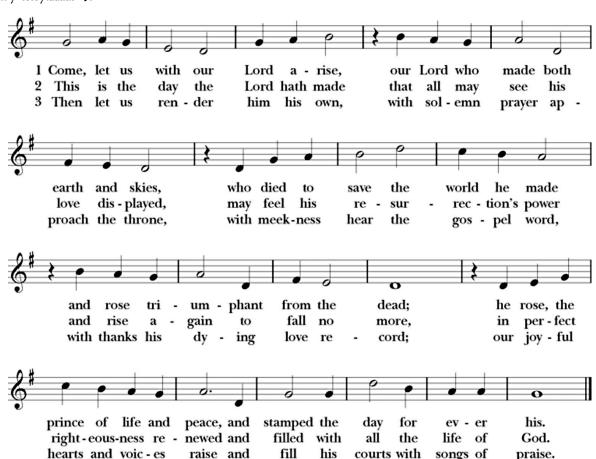
In which Christ is received,
the memory of his passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory to us is given.

Alleluia.

Please rise in body or in spirit

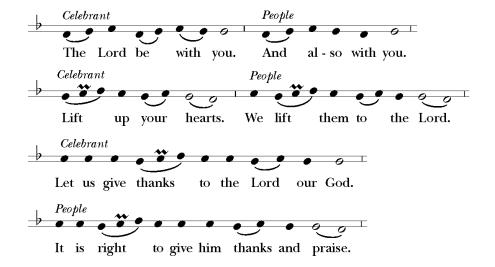
Offertory Hymn 49

Meadville



The Great Thanksgiving

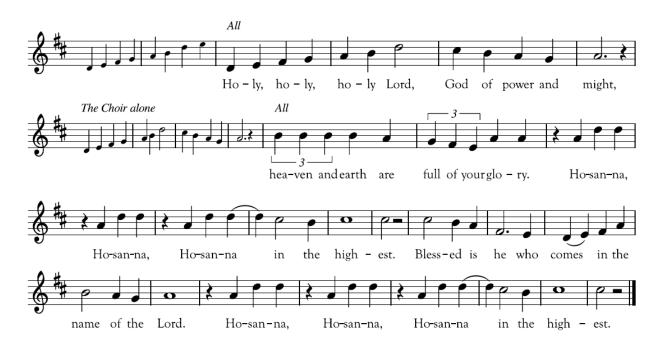
Eucharistic Prayer A



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 Ronald Arnatt



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

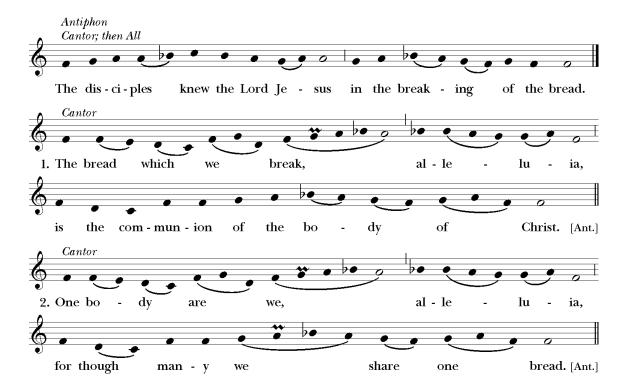
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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



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).

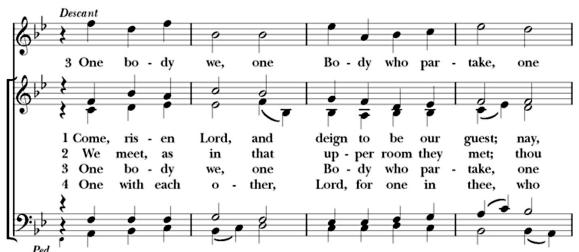
Communion Anthem

If you love me, feed my sheep

Maxine Thèvenot

Communion Hymn 305

Rosedale





Following the hymn, all rise in body or in spirit.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

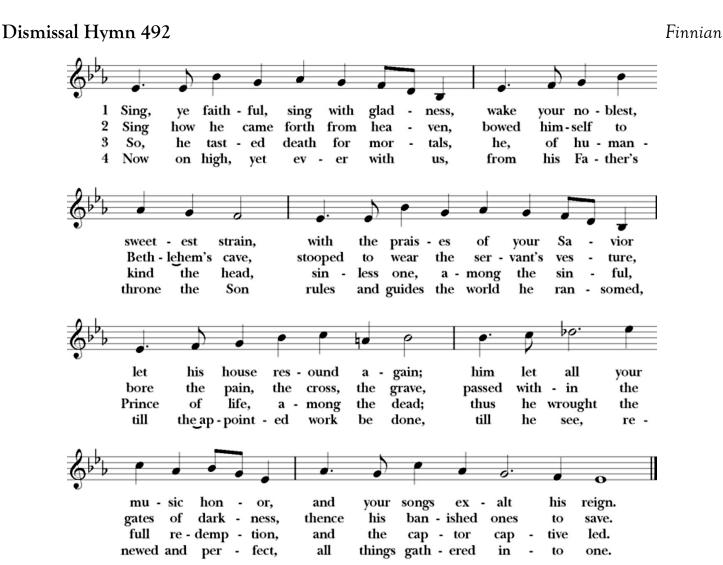
All

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 peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Dismissal

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

Postlude Toccata on "O filii et fillae" Lynwood Farnam

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

About this service...

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

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

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

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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).

Volunteer with Open Hearts Café

Open Hearts Café, our weekly meal and clothing service for our neighbors, is always open for volunteers and donations. Gently used clothing, especially coats, jeans, and shoes, and new socks, underwear and under garments are always needed!

Sign up to volunteer: https://tinyurl.com/OpenHeartsCafeSignUp

Get Involved with Worship

Ushers, Acolytes, Refreshments, Lectors, Intercessors, Oh My!

It takes a community to make our Sunday services happen. You may notice that along with our rectors and choir members, there are many parishioners that help! Ushers greet community members when they enter the church, pass out the service leaflets, collect offerings, and invite congregants to take Holy Communion. Acolytes are part of the processional and play a key role in the liturgy. Refreshments are shared at the end of Sunday service in the Narthex. Lectors and Intercessors are participants that speak from the lectern the readings and prayers for the people during the service.

Want to participate? Email communications@htrit.org! All are welcome and highly encouraged to participate!

Calling All! New "The Faces of Holy Trinity" Community Initiative

How many times have you come into the church, volunteered at Open Hearts, or lingered after Sunday service for coffee and snacks, realizing that you don't know the people and faces around you? Or maybe you've forgotten someone's name, or are curious to learn more about them?

Introducing the new "Faces of the Holy Trinity"! We'll be spotlighting various parishioners, community members, volunteers, guests, and staff throughout the coming months. You'll get to learn a little more about what brought each person to Holy Trinity, how they feel a part of the community, and some more fun facts about them!

Would you like to be featured, or maybe you know of someone that you want the rest of our community to know more about, please email communications@htrit.org!

The Church of the Holy Trinity Staff

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The Rev. John Gardner, Rector

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Church of the Holy Trinity, Vestry

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