

The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

The Fifth Sunday *of* Easter

11:00 am

Holy Baptism with Holy Eucharist
with the Commissioning of the Vestry



May 18, 2025

What's Happening This Week:

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, May 18	9:30 am	Adult Education Class	Church
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist – 5 th Sunday of Easter	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	12:30 pm	May Vestry meeting & orientation	PH 2 nd floor
	4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, May 19	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, May 20	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	3:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, May 21	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Thursday, May 22	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	12:15 pm	Healing Eucharist	Prayer Corner
Sunday, May 25	9:30 am	Adult Education Class	Church
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist – 6 th Sunday of Easter	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

James Otwell & Thomas Lipscomb, *Lectors*

Sally Griffith, *Intercessor*

Amy Perkins, *Acolyte*

Monica Heuer & Brian Conroy, *Ushers*

Sally Griffith, *Flowers*

Jeannie Welsh, *Welcome Table*

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. 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.

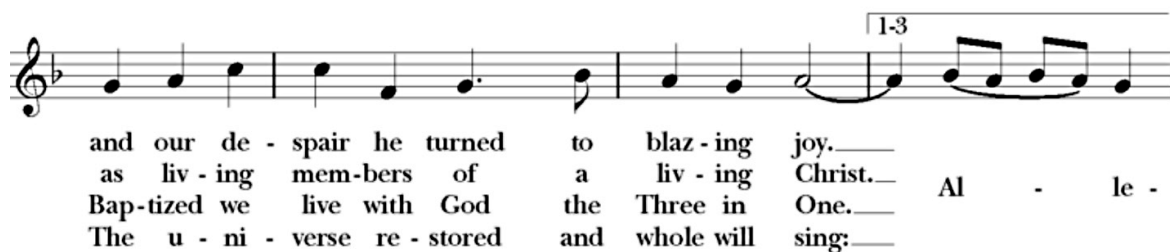
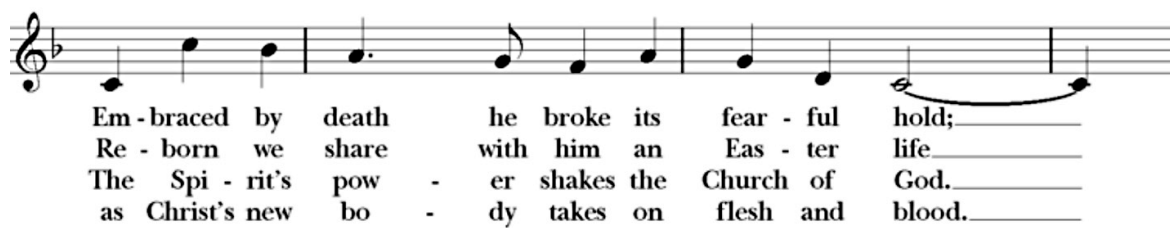
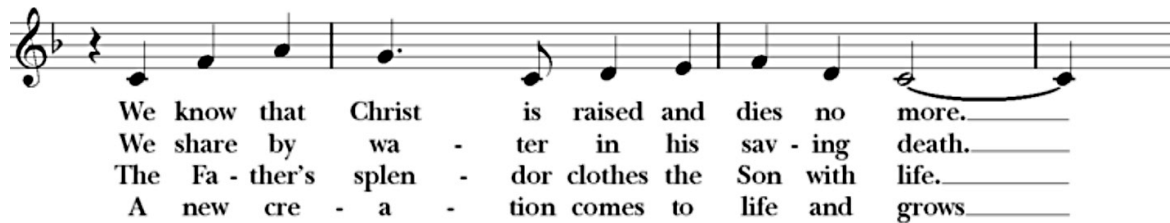
Engaged

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.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn 296

Engelberg



Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

James Otwell

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148 *Laudate Dominum*

Chant: Richard Massey

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.



1 Hallelujah!

Praise the | Lord • from the | heavens; *
— | praise him | in the | heights.

2 Praise him, | all you | angels of his; *
— | praise him, | all his | host.

3 Praise him, | sun and | moon; *
praise him, | all you | shining | stars.

4 Praise him, | heaven • of | heavens, *
and you | waters • a|bove the | heavens.

5 Let them praise the | Name of • the | Lord; *
for he com|manded, • and | they were • cre|ated.

6 He made them stand fast for | ever • and | ever; *
he gave them a law which |shall not | pass a|way.

Antiphon

7 Praise the | Lord • from the | earth, *
you | sea-monsters • and | *all* | deeps;

8 Fire and hail, | snow and | fog, *
tempestuous | *wind*, | doing • his | will;

9 Mountains | and all | hills, *
—| fruit trees | and all | cedars;

10 Wild beasts and | *all* | cattle, *
creeping | things and | wingèd | birds;

11 Kings of the earth | and all | peoples, *
princes and all | rulers | of the | world;

12 Young | men and | maidens, *
— | old and | young to|gether.

13 Let them praise the | Name of • the | Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is | over | earth and | heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his | loyal | servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are | near him. |
Halle|lujah!

Antiphon

Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

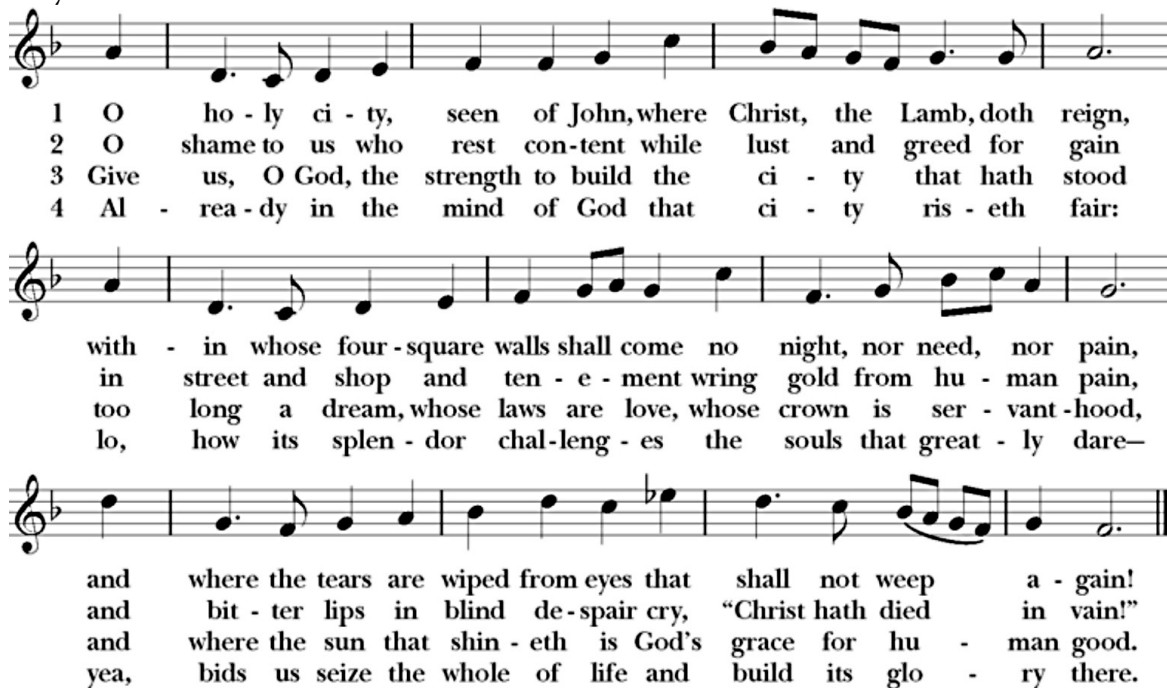
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Sequence Hymn 582

Sancta Civitas



1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
 2 O shame to us who rest con-tent while lust and greed for gain
 3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood
 4 Al - rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair:

with - in whose four-square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
 in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,
 too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,
 lo, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare—

and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
 and bit - ter lips in blind de-spair cry, "Christ hath died in vain!"
 and where the sun that shin - eth is God's grace for hu - man good.
 yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

The Gospel: John 13:31-35

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner

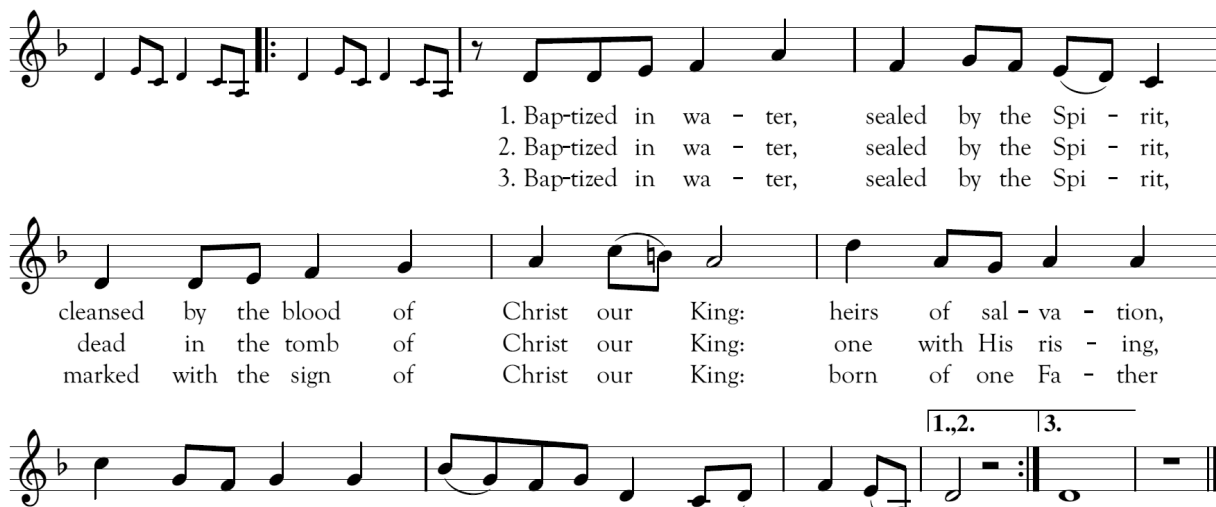
Following a period of silence, all rise in body or in spirit at the introduction to the hymn.

THE HOLY BAPTISM

Baptismal Hymn

Baptized in Water

Robert Smart



1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,
2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,

cleansed by the blood of Christ our King: heirs of sal - va - tion,
dead in the tomb of Christ our King: one with His ris - ing,
marked with the sign of Christ our King: born of one Fa - ther

trust - ing his pro - mise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
freed and for - giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
we are his chil - dren, joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

1., 2. 3.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidate unable to answer for himself is presented by his Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents/Sponsors I present Leila Jane Force to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the Parents and Godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents/Sponsors **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents/Sponsors **I will, with God's help.**

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate, parents and godparents.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world, which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you, who witness these vows, do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with Leila Jane who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Please rise in body or in spirit

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Sally Griffith

Presider Let us now pray for Leila Jane who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon the candidate, saying the following words. Then the Priest places a hand on his head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with Chrism and saying the following words

Leila Jane, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Leila Jane, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

A candle is lit and presented to the newly baptized with these words

Leila Jane, receive this light and shine as Christ's forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant, the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.
All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Please rise in body or in spirit.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Welcome, Parish Notices & Celebration Blessings

The Commissioning of the Vestry

Presider I present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Wardens, Officers and Vestry Members in this Parish.

Celebrant Siblings in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Today we commission these persons in the name of God and this Parish to the special ministries to which they are called.

Are these persons prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God and the well-being of The Church of the Holy Trinity and the Diocese of Pennsylvania?

Presider I believe they are.

Celebrant You have been called to a ministry in this Parish. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Wardens, Officers and Vestry Members

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of all in this Parish?

Wardens, Officers and Vestry Members

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will all you, who have elected these representatives, do all in your power to support them in their work?

Congregation **We will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Let us pray. (silence)

All O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Warden, Officers, & Vestry Members of this Parish, and so rule their minds and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Celebrant In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Wardens, Officers & Vestry Members in this Parish.

Vestry: Brian Conroy, Phillip Duffy (Accounting Warden), Alyssa Force (Co-Clerk), Monica Heuer (Rectors' Warden), Margaret Hughes, Simson Hui, Susan Leidy, Jeff McEldowney, James Otwell (Co-Clerk), Daniel Tancredi, Ali Shott, & Karen Vannasdall

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Presider Giver of life, you are the source of all good things. We entrust to you our gifts, that you would use them to make all know that with you, they are beloved, whole, and restored. **Amen.**

Anthem

Praise Ye the Lord

Hugo Distler

Praise ye the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation;
Praise him, my soul, for he is thy strength and salvation.
Sing for his sake! Psaltery and harp awake!
Sound forth in glad adoration.

Praise ye the lord who doth guide and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
Ponder anew, what the almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Offertory Hymn 304

Land of Rest

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him 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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

The Choir alone *All*

hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na,

Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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

A period of silence is kept.

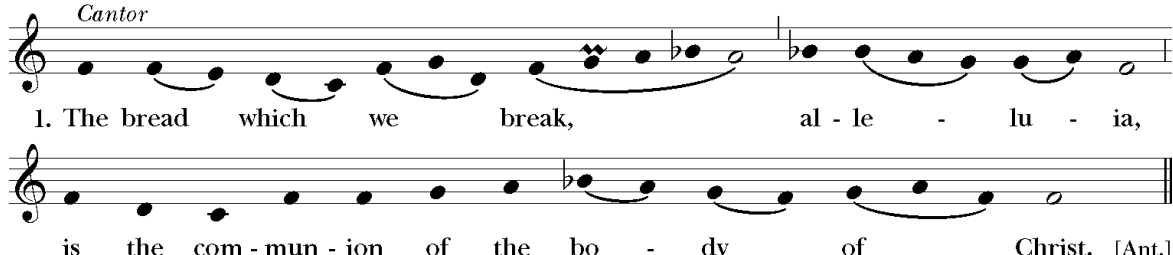
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Antiphon
Cantor; then All



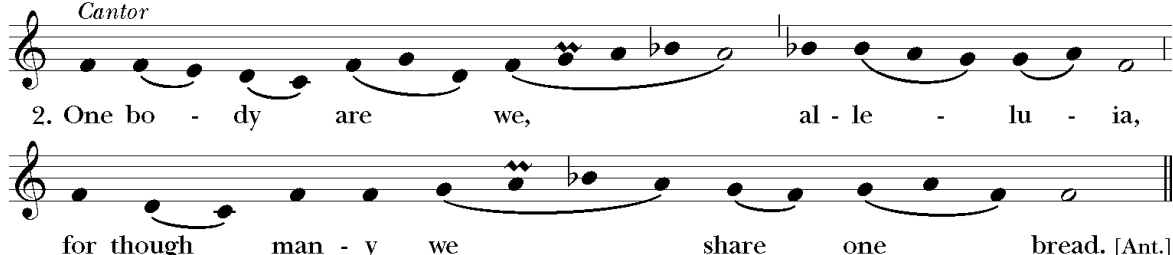
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,
is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,
for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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 Hymn 463

Hall

1. He is the Way. Fol - low him through the Land of Un-like -
 ness; you will see rare beasts and have u - nique ad -
 ven - tures. 2. He is the Truth. Seek him in the
 King - dom of Anx - i - e - ty; you will come to a great
 ci - ty that has ex - pec - ted your re - turn for years.
 3. He is the Life. Love him in the World of the Flesh: and
 at your mar - riage all its oc - ca - sions shall dance for joy.

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 Hymn 432

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth;
 *3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
 in - tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
 each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
 to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

Dismissal

Presider Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

Postlude

Marcia Eroica

Charles Villiers Stanford

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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**



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Join us for
Choral Evensong *for the Eve of the Ascension*
Wednesday, May 28, 6:00 pm

Music of Byrd, Neswick, Aston, and Handel

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We received a donation of \$1096 from the William Penn House.

As a part of their Earth Day celebration, the William Penn House, in conjunction with their annual marketplace, conducted a raffle, with proceeds benefiting Open Hearts Cafe! Special thanks to Beck Davis and Eric Pumroy for facilitating this amazing donation!

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