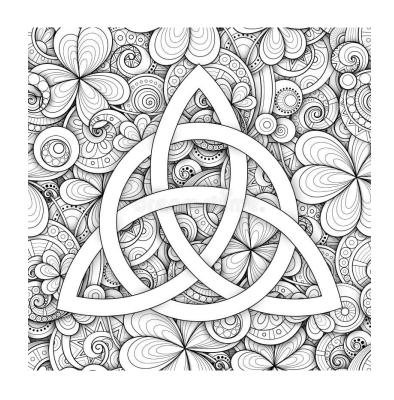
# The Church of the Holy Trinity Rittenhouse Square

# The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II



August 10, 2025

# What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event Location
Sunday, August 10	11:00 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm	Holy Eucharist -9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost Church Refreshments Church Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing Centennial Room
Monday, August 11	10:00-3:00	Church Open
Tuesday, August 12	10:00-3:00 3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Church Open Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing Centennial Room Dinner and a Movie: <i>The Way</i> You're invited! We'll be gathering for a shared meal followed by a screening of <i>The Way</i> , a moving and thought-provoking film about faith, loss, and the journey of transformation along the Camino de Santiago. <i>Sign up by scanning the QR code at the back of the bulletin</i> .
Wednesday, August 13	10:00-3:00	Church Open
Thursday, August 14	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm	Church Open Healing Eucharist Prayer Corner
Sunday, August 17	11:00 am 12:00 pm <b>1:00 pm</b> 4:00 pm	Holy Eucharist – 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost Church Refreshments Church <b>Hike in the Wissahickon!</b> Sabbatical Fellowship Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing Centennial Room

# **TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS**

Thomas Lipscomb & Jeannie Welsh, Lectors

Marshall McMain, Intercessor

Martha Lipscomb, Usher

Thomas Lipscomb, Robert Lipscomb, and Henry Lipscomb, Acolytes

Sally Grifith, Welcome Table

Martha Lipscomb, Refreshments

A Special THANK YOU to The Rev. Betsy Ivey for preaching & celebrating with us today while our Rectors are on sabbatical

# 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. 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.

Please rise in body or in spirit.

#### THE ENTRANCE RITE



# **Opening Acclamation**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Celebrant

People And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. Amen

# Collect for Purity

Celebrant

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.

The Gloria S-280 Robert Powell



# The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Thomas Lipscomb

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation-I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence.

# Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 Deus deorum

The psalm is read responsively, <u>pausing at the asterisk</u>. Each side of the congregation takes a verse, starting with the pulpit/north side.

1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \* he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \* God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \* before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \* to witness the judgment of his people.

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \* those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \* for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \* for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \* your offerings are always before me.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, \* lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; \* but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

# The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Reader A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old~ and Sarah herself was barren~ because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

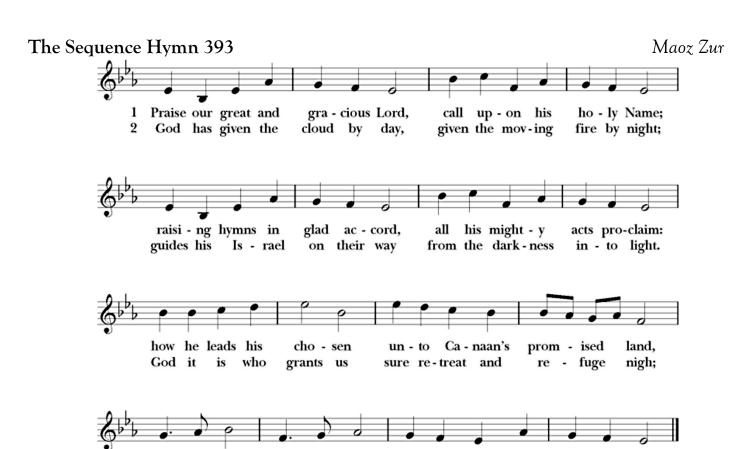
All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence.

At the introduction to the hymn, please rise in body or in spirit



#### The Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

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

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People Glory to you, Lord Christ

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Celebrant

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

Silence may be kept.

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 VI

Marshall McMain

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 all who have

asked for our prayers Jessica, Tracey, Glenn, Jackie and her newborn baby and family, Lucy, Virginia, Michael, Nike, Dunni, Omri, Joshua, Cotrell, Asia, Billie,

Diana, Charles, Omar, and Frank. (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 will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

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

kingdom. (Silence)

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you!

#### Welcome, Parish Notices & Blessings

Please be seated.

# Blessing & Godspeed to Nancy Rasmussen

Presider

The Scriptures are filled with stories of people who have been called to move to new places: Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Joseph, Paul and Barnabas, Priscilla and Aquilla. Filled with uncertainty about what lay ahead, these people of God could not have found their moves easy. Yet they were also filled with excitement, trusting that God was calling them and guiding them to a new place. And now Nancy, beloved member of this congregation, steady volunteer at Open Hearts Café, usher coordinator, former vestry and search committee member, and just a wonderful person all around is preparing to leave us and move to Minnesota to be nearer to her children and grandchildren. Nancy, as a part of this body of Christ, you have given us hard work, joyful smiles, practical wisdom, excellent questions, an editor's eye, and wonderful counsel. Thank you for all you have given to this community.

### The Prayer for those who travel

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

O God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, especially Nancy; surround her with your loving care; protect her from every danger; and bring her in safety to her journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Blessing

Celebrant

Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the wide and wonderful world in which we live. We praise you for your constant care for those who have trusted you in ages past, who journeyed in faith to new lands of promise. We trust that now you will hold Nancy, securely in your hands as she moves to Minnesota. May she take with her a heart filled with your love and grace. Bless her that she may be a blessing. Help her to continue to grow in grace, in Spirit, and in truth. Amen.

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

# Offertory Prayer

Celebrant

Holy and ever-present God, you call us to set our minds on things above, to let go of all that weighs us down, and to embrace the new life found in Christ. As we bring these gifts, shape our hearts in generosity, our hands in service, and our minds in faithfulness. May these offerings be used to transform lives, to build up your kingdom, and to reflect your love in this world. Keep us ever mindful that we give because you have first given so abundantly to us. Amen.

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life! Such a Way as gives us breath, Such a Truth as ends all strife, Such a Life as killeth Death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength!
Such a Light as shows a feast,
Such a Feast as mends in length,
Such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart! Such a Joy as none can move, Such a Love as none can part, Such a Heart as joys in love.

Please rise in body or in spirit.

# Offertory Hymn 701

Jesu, meine Freude





# The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

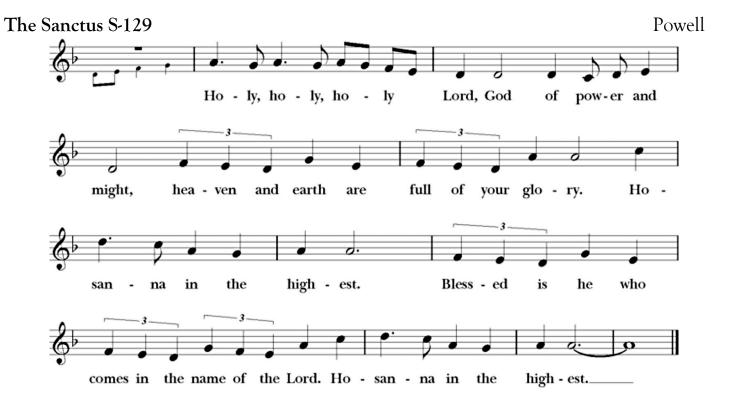
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:



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

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

Silence is observed



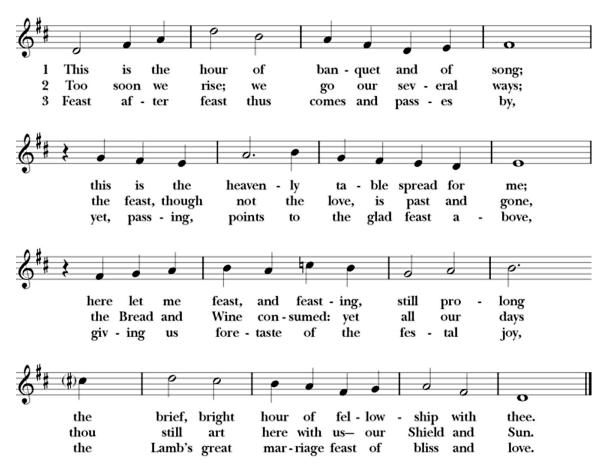
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

#### 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 317

Morestead



#### Post Communion Prayer

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Blessing

The Celebrant delivers the blessing.

People Amen.

Please rise in body or in spirit.



#### The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Praeludium in g minor, BuxWV 148

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 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.

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).

**Communion:** All who are baptized in any Christian tradition are welcome to join us for communion (all ages are welcome). If you prefer a blessing, please let one of the clergy know. We will share the bread and wine at the altar rail at the front of the church. Gluten free wafers are available. If you are unable to come to the front, or prefer to stay in your pew we will bring communion to you.

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