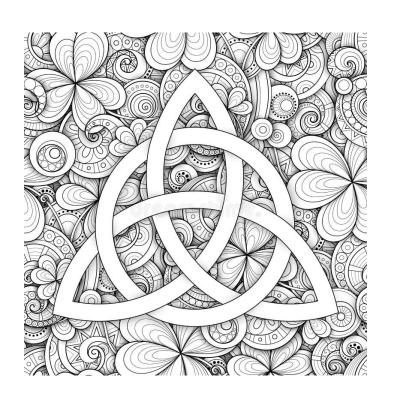
# The Church of the Holy Trinity Rittenhouse Square

# The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II



August 17, 2025

### What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, August 17	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist –10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost Church	
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	1:00 pm	Hike in the Wissahickon, Led by Brian Conroy Sign up by scanning the QR code at the back of the bulletin.	
	4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, August 18	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, August 19	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
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Wednesday, August 20	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Thursday, August 21	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
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Sunday, August 24	11:00 am	Morning Prayer –11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost Church	
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

### **TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS**

Mark Ritter & James Otwell, Lectors
Sally Griffith, Intercessor
David Otwell, Usher
Jeannie Welsh, Welcome Table

A Special THANK YOU to The Rev. Susan Richardson 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**

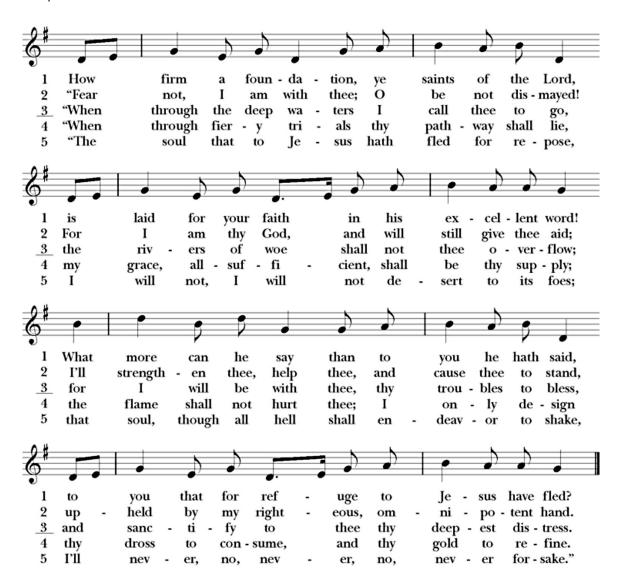
Our connection to this organization is full of energy. We give without expectation of return. We continuously learn about the community and our neighbors and adapt our connections as needed. We all contribute our time, money and skills to make our community better.

Please rise in body or in spirit.

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

### Entrance Hymn 636

Foundation



### **Opening Acclamation**

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

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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

### THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

### The First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

Mark Ritter

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Silence.

### Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18 Qui regis Israel

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 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \* shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \* stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \* you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; \* it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \* and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \* and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, \* so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \* and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; \* preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; \* at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \* the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \* give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \* show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Reader A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets~ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented~ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 12:49-56

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Celebrant Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law

against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Susan Richardson

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

Sally Griffith

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 Ellie, Mona, Anrico, The Glenn family, Jessica, Tracey, 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.

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Prayer

Celebrant

Faithful and Gracious God, you have called us to be a people of hope, to trust in what we cannot see. As we bring these gifts before you, we offer not only our resources but also our faith ~ faith that you are at work in our giving, building a future of justice, mercy, and love. Bless these offerings, that they may be signs of our longing for your kingdom and our trust in your promises. May our generosity inspire others to live with courage and conviction, seeking that better country you have prepared for us. **Amen.** 

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see the saints above, how great their joys how bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came; the with one united breath, ascribe their conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their breast; and, following their incarnate God, they reached the promised rest.

Please rise in body or in spirit.

### Offertory Hymn 546

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### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

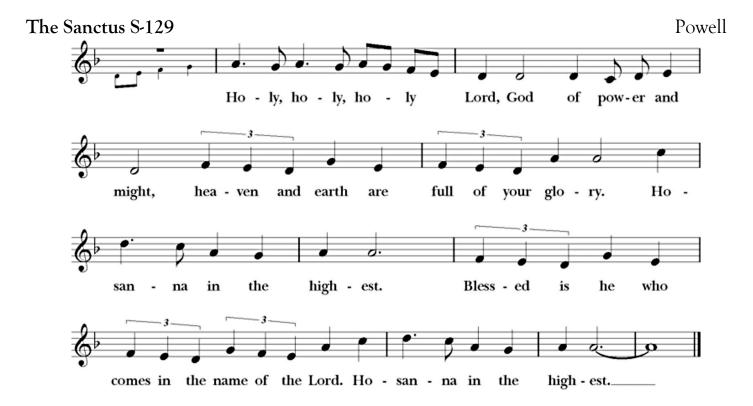
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is 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

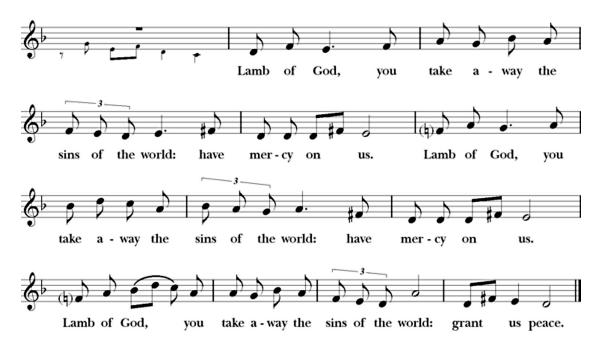
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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

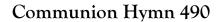
Silence is observed



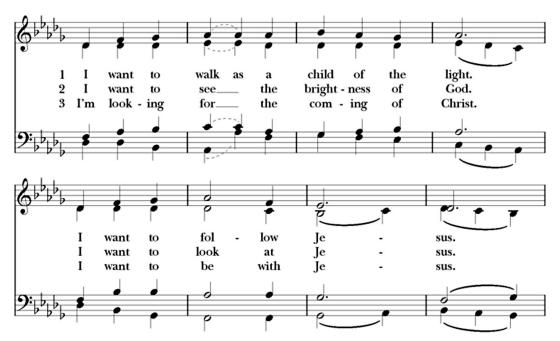
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### 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).



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### 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.

### Dismissal Hymn 472

Donne secours



### The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Prelude in D Robert Powell

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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 (<a href="https://www.htrit.org/give">www.htrit.org/give</a>).

**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.

## SABBATICAL FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Scan the QR Code below to find the sign up links for each of these fellowship opportunities!



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The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner, Rector

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

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