

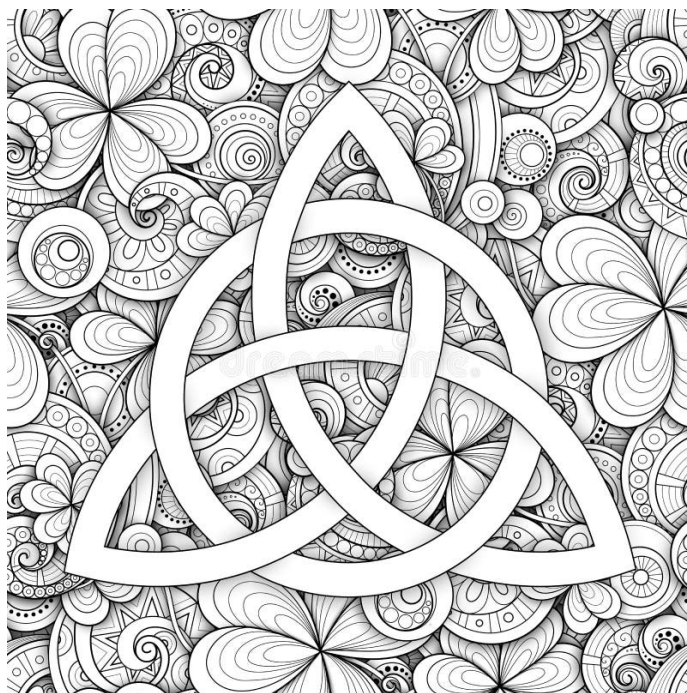
The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

The 12th Sunday *after* Pentecost

11:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



August 31, 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, August 31	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist – 12 th Sunday After Pentecost	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, September 1	10:00-3:00	Church Closed for Labor Day! – No Morning Prayer LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR SILENT RETREAT <i>Scan QR code on page 18 to register!</i>	
Tuesday, September 2	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	3:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, September 3	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Thursday, September 4	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	12:15 pm	Healing Eucharist	Prayer Corner
Saturday, September 6	9:30 am	Silent Retreat at Devon Farm!	
Sunday, September 7	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist – 13 th Sunday After Pentecost	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Shreve Simpson, *Intercessor*

Marshall McMain & Mark Ritter, *Lectors*

David Otwell, *Usher*

Andy Gutknecht, *Welcome Table*

Richard Spotts*, *Guest Organist*

**Turn to page 18 to view additional notes on today's service music*

A Special THANK YOU to The Rev. Claudia Merritt 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. 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.

Prelude *Dominica Decima post Pentecosten (L'Orgue Mystique)* Charles Tournemire

I. Prélude à l'introït: "Cum clamarem ad
Domini"

II. Offertoire: "Ad te Domine levavi"

III. Élévation: "Stans a longe"

IV. Communion: "Acceptabis sacrificium justitiæ"

V. Pièce terminale: "Choral n° I"

Please rise in body or in spirit.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn 376

Hymn to Joy

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Jeremiah 2:4-13

Marshall McMMain

Reader A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence.

Psalm 81:1, 10-16 *Exultate Deo*

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

1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

10 I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Mark Ritter

Reader A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to 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 Sequence Hymn 614

Christus Rex



1 Christ is the King! O friends up - raise an - thems of
 2 O Chris - tian wo - men, Chris - tian men, all the world
 3 Let Love's un - con - quer - a - ble might your scat - tered



joy and ho - ly praise for his brave saints of an - cient days,
 o - ver, seek a - gain the Way dis - ci - ples fol - lowed then.
 com - pa - nies u - nite in ser - vice to the Lord of light:



who with a faith for ev - er new fol - lowed the King, and
 Christ through all a - ges is the same: place the same hope in
 so shall God's will on earth be done, new lamps be lit, new



round him drew thou - sands of ser - vants brave and true.
 his great Name, with the same faith his word pro - claim.
 tasks be - gun, and the whole Church at last be one.

The Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Celebrant On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Claudia Merritt

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

Shreve Simpson

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

Leader We pray for rest from our labors, for all those who cannot find work, and all those who work but find no rest.

A Collect for Labor Day

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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 Herb, David, Vicken, Barbara, Ioannis, JB, Carri, Joe, Sylvia, Osiris, Ebony, Iddin, Alima, Margaret, Katie, Ellie, Mona, Anrico, The Glenn family, Jessica, Tracey, Jackie and her newborn baby and family, Lucy, Virginia, Michael, Nike, and Dunni. *(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 Unchanging God, in a world that shifts and sways, you remain our firm foundation. You have called us into a life of mutual love, teaching us to serve, to welcome, and to give with generous hearts. Bless these gifts we offer today, that they may extend your love to those who hunger, who seek justice, and who long for hope. Shape us into a people whose generosity reflects your own, that through our giving, we may proclaim your unshakable kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our constant and faithful guide. **Amen.**

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Offertory Hymn 761

Holy Manna

1. All who hun-ger gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na
2. All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a
3. All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je-sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring.
wel-come guest. Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing.
liv-ing bread. Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
lost and scat-tered in com-mun-ion's love have stood.
from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.
Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.
Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.

Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see that God is good.

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:

The Sanctus S-129

Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. 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 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

The Fraction Anthem S-163

Powell





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 763

Raquel

1. As we gath - er at your Ta - ble, as we
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the
3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us sum - mon oth - er

lis - ten to your Word, help us know, O God, your
sac - ra - ment of life; send us forth to love and
guests to share that Feast where tri - um - phant Love will

pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nour - ish
serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife. Give us,
wel - come those who had been last and least. There no

us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our
Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for -
more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace des -

own; teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
-gave; may we still be hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
-troy, as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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 610

Blaenhafren

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we

need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's
bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we
light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our
go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged love in liv - ing

per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship
mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion
quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens
deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com - fort,

not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing
 healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to
 coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants,

to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
 tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Sonata III: Con moto maestoso, Andante tranquillo*

Felix Mendelssohn

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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**



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.

LAST CALL: Sept. 6 Silent Retreat

Scan the QR Code to register for the Silent Retreat.
Registration closes tomorrow, September 1!



Notes on today's music:

It is a joy to welcome Richard Spotts as our guest organist today while Ben is away. Mr. Spotts recently published a book on Charles Tournemire's "L'Orgue Mystique" and provided some notes on today's prelude and postlude.

Today's Gospel pericope from Saint Luke xiv centers upon the adjuration, "Whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." The organ music, therefore, will be expanding upon this theme.

We begin with "Dominica Decima post Pentecosten" from "L'Orgue Mystique" by Charles Tournemire (1870–1939). "L'Orgue Mystique" is a two-hundred-fifty-three-movement work celebrating fifty-one Masses throughout the liturgical calendar. This Office, which is for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost in the old calendar, deals with the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican (Saint Luke xviii)—a passage that concludes with the corresponding admonishment: "For every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

The chants associated with this day are petitions taken from the perspective of the Publican, who feels himself to be abased, while also being fearful of his vulnerable position in society: *Prélude à l'introït*: "When I called upon the Lord, he heard my voice; Even from the battle that was against me. Yea, even God that endureth for ever shall hear me and bring them down: O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall nourish thee. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and

hide not thyself from my petition: Take heed unto me, and hear me.” (Psalm liv/lv); Offertoire: “Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul: my God, I have put my trust in thee, O let me not be confounded: neither let mine enemies triumph over me: for all they that hope in thee shall not be shamed.” (Psalm xxiv/xxv); Élévation: “And the Publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.” (Saint Luke xviii); Communion: “Thou shalt be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt offerings and oblations upon thine altar, O Lord.” (Psalm l/lj)

The final movement of this Office (“Choral n° I”) is based off of the Gradual “Custodi me, Domine”: “Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of an eye: Hide me under the shadow of thy wings. Let my sentence come forth from thy presence: And let thine eyes look upon the thing that is equal.” (Psalm xvj/xvii) “The apple of one’s eye” has come to mean something or someone that one cherishes above all others, but the word “apple” is thought to be a corrupted translation of the Hebrew word referring to the aperture at the centre of the human eye (id est, the pupil) or the eye itself. Therefore, the expression might be a bidding prayer petitioning God to view the world through our human experiences and to shelter us all from the dangers of the world, and to judge us with equity despite our unequal statuses in society.

We conclude today with “Sonata n° III” by Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847). In 1844, the English publishers Coventry and Hollier commissioned Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809–1847) to write “a set of voluntaries”, which were to be published a year later. These six works, which Mendelssohn would term “sonatas”, often reference Lutheran chorales. The third sonata, however, has an earlier origination. At least the opening and closing processional portions of the first movement were composed for the wedding of his sister, Fanny Mendelssohn (1805–1847)—who was an accomplished composer in her own right—to the painter Wilhelm Hensel (1794–1861) on the third of October 1829.

The sonata we know today includes the chorale “Aus tiefer Noth schrei ich zu dir”—“Out of the depths I cry to thee”. The chorale itself was composed by Martin Luther somewhere around 1523 and 1524 and was the first hymn where Luther wrote both the poem and melody. Based upon Psalm cxxx, “De Profundis”, he termed it “a psalm of redemption”. The Phrygian mode employed in this chorale and the “serious nature” of its subject matter, which Mendelssohn expounds upon in using a brilliant double fugue, are in sharp contrast to the joyance of the homophonic processional beginning and conclusion.

The apposition of “joyance” and “profundus” is again challenged by the sonata’s second and concluding movement. This curiously intimate and petite postscript, which—although defying musical expectations for a grand finale—hearkens to Mendelssohn’s famed melodic genius as heard in such vocal solos as “O rest in the Lord”, draws the piece to a lyrical, dolce finis. This conjoinment of “joyance”, “profundus”, and “intimacy”—all of which are grounded in theological notions of truth—expresses the Romantic vision of reality and the human experience within that framework.

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