

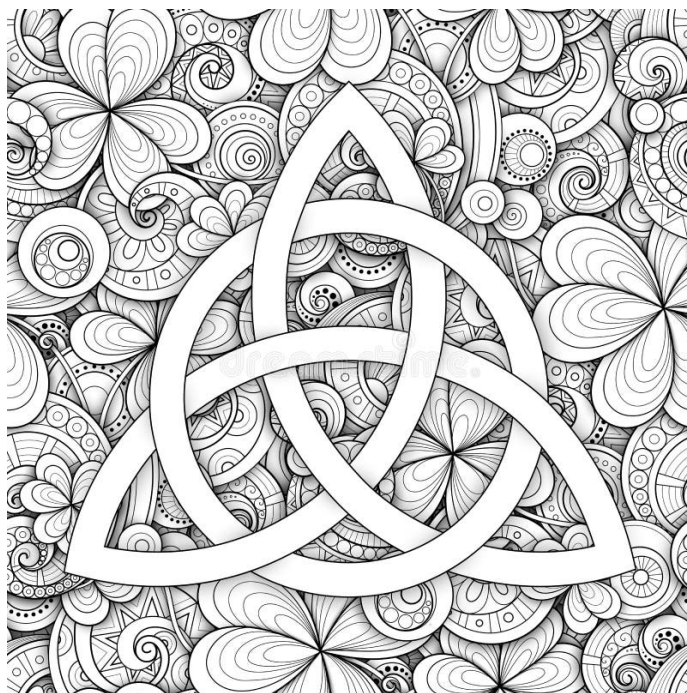
The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

The 16th Sunday *after* Pentecost

11:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



September 28, 2025

CALLING ALL: After church services, please join us in the narthex (near the front doors) for Second Cup Sunday!

What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, September 28	✚ 11 am	Holy Eucharist - 16 th Sunday After Pentecost	Church
	✚ 12 pm	Second Cup Sunday	Narthex (Near Front Doors)
	🎵 2:30 pm	Smithsonian Academy Orchestra Concert	Church
	♥ 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, September, 29	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, September 30	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	♥ 3:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, October 1	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Thursday, October 2	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	✚ 12:15 pm	Healing Eucharist	Prayer Corner
Saturday, October 4	🎵 4 pm	Choral Arts Concert	Church
Sunday, October 5	✚ 11 am	Choral Matins - 17 th Sunday After Pentecost	Church
	✚ 12 pm	Second Cup Sunday	Parish House
	♥ 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Andy Gutknecht, *Intercessor*

Marshall McMain & Gail Caruso, *Lectors*

Simson Hui, *Stewardship Campaign Speaker*

Brian Conroy, *Usher*

Amy Perkins, *Acolyte*

Andy Gutknecht, *Welcome Table*

Wesley Parrott, *Assisting Organist*

A Special THANK YOU to The Rev. Michael Knight 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



Tell Out My Soul

Our Stewardship Campaign Continues

*Support the Church of the Holy Trinity,
Rittenhouse by making a pledge!*

Vestry Member Brian Conroy Asks Parishioners to Pledge

Our stewardship season and annual pledge drive has commenced. This is a time when we come together as a congregation to support the mission and ministry of the Church of the Holy Trinity. **Your pledges help sustain the worship, outreach, and community that make this church a beacon of hope in the heart of our city.** My name is Brian Conroy and I've been a member of the Church of the Holy Trinity for about three years. This community welcomed me back into faith during a time of personal hardship, and I've found healing, purpose, and joy here ever since. Since I shared my stewardship story with you last year, I've had the privilege of deepening my spirituality in new ways. In August, I led a hike with members of the congregation; an experience that reminded me how God's presence surrounds us in nature and in fellowship. I've also been volunteering at the Open Hearts food pantry, where I've seen firsthand how our church's mission extends beyond Sunday worship and serves those in need.

I grew in admiration for the life of Peter Ryker, a pillar in our community for decades. We mourned his passing earlier this summer, and his legacy of faith, kindness, and service continues to inspire. While our pastors John and Rachel have been on sabbatical, I've helped arrange Sunday services. I've also taken on the responsibility of managing our volunteer ushers, helping ensure that each Sunday runs smoothly, and that every person who walks through our doors feels welcomed and cared for. And in just a few weeks, I'll be marrying my fiancé, Sarah. Our relationship began shortly after I returned to church and it has been grounded in prayer, gratitude, and the love we found in this congregation.

As the church's mission states, we are a joyful, fearless, and embracing Episcopal parish that anchors Rittenhouse Square as a place of welcome, music, service, and spiritual renewal. We live out God's love by engaging neighbors, caring for the unhoused, nurturing families and youth, and inspiring all through worship and the arts. I continue to be amazed by how much spiritual fulfillment comes from giving back. This church has been a source of strength and renewal for me, and I believe it can be that for others, too.

Today I ask you to consider making a pledge. Your support helps support this beacon of hope in the heart of our city continue to shine, through worship, outreach, and the quiet ways it restores lives like mine. Thank you and may God bless this parish and all who walk through its doors.



Scan the QR code to make a pledge today!

Pledge Stewardship Campaign: Frequently Asked Questions

What is a pledge?

Simply put, a pledge is a promise to pay later. When you make a pledge, you are committing to making regular gifts in the coming year. Pledging allows you to think about what you are able to offer for 2026 and split up your gift into smaller, regular payments.

What's the difference between a pledge and a donation?

Pledges symbolize a commitment to give consistently to help support the costs, operations, facilities, and ministries of our church, while donations tend to be one-time offerings.

What's the benefit of pledging?

Pledging is critical in allowing our Vestry members, who are elected by the parishioners, to create a budget for the 2026 year. Your pledges help the Vestry members determine how we are going to allocate our resources to cover our expenses, which include everything from our basic bills (electricity, water, gas) and essential operational costs; our liturgy like Eucharist supplies, our choir and organ maintenance expenses; to our Open Hearts food and clothing ministries which serve nearly 500 guests per week. **Your pledges create the lifeline for our church to continue!**

What is the impact of pledging? How much have our pledge campaigns raised in the past?

Our church expenses total nearly \$1.4 million per year. Our pledges cover about 15-20% of our operating expenses. In the past years our pledge campaigns have raised between \$185,000-\$200,000 and we have had about 50 pledgers.

Parishioners give generously, and as they are able; pledges range from \$10 to \$3,000 a month. Of these, half of our monthly pledges are between \$50-\$450. **Every gift, no matter how small or large, makes a difference!**

Do I need to pledge monthly?

Many parishioners pledge monthly, and that is certainly an option. If you prefer a different pledging schedule, you can make your selection when you submit your pledge online.

Are my pledge payments made automatically?

No. In the new year, you can submit your pledge payments by setting up automatic payments through our online Giving Form, or mailing in a check.

What are other ways I can give?

You can give by making one-time donations online or via check, placing gifts in the offertory plate during service, supporting property projects and renovations directly, purchasing stocks as a gift to the Church, and leaving a bequest to Church of the Holy Trinity in your will. Please contact Property Committee Chairperson Susan Leidy at susan.l.leidy@gmail.com to learn more about supporting necessary property projects. For other questions, please contact our Director of Development & Communications Inaara Neal-Shiraz at communications@htrit.org.

Anglican Chant Instructions

Today we return to singing the psalms to Anglican chant. You may be new to CHT or you may have been here a long time and never knew how exactly to align the text of the psalm with the music. There are several good resources online about the development of Anglican Chant and how it is sung. Below are instructions for the notation you will see in the leaflet:

- Each verse is sung to seven bars of music
- The bar lines in the music correspond to a vertical bar in the text.
- The double bar line in the music corresponds to the asterisk in the text (marking the half verse)
- Where there is one note (a half note) to a bar, all the words for the corresponding part of the text are sung to that one note.
- Where there are two notes (two quarter notes) to a bar,
 - if the text has 2 syllables, each note gets one syllable.
 - If there are more than 2 syllables, the dot (•) indicates when the note changes.
 - If there is one syllable, the text will be italicized and sung over both notes.
- On occasion, the first measure will be skipped. This is indicated by a dash () before the first bar line.

Many of the chants we will be using in the next few weeks are called double chant because they contain 2 7-bar phrases of music. With a **double chant**, verses are sung with the music in pairs. In the example below, verse 3 is sung with the first set of 7 bars and verse 4 is sung with the second set.



3 You brought me up, O | Lord, • from the | dead; *
you restored my life as I was | going | down to • the | grave.

4 Sing to the Lord, you | servants • of | his; *
give thanks for the re|membrance | of his | holiness.

3. You brought me up, O Lord from the dead; * you restored my life as I was go-ing down to the grave.

4. Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; * give thanks for the re-mem-brance of his holiness.

Prelude

Introduction and Cornet Voluntary in G Major

William Walond

Please rise in body or in spirit.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn 427

Laudes Domini



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word
4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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-279

Gerald Near

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —

— and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,

al - migh - 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 O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 32:1-3a, 6-15

Marshall McMain

Reader A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.” Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

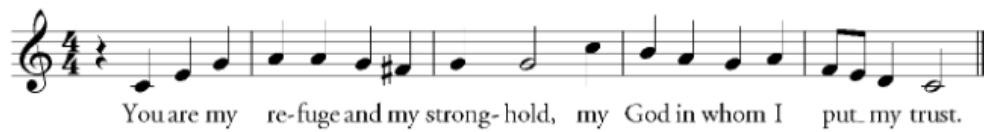
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence.

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 *Qui habitat*

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



Chant: after Martin Luther



- ¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most | High, *
abides under the | shadow | of the • Al- | mighty.
- ² He shall say to the Lord, “You are my | refuge • and my | stronghold, *
my God in | whom I | put my | trust.”
- ³ He shall deliver you from the | snare of • the | hunter *
and | from the | deadly | pestilence.
- ⁴ He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge | under • his | wings; *
his faithfulness shall | be a | shield and | buckler.
- Antiphon**
- ⁵ You shall not be afraid of any | terror • by | night, *
nor of the | arrow • that | flies by | day;
- ⁶ Of the plague that | stalks in • the | darkness, *
nor of the sickness that | lays | waste at | mid-day.
- ¹⁴ Because he is bound to me in love, therefore | will I • de- | liver him; *
I will protect him, be- | cause he | knows my | Name.
- ¹⁵ He shall call upon me and | I will | answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will | rescue him • and | bring him • to | honor.
- †¹⁶ With long life will I | satis- | fy him, *
and | show him | my sal- | vation.

Antiphon

Reader A reading from the first letter to Timothy

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time~ he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 553

Rushford



1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine
 *3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less
 *4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth

strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and it shall be thy
 eyes and seek his face; life with its way be - fore us lies, —
 mer - cy will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove —
 not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see that

joy — and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life and Christ its love.
 Christ — is all in all to thee.

The Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Celebrant Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house~ for I have five brothers~ that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'

Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Michael Knight

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

Andy Gutknecht

- 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, as they complete their sabbatical, and our congregation, who have found 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 Angel, Wayne, Jessica, Tracey, Sonrin, Tony, Michael, Frank, Charlie, Andrea, Miles, Farah, Yousef, Francesco, Feras, Gwenette, Vicken, Lisa, Cari, Jalal, Maha, Heba, Mural, Murad, Angie, Yacoub, Yvonne, Jerry, Joyce, and Sonia. (*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.

Tell Out My Soul! Stewardship Campaign Remarks

Simson Hui

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Sheltering God, our refuge and relief, you draw near when the wilderness is too much, when the heat of the day drains our hope. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your abiding love, a love that does not always keep us from trouble but never leaves us to face it alone. May what we give today bring shade to the weary, hope to the hurting, and a glimpse of the salvation you are always working out in us and through us. **Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

Denn er hat seinen Engeln

Felix Mendelssohn

Denn er hat seinen Engeln befohlen über dir,	<i>For he shall give his angels charge over thee,</i>
dass sie dich behüten auf allen deinen Wegen,	<i>to keep thee in all thy ways.</i>
dass sie dich auf den Händen tragen	<i>They shall bear thee up in their hands,</i>
und du deinen Fuß nicht an einem Stein stoßest.	<i>lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.</i>

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Descant

4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
 2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and
 3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and
 4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
 now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es
 on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he
 with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
 sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
 gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
 days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

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-131

Near

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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-155

Near



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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).

1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der,
I will ev - er love and trust Him,

2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der
World - ly pleas - ures all for - sak - en,

3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der
Let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it

4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der
Fill me with thy love and pow - er,

1. all to Him I free - ly give;
In His pres - ence dai - ly live.

2. Hum - bly at His feet I bow;
Take me, Je - sus, take me now.

3. Make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;
Tru - ly know that thou art mine.

4. Lord, I give my - self to thee;
Let thy bless - ings fall on me.

I sur - ren - der all,
I sur - ren - der all,

I sur - ren - der all, All to thee, my
I sur - ren - der all,

bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

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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

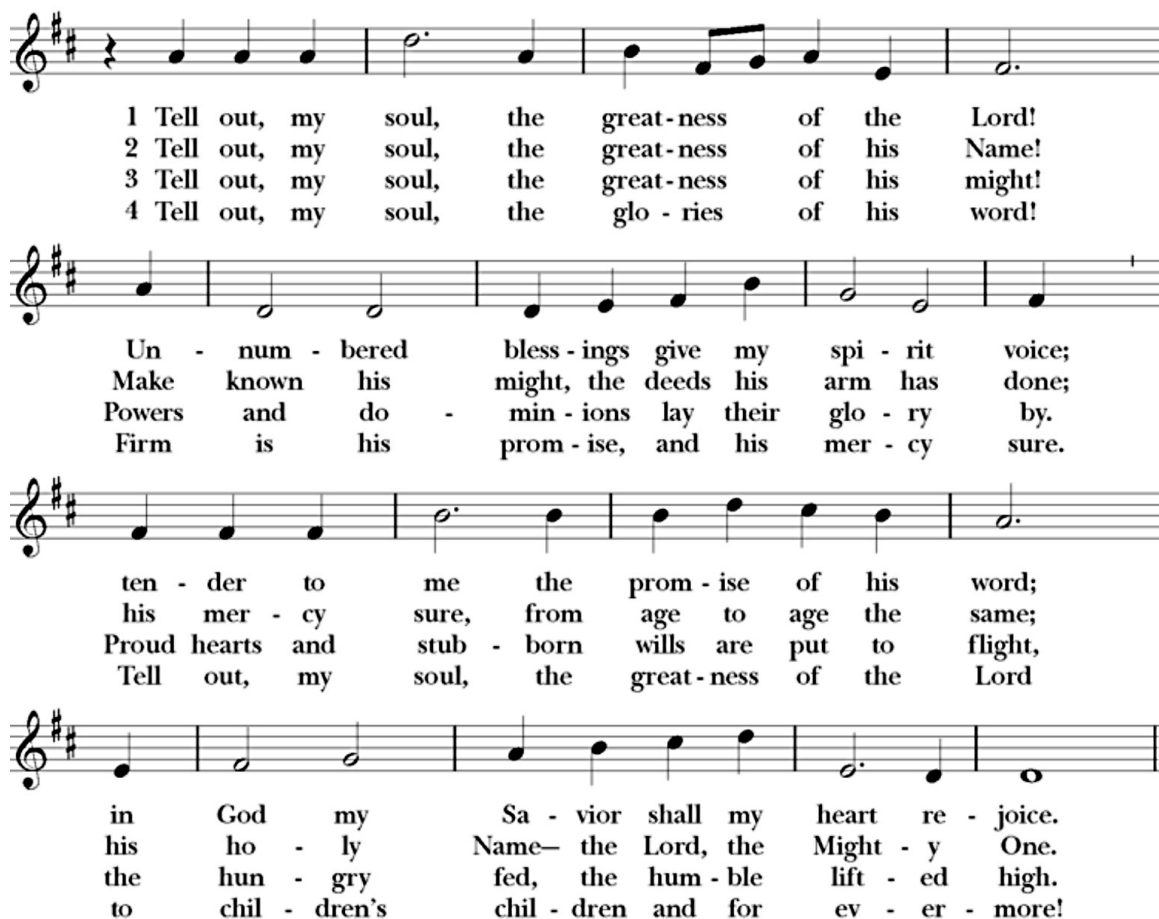
The Celebrant delivers the blessing.

People Amen.

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Dismissal Hymn 438

Woodlands



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name—the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude in c minor

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.



Letter from Our Accounting Warden Phil Duffy *Inviting Parishioners to Pledge*

Dear Friends,

Each fall, when we come to this season of stewardship, I find myself asking a simple but important question: what difference has Holy Trinity made in my life this year? For me, and for so many of us, the answer is not found in one single moment, but in a collection of experiences that form a much bigger picture. It is the laughter echoing through the sanctuary after worship, the quiet comfort of prayer when the world feels overwhelming, the meals shared at Open Hearts, and the countless times we have shown up for one another in 2025 thus far. These are not just programs or events; they are glimpses of God's love made real among us.

When we talk about giving, it can sometimes feel like we are just talking about numbers on a page. But really, we are talking about relationships. What kind of community do we want to be? What kind of presence do we want Holy Trinity to have on Rittenhouse Square, in Philadelphia, and in the lives of those who walk through our doors? I believe the answer is clear: we want to be a place of welcome, of renewal, of courage and joy. A place where differences are embraced, where creativity flourishes, and where faith is lived out in service. This is the vision that has guided us over the past year, and it is coming alive in new and beautiful ways.

That's where your pledge comes in. *Each gift, large or small, is not just a donation.* It is a statement of faith. It is a way of saying, WE believe in what this community can be, and I want to be part of it. *I invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge for this year's Stewardship Campaign.* In giving, we are not simply meeting a budget, we are participating in a movement that touches countless lives. Together, our offerings create waves that extend across Rittenhouse Square, throughout the city, and even beyond.

So, I ask you to take a moment and reflect: how has Holy Trinity shaped you this year? Who or what do you hope we will continue to be for you; and for those who have yet to find their way here? And then, out of that reflection, I invite you to respond with generosity.

Together, we can ensure that Holy Trinity remains a sanctuary
not only for us, but for generations to come.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Phillip Duffy

Accounting Warden
The Church of the Holy Trinity
Philadelphia, PA



Scan the QR code to make a pledge!

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The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner, *Rector*

The Rev. John Gardner, *Rector*

Chiquita Anderson, Brett Oliver, Molly Hebert-Wilson, Therese Tiger, *Welcome Coordinators*

Benjamin Leiby, *Organist-Choirmaster*

Karen Majer, *Director of Rentals & Events*

Inaara Neal-Shiraz, *Director of Development & Communications*

Robyn Schnieders, *Director of Administration & Operations*

Jonah Shortall, *Streaming Services*

Demetrius Swinson, *Assistant to the Director of Operations AKA Superman*

Dr. Stephen Framil, *Musician-in-Residence*

Dr. John French, *Organist-Choirmaster emeritus*

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Hannah Bashore, Nathaniel Bear, Gail Caruso, Patricia Conrad, Stephanie DeMane, Will Dowling, Franny Geller, Andrew Gutknecht, Samuel Keeler, Thomas Kneeland, Alex Mathews, John Miles, Mike O'Bryan, Aimee Pilgermayer, Eddie Rubeiz, Erica Rose Smith, and Julianna Smith

The Church of the Holy Trinity - Vestry

Brian Conroy, Phillip Duffy, Alyssa Force, Monica Heuer, Margaret Hughes, Simson Hui, Susan Leidy, Jeff McEldowney, James Otwell, Ali Shott, Daniel Tancredi, Karen Vannasdall

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