

# The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

## The Third Sunday *after* The Epiphany

11:00 am  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II



January 25, 2026

# What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, January 25	⊕ 9:30 am ⊕ 11:00 am 之心 4:00 pm	Adult Education Class Holy Eucharist-3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Narthex Church Centennial Room
Monday, January 26	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, January 27	10:00-3:00 之心 3:00 pm	Church Open Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, January 28	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Thursday, January 29	10:00-3:00 ⊕ 12:15 pm ⊕ 1:15 pm	Church Open Healing Eucharist Service Centering Prayer	Prayer Corner Meet in Prayer Corner
Saturday, January 31	♪ 4:00 p.m.	Musicopia String Orchestra's Winter Concert	Church
Sunday, February 1	⊕ 9:30 am ⊕ 11:00 am 之心 4:00 pm	Adult Education Class Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism-4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Narthex Church Centennial Room

## TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Margaret Dowling & Shreve Simpson, *Lectors*

Jeannie Welsh, *Intercessor*

Brian Conroy, *Usher*

Jack Baranoski, *Streaming*

Marshall McMain, *Acolyte*

Jeannie Welsh, *Welcome Table*

Amy Arcaro, *Refreshments*

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

## Entrance Hymn 7

Ratisbon



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
 joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.



## Opening Acclamation

Presider      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
People        And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. Amen

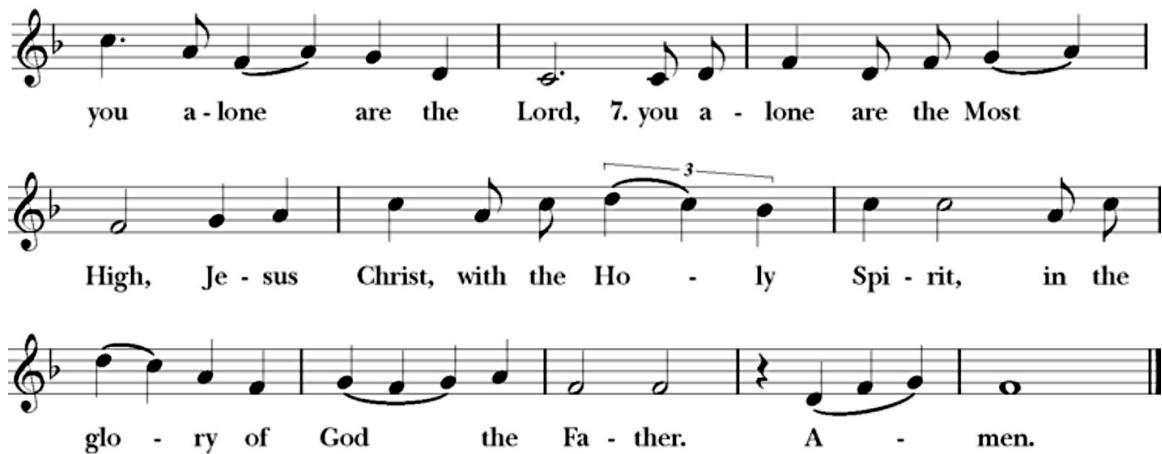
## Collect for Purity

Presider      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.

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,



## Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4

*Margaret Dowling*

*Reader* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Silence.*

## Psalm 27:1,5-13 *Dominus illuminatio*

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.



Chant: Charles Villiers Stanford



1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I | fear?  
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then | shall I | be a- | fraid?  
5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; | one thing • I | seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the | LORD • all the | days of • my | life;  
6 To behold the fair | beauty • of the | LORD \*  
and to | seek him | in his | temple.  
7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me | safe in • his | shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me | high up- | on a | rock.

## Antiphon

8 Even now he | lifts up • my | head \*  
above my | ene- • mies | round a- | bout me.  
9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with | sounds of • great | gladness; \*  
I will sing and make | music | to the | LORD.  
10 Hearken to my voice, O | LORD, • when I | call; \*  
have | mercy • on | me and | answer me.  
11 You speak in my heart and say, | "Seek my | face." \*  
Your | face, LORD, | will I | seek.  
12 Hide not your | face | from me, \*  
nor turn away your | servant | in dis- | pleasure.  
13 You have been my helper; cast me | not a- | way; \*  
do not forsake me, O | God of | my sal- | vation.

## Antiphon

## Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Shreve Simpson

Reader A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power 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.*

Sequence Hymn 661

Georgetown

1 They cast their nets in Gal - i - lee just  
2 Con - tent - ed, peace ful fish - er - men, be -  
3 Young John who trimmed the flap - ping sail, home -  
4 The peace of God, it is no peace, but

off the hills of brown; such hap - py,  
fore they ev - er knew the peace of  
less, in Pat - mos died. Pe - ter, who  
strife closed in the sod. Yet let us

sim - ple fish - er - folk, be - fore the Lord came down.  
God that filled their hearts brim - ful, and broke them too.  
hauled the teen - ing net, head - down was cru - ci - fied.  
pray for but one thing— the mar - velous peace of God.

## The Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

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

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner

*After a period of silence, 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 III

*Jeannie Welsh*

*Leader*            God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People*            **That we all may be one.**

*Leader*            Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People*            **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader*            We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People*            **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader*            We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People*            **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader*            Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People*            **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Have compassion on Gail, Neal, Jay, Laurie, Bobbie, Bill, Jean, Don, Fathek, Joe, Scott, Leslie, Miley, Edward, Taya, Sylvia, Jessica, Tracy, Dupriest, Dawn, Arjola, Linda, Elizabeth, the Tousey family, Gail & John, Sonrisa, Jackie, Ken, Heleen, Cari and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* Give to Sam, and all the departed eternal rest.

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom**

*Presider* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Confession of Sin

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### Absolution

*Presider* 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

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*As we prepare to move to the Holy Communion, we invite you to share the Peace of Christ with your neighbor.*

### Welcome, Parish Notices & Celebration Blessings

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Sentence

Presider

Steadfast Light of our salvation, in a world that trembles with uncertainty and teaches us to fear, you shine with unwavering hope. You call us to seek your face and trust in your presence more than in our own strength. Receive these gifts, given not out of fear but in joyful confidence that your love casts out fear and your grace makes us bold. Use our offerings to build a world where your light leads, your justice reigns, and your people—unafraid—become living testimonies of your goodness. In the name of Christ, our rock and redeemer, we pray. **Amen.** (Psalm 27:1, 4-9)

Anthem

*O nata lux*

Annabel Rooney

*O nata lux de lumine  
Jesu redemptor saeculi  
Dignare clemens supplicum  
Laudes preces que sumere  
Qui carne quondam contegi  
Dignatus es pro perditis  
Nos membra confer effici  
Tui beati corporis  
O nata lux de lumine  
Jesu redemptor saeculi*

*O Light born of Light  
Jesus, redeemer of the world  
With loving-kindness deign to receive  
Suppliant praise and prayer  
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh  
For the sake of the lost  
Grant us to be members  
Of thy blessed body  
O Light born of Light  
Jesus, redeemer of the world*

All rise in body or in spirit

Offertory Hymn 126

Dundee



1 The people who in darkness walked have seen a glorious light;  
2 To hail thy rising, Sun of life, the gathering nations come,  
3 To us the promised Child is born, to us the Son is given;  
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ever more adored,  
5 His power increasing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heavenly dawn who dwelt in death and night.  
2 joyous as when the reapers bear their harvest treasures home.  
3 him shall the tribes of earth obey, and all the hosts of heaven.  
4 the Wonder-ful, the Coun-sel-lor, the mighty God and Lord.  
5 justice shall guard his throne above, and peace a-bound below.

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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:

## Sanctus S-129

Robert Powell

*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

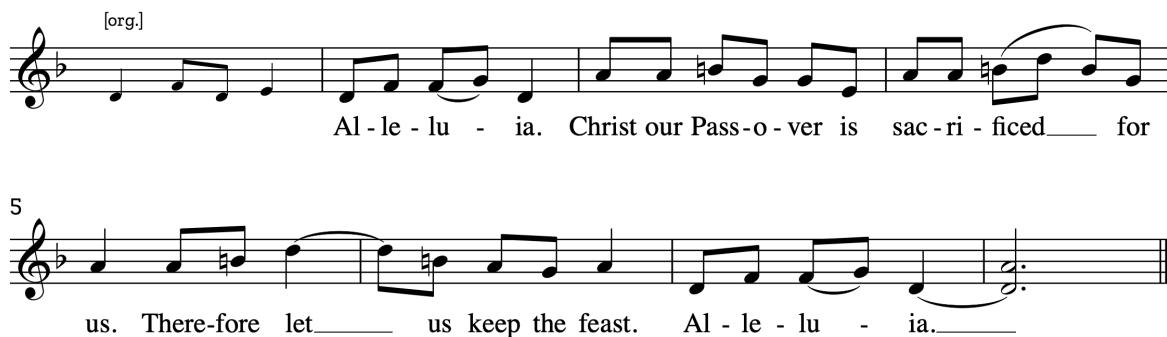
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:  
All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem *Christ our Passover*

Robert Powell



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Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac - ri - ficed for

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us. There-fore let \_\_\_\_\_ us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

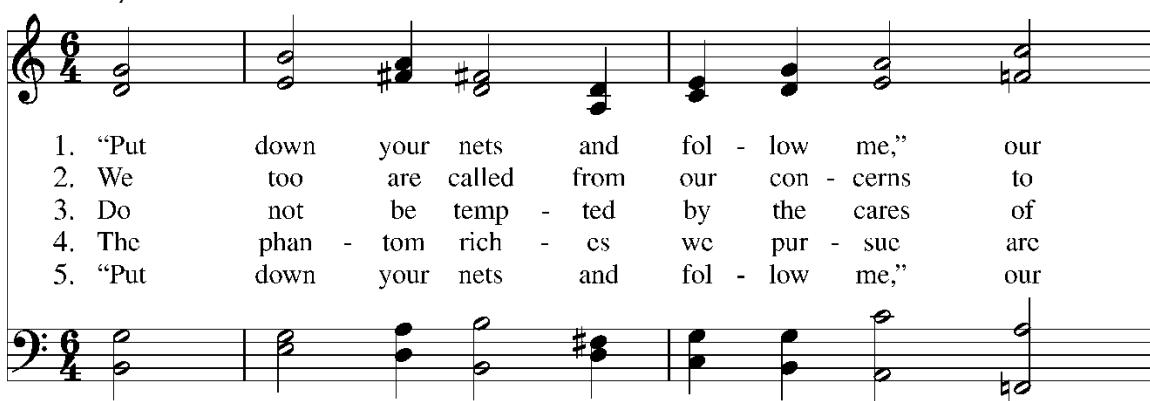
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Please be seated.

## Distribution of Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers and go to the altar rail to receive. You can receive bread and/or wine, depending on your preference. If you wish to receive the wine, you can retain your wafer and dip it in the cup or drink directly from the cup. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know. We will bring communion to those who are more comfortable staying in their pew (please alert an usher).

## Communion Hymn 807

Dillow



1. "Put down your nets and fol - low me," our  
2. We too are called from our con - cerns to  
3. Do not be temp - ted by the cares of  
4. The phan - tom rich - es we pur - suc are  
5. "Put down your nets and fol - low me," our

1. Lord and Mas - ter said; and so they fol - lowed,  
 2. fol - low our Lord's way. By trust - ing him, the  
 3. long de - lud - ed dreams; temp - ta - tion's path is  
 4. nev - er ours to gain. They fade be - fore our  
 5. Lord and Mas - ter pleads; O may we fol - low

1. will - ing - ly, not know - - ing where he led.  
 2. heart soon learns to cast off yes - ter - day.  
 3. wrought with snares and ne - - ver as it seems.  
 4. eyes like dew af - - ter a morn - ing rain.  
 5. faith - ful - ly, well know - - ing where he leads.

Words: Janine Applegate (b. 1948). Music: *Dillow*, Randall Giles (b. 1950).

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

### Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

### Blessing

Celebrant The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son, Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you now and always. Amen.

## Dismissal Hymn 537

Moscow

## Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*Postlude*

Fugue in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn

**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...

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**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](http://www.htrit.org/give)).



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

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# Upcoming Events

**February 8, after Sunday Service**  
Ministry Fair

**February 9, 7:00 p.m.**  
Center City Election Debate

**February 17, 6:00 p.m.**  
Shrove Tuesday

**February 18, 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.**  
Ash Wednesday Services

**February 22, 11:00 a.m.**  
The First Sunday in Lent Service

**February 25, 12:15 p.m.**  
Lenten Music Meditation

**March 4**  
12:15 p.m.: Lenten Music Meditation  
6:00 p.m.: Choral Evensong

**March 11, 12:15 p.m.**  
Lenten Music Meditation

**March 14, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**  
Men's Spring Suit Sale benefitting Open Hearts

**March 18, 12:15 p.m.**  
Lenten Music Meditation

**March 25, 12:15 p.m.**  
Lenten Music Meditation

# ❖ Holy Week & Easter ❖

March 29-April 5

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**March 29, 11:00 a.m.**  
Palm Sunday service

**April 2, 6:00 p.m.**  
Maundy Thursday service

**April 3, 12:00 p.m.**  
Good Friday service

**April 4**  
9:00 a.m.: Holy Saturday service  
10:00 a.m.: Decorate Church for Easter  
8:00 p.m.: Easter Vigil service

**April 5, 11:00 a.m.**  
Easter Day service  
*Easter Egg Hunt After Service*

**April 19, 12:15 p.m.**  
Annual Meeting!

## **The Church of the Holy Trinity - Clergy and Staff**

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner, *Rector*

The Rev. John Gardner, *Rector*

Benjamin Leiby, *Organist-Choirmaster*

Robyn Schnieders, *Director of Operations & Outreach*

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

Karen Majer, *Rentals & Events Manager*

Demetrius Swinson, *Operations Coordinator AKA Superman*

Shawn "Shiz" Futch & Mike Whitney, *Operations Support*

Victoria Alfred-Lerew & Chiquita Anderson *Welcome Coordinators*

Jack Baranoski, Boyden Gardner, & Jonah Shortall, *Streaming Services*

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

Dr. John French, *Organist-Choirmaster emeritus*

## **The Choir of Holy Trinity**

Hannah Bashore, Gail Caruso, Patricia Conrad, Stephanie DeMane, Will Dowling, Samuel Evans, Franny Geller, Andrew Gutknecht, Samual Keeler, Thomas Kneeland, Alex Mathews, John Miles, Aimee Pilgermayer, Eddie Rubeiz, Erica Rose Smith, and Maiya Williams

## **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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