

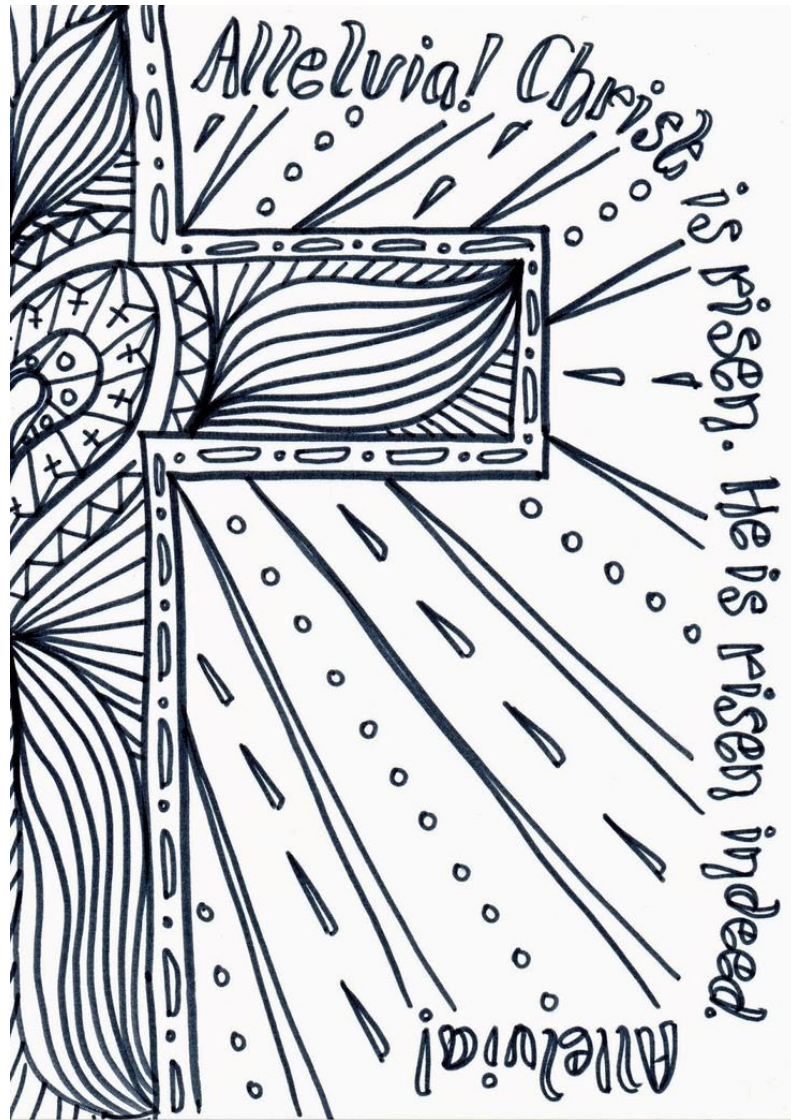
The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

THE SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER

Holy Eucharist, Rite II










11:00 AM



April 12, 2026

What's Happening This Week:

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

Sunday, April 12	 11:00 am Holy Eucharist- <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> Church	 4:00 pm Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing Centennial Room
Monday, April 13	10:00-3:00 Church Open	 6:00 pm April Vestry Meeting Virtual
Tuesday, April 14	10:00-3:00 Church Open	 3:00 pm Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing Centennial Room
Wednesday, April 15	10:00-3:00 Church Open	
Thursday, April 16	10:00-3:00 Church Open	 12:15 pm Healing Eucharist Service Prayer Corner
	 1:15 pm Centering Prayer Meet in Prayer Corner	
Sunday, April 19	 9:30 am Adult Education Class - <i>Proclaiming the Good News</i> Narthex	 11:00 am Holy Eucharist- <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> Church
	 12:30 am Annual Parish Meeting Church	 4:00 pm Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing Centennial Room

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Ali Shott & Jeannie Welsh, *Lectors*

Joshua Karstendick, *Intercessor*

David Otwell, *Usher*

Jack Baranoski, *Streaming*

Amy Arcaro, *Refreshments*

NEXT WEEK, April 19: Annual Meeting & Parish Picture Day!

What is the Annual Meeting? A time to reflect on last year and hear about the great things that are coming in the year ahead! We also elect our representatives for the Vestry.

Who can attend? Anyone! All are welcome! Refreshments will be served!

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today.

You can find more information on the back of the bulletin.

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.

THE SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

Prelude

O Filii

Jeanne Demessieux

THE ENTRANCE RITE

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

Entrance Hymn 192

Vreuchten

Unison or harmony

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath
riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my
slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

Refrain

prung to life this mor - row.
pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was
wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

1 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]
 2 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]
 3 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Final Antiphon

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a,22-32

Ali Shott

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

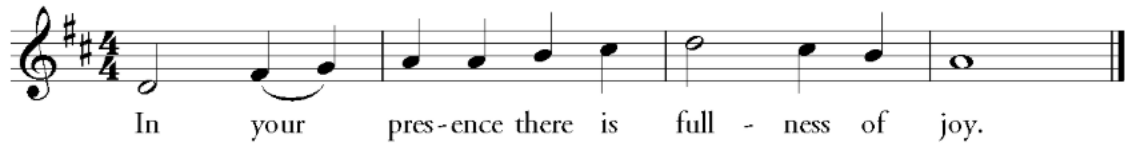
‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

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: Samuel Sebastian Wesley



- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take | refuge • in | you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my | good a- | bove all | other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are | in the | land, *
upon those who are | noble • a- | mong the | people.
- 3 But those who run after | other | gods *
shall | have their | troubles | multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I | will not | offer, *
nor take the names of their | gods u- | pon my | lips.

Antiphon

- 5 O Lord, you are my | portion • and my | cup; *
it is | you • who up- | hold my | lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a | pleasant | land; *
indeed, I | have a | goodly | heritage.

- 7 I will bless the Lord who | gives me | counsel; *
my heart teaches me, | *night* | after | night.
- 8 I have set the Lord | always • be- | fore me; *
because he is at my | right hand • I | shall not | fall.
- †9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my | spirit • re- | joices; *
my body | also • shall | rest in | hope.

Antiphon

- 10 For you will not abandon me | to the | grave, *
nor let your | holy • one | see the | Pit.
- 11 You will show me the | path of | life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are | pleasures • for | ever | more.

Antiphon

The Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Jeannie Welsh

Reader A reading from the first letter of Peter:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the introduction to the hymn, all rise in body or in spirit.

Sequence Hymn 452

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1 Glo - rious the day when Christ was born to wear the
2 Glo - rious the day when Christ a - rose, the sur - est
3 Glo - rious the days of gos - pel grace when Christ re -
4 Glo - rious the day when Christ ful - fills what self re -

crowns that Cae - sars scorn, whose life and death that
friend of all his foes; who for the sake of
stores the fal - len race; when doubt - ers kneel and
jects yet fee - bly wills; when that strong Light puts

love re - veal which mor - tals need and need to feel.
those he grieves tran - scends the world he nev - er leaves.
wa - verers stand and faith a - chieves what rea - son planned.
out the sun and all is end - ed, all be - gun.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. John Gardner

Following the sermon, the people rise in body or in spirit to confess the Creed.

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

Joshua Karstendick

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, and our congregation.

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our prayer list: Linda, Cheryl, Marcy, Jimmie, Shizawn, Sev, Seb, Tonette, Mark, the Hicks family, Angela, Jessica, Sonrisa, Tracy, Shirley, Clarence, Leo, Cole, Charlie, Lorre, Tatiana, Joey, John, Anita, Mindy, Sylvia, Aubrey, Audrey, Evelyn Bruce, Wayne, Adley, Nora, Hadley, Andrew, Justin, Laurie, Ruth, Bill, Gail, Jay, Christina, James, Joan, Sally, Lureen, Jeff, and Mari.

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

Presider 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

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you!**

Please be seated.

Welcome, Parish Notices and Celebration Blessings

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Presider Compassionate and faithful God, you meet us behind locked doors and in the doubts we dare not speak aloud. Like Thomas, we long to see, to touch, to know—and yet, by your grace, you call us blessed for believing without seeing. Accept now these gifts we bring, signs of our faith, acts of our trust. Use them to reach others still searching for hope, healing, and connection. Let our giving testify to your Resurrection power and shape us into a community where wounds are not hidden but held with love. In Christ, who breathes peace upon us, we pray. **Amen.**
(John 20:19-31)

Anthem

Quia, vidisti me, Thoma

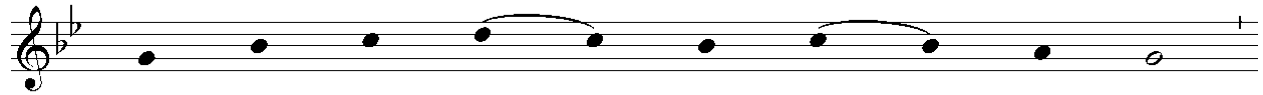
Luca Marenzio

*Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed.
Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed. Alleluia.*

Please rise in body or in spirit.



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



1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!
 2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
 3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
 4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;
 5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,
 6 How blest are they who have not seen,



1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,
 2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,
 3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,
 4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
 5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,



1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
 6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]



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

This hymn is for the Second Sunday of Easter and St. Thomas' Day.

Words: Att. Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866). Music: *O filii et filiae*, melody from *Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls*, 1623; acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

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. **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 by 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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

The musical score for the Fraction Anthem is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves are for the Cantor and All parts, respectively, both singing the same melody: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The third staff is for the Cantor part, singing: "Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us". The fourth staff is for the All part, singing: "keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

Celebrant This is the bread of life and the cup of salvation given in love for you.

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 How oft, O Lord, thy face hath shone on doubt - ing souls whose
 2 He loved thee well, and firm - ly said, "Come, let us go, and
 3 His breth - ren's word he would not take, but craved to touch those
 4 He saw thee risen; at once he rose to full be - lief's un -
 5 O Sa - vior, make thy pres - ence known to all who doubt thy

1 wills were true! Thou Christ of Pe - ter and of John,
 2 die with him"; yet when thine Eas - ter - news was spread,
 3 hands of thine; when thou didst thine ap - pear - ance make,
 4 cloud - ed height; and still through his con - fes - sion flows
 5 Word and thee; and teach us in that Word a - lone

1 thou art the Christ of Thom - as too.
 2 mid all its light his faith was dim.
 3 he saw, and hailed his Lord Di - vine.
 4 to Chris - tian souls thy life and light.
 5 to find the truth that sets us free.

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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.

The 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 our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal Hymn 189

Resurrexit

1 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the
2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; where, O death, is
3 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - lowing our ex -

bat - tle won. Death in vain for - bids him rise;
now thy sting? Once he died our souls to save,
alt - ed Head; made like him, like him we rise,

Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

1-2 Final Ending
al - le - lu - ia!
al - le - lu - ia!
al - le - lu - (ia!) ia!

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

This Joyful Eastertide

Jan Bender

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INFORMATION:

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 weekly 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.

During **The Peace**, we invite you to connect with your neighbors by waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist/elbow bumps. Please be sure your neighbor is comfortable with physical contact before shaking hands.

More Information?

visit our website www.htrit.org and sign up for the weekly E-News.

Annual Meeting + Parish-Wide Picture Day

Next Sunday, April 19 after Service

We'll have our Parish Picture Day on April 19! It will happen right after service. After we take our picture, we'll dive into our Annual Meeting and Celebration of our Historic 2026 Pledge Campaign.

Q: Who can come to Annual Meeting?

A: Annual Meeting is for everyone! It is a chance for all of us to gather together and get the major updates from this past year.

Q: Do I need to be a "member" of Holy Trinity?

A: If you are part of the Holy Trinity community, please come! Membership means different things to different people; for some it means being Baptized, for others it may mean being an active part of Open Hearts Cafe, and for some it may mean feeling connected to the events, services, or programs at Holy Trinity more broadly. No matter where you fit in, we warmly invite you to join us!

Q: I've never been to Annual Meeting, can I still come?

A: Yup, most definitely!

Q: Will there be food?

A: Yes! We will have catered food.

Q: When will it start? When will it end?

A: We will begin after service, around 12:15 pm. We'll take our parish-wide picture, have some food, and then settle into the Meeting. We will try to end by 1:30 pm.

Q: Do I need to bring anything?

A: Nope! Information will be sent out by Enews and hard copies will be available for those that want them.

Q: What will we talk about?

A: You can expect to receive updates from our Rectors, Vestry members, lay ministers, and staff. We'll also be voting for new Vestry members.

Open Doors, Open Hearts Ministry

At the center of who we are is our faith. Every week, we proclaim the gospel and gather together in worship, working to serve as the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Open Hearts Café, our meal and clothing ministry, is an expression of our faith. We serve some of our most vulnerable siblings in Rittenhouse Square who are experiencing food and housing insecurity.

We welcome our Open Hearts guests
with wide open hearts and wide open doors.

- **Snack & Coffee:** Mondays through Thursdays, guests come through our doors to find a place of rest and solace, grab a cup of coffee and a snack, and use our restrooms.
- **Meals:** Every Tuesday and Sunday evening, parishioners volunteer to serve our guests a warm and nutritious meal.
- **Clothing:** We collect clothing donations from our neighbors and work in partnerships with local organizations and businesses so that we can offer our guests clothing they need for day-to-day use.
- If you've been searching for a way to make a direct impact in the lives of over 500 Philadelphians we serve every week, consider volunteering, supporting, or donating. Visit htrit.org/open-hearts-cafe to learn more.

2026 Accomplishments To Date

We sincerely thank each and every volunteer who has given so generously of their time to support the Open Hearts Cafe ministry!

- Collected over 290 bins of donated clothing this year alone
- Served over 500 Philadelphians weekly
- Activated a Snack Sponsorship program that projects up to \$10,000 of additional cash revenue for the year
- Raised over \$6,000 in cash and over \$100,000 in kind-donations
- Organized Men's Spring Sidewalk Sale which raised nearly \$3,000
- Quadrupled active volunteer participation for each meal service

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*

Demetrius Swinson, *Operations Coordinator AKA Superman*

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

Shawn “Shiz” Futch & Mike Whitney, *Operations Support*

Victoria Alfred-Levow & 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

Aimee Pilgermayer, Gail Caruso, Stephanie DeMane, Franny Geller, Patricia Conrad, Maiya Williams, Justine Hansen, Eddie Rubeiz, Samuel Evans, Samuel Keeler, Andrew Gutknecht, Thomas Kneeland, Alex Mathews, William Dowling, John Miles

The Church of the Holy Trinity - Vestry

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



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