

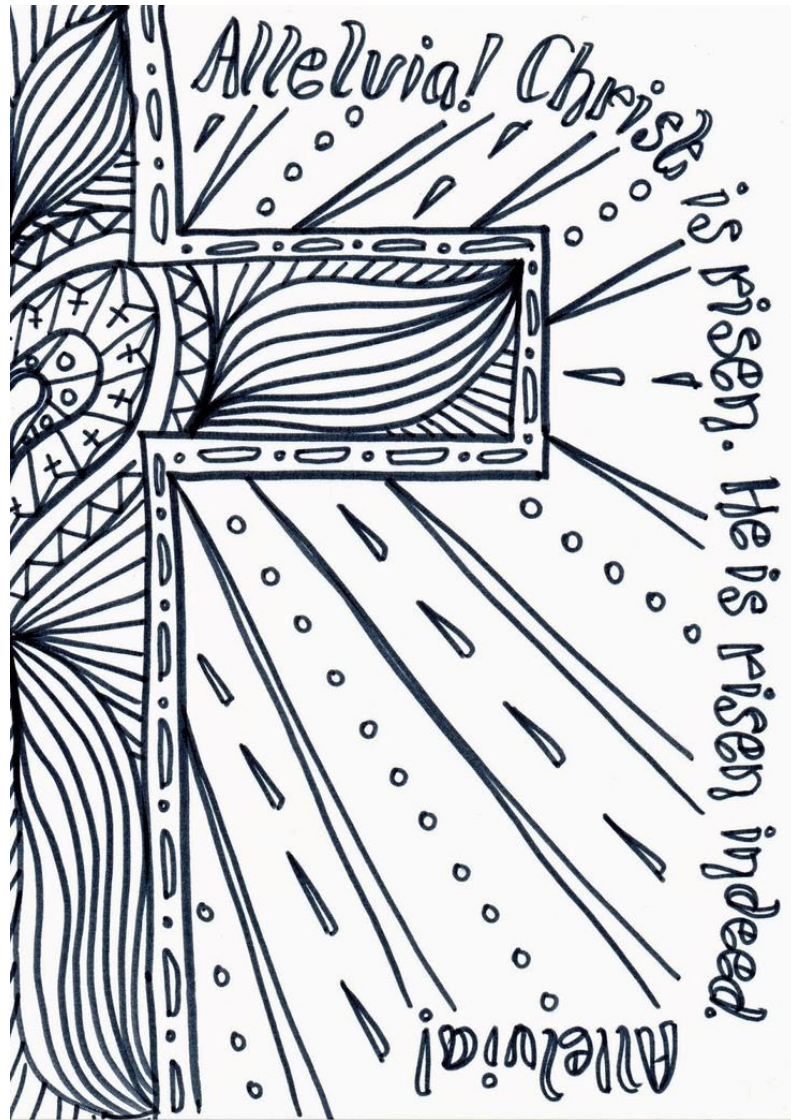
The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

THE FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Holy Eucharist, Rite II















11:00 AM



May 3, 2026

What's Happening This Week:

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

Sunday, May 3	 9:30 am	Adult Education Class – Chapter 20	Narthex
	 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist– <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> <i>*Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Robert D. Flanagan</i>	Church
	 12:15 pm	Phillips Brooks Presentation <i>The Rev. Dr. Robert D. Flanagan</i>	
	 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, May 4	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, May 5	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	 3:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, May 6	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Thursday, May 7	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	 12:15 pm	Healing Eucharist Service	Prayer Corner
	 1:15 pm	Centering Prayer	Meet in Prayer Corner
Saturday, May 9	 11:00 am	Open Hearts Sidewalk + Men's Suit Sale	Church Steps
	 4:00 pm	Encore Chorale Performance	Church
Sunday, May 10	 9:30 am	Adult Education Class – Chapter 21	Narthex
	 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist– <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	Church
	 12:15 pm	Session on Planned Giving, Legacy Society	Church
	 12:15 pm	Carillonneur Lisa Lonie plays the Carillon	Church Tower
	 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Marshall McMMain & Sally Griffith, *Lectors*

Jeannie Welsh, *Intercessor*

David Otwell, *Usher*

Connor Gardner, *Acolyte*

Jack Baranoski, *Streaming*

Jeannie Welsh, *Welcome Table*

TODAY, stay after service for a special Q&A with The Rev. Dr. Robert D. Flanagan about *While Mortals Sleep*, a book about our church's past rector Phillips Brooks to which our very own The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner contributed a chapter on his time in Philadelphia.

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

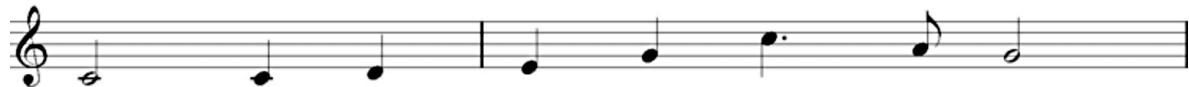
Our connection to this organization is full of energy. We give without expectation of return. We continuously learn about the community and our neighbors and adapt our connections as needed. We all contribute our time, money and skills to make our community better.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

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

Entrance Hymn 52

Rushford



1 This day at thy cre - at - ing word
 2 This day the Lord for sin - ners slain
 3 This day the Ho - ly Spi - rit came
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther be,



first o'er the earth the - light was poured;
 in might vic - to - rious rose a - gain;
 with fier - y tongues of clo - ven flame;
 all praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee,



O Lord, this day up - on us shine
 O Je - sus, may we lift - ed be
 O Spi - rit, fill our hearts this day
 whom, with the Spi - rit, we a - dore



and fill our souls with light di - vine.
 from death of sin to life in thee!
 with grace to hear and grace to pray.
 for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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 God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Marshall McMMain

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

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.



In - to your hands, O Lord, I com-mend, my spir- it.

Chant: Samuel Sebastian Wesley



- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to | shame; *
De- | liver • me | in your | righteousness.
- 2 In- | cline your | ear to me; *
make | *haste* | to de- | liver me.
- †³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my | crag and • my | stronghold; *
for the sake of your | *Name*, | lead me • and | guide me.

Antiphon

- 4 **Take me out of the net that they have | secret- • ly | set for me, ***
for | you are • my | tower • of | strength.
- 5 **Into your hands I com- | mend my | spirit, ***
for you have redeemed me, O | Lord, O | God of | truth.
- 15 My times are | in your | hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
| and from | those who | persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine up- | on your | servant, *
and in your | loving- | kindness | save me."

Antiphon

Reader A reading from the first letter of Peter:

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Unison or harmony

1 Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of peace;
 2 Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of right;
 3 Lead us, O Fa - ther, to thy heaven - ly rest,

with - out thy guid - ing hand we go a - stray,
 blind - ly we stum - ble when we walk a - lone,
 how - ev - er rough and steep thy path may be;

and doubts ap - pall, and sor - rows still in - crease;
 in - volved in sha - dows of a dark - some night;
 through joy or sor - row, as thou deem - est best,

lead us through Christ, the true and liv - ing Way.
 on - ly with thee we jour - ney safe - ly on.
 un - til our lives are per - fect - ed in thee.

The Gospel: John 14:1-14

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Robert Flanagan

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

Jeannie Welsh

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: Mark, Jim & Joanne and their family, Cynthia, 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, Gail, Jay, Christina, Laurie.

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, especially Marilyn, 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

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

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Presider 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 Way-Making God, your offer to us is not just to believe in heaven, but to live the kingdom life here and now. Through Jesus, you show us the way, the truth, and the life—calling us to deeper trust, wider welcome, and greater works of grace. As we bring our gifts, we step into that life, choosing generosity over fear and hope over judgment. Use these offerings, and use us, to make your dwelling places visible in our community, in our compassion, in our courage. We give, because we've heard your voice. In Christ's name. **Amen.** (*John 14:1-14*)

Anthem

O how amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts.

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

*Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where they may lay her young:
even thy alters, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.*

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be alway praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.

O prosper thou our handywork.

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our
eternal home.*

Please rise in body or in spirit.

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

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

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

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

Cantor
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

All
keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Esto les digo, *This I say to you,*
 si dos de ustedes se ponen en acuerdo aquí en, *If two of you on earth agree on anything you*
 en la tierra para pedir algo en oración, *ask for in prayer,*
 mi padre que está en el cielo, *my Father who is in heaven,*
 se lo dará. *will give it to you.*
 Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi *For where two or three are gathered in my*
 nombre, allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos. *name, there am I, in the midst of them.*

Communion Hymn 463

Hall

1. He is the Way. Fol - low him through the Land of Un-like -
 ness; you will see rare beasts and have u - nique ad -
 ven - tures. 2. He is the Truth. Seek him in the
 King - dom of Anx - i - e - ty: you will come to a great
 ci - ty that has ex - pec - ted your re - turn for years.
 3. He is the Life. Love him in the World of the Flesh: and
 at your mar - riage all its oc - ca - sions shall dance for joy.

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.**

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
 *3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
 in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
 each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
 to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude *Salem Suite – Celebration: Toccata*

Margaret Vardell Sandresky

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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.

Upcoming Events

- **Special Q&A with The Rev. Dr. Robert Flanagan**

TODAY! After service

Rev. Flanagan discusses *While Mortals Sleep*, a recent volume that he edited exploring the life and legacy of Phillips Brooks. Brooks was a celebrated preacher and the second rector of Church of the Holy Trinity, as well as the author of many books and the carol, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*. Our own Rector, The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner, is a contributor to the volume, offering insight into Brooks' time and ministry in Philadelphia and at our church.

- **Open Hearts Sidewalk Sale & Men's Suit Sale**

May 9, 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Find accessories for \$5 and \$10 on the front steps of the church, while inside we will have new and gently worn luxury suits from Alton Lane available at steep discounts. All proceeds will go toward our Open Hearts meal and clothing ministry that serves over 500 Philadelphians weekly that are experiencing housing and food insecurities

- **Phillips Brooks Planned Giving Legacy Society Info-session**

May 10, 12:15 p.m.

Attend this information session to learn more about all the ways you can help continue the life and ministry of our church through a planned gift.

Information about funeral planning and the columbarium will also be shared.

- **Choral Evensong on the Eve of the Ascension**

May 13, 6:00 p.m.

Led by our Organist and Choirmaster Ben Leiby with our gifted choir, featured music includes Richard Lloyd, Kenneth Leighton, Peter Hurford, Bryan Kelly, and Ralph Vaughan Williams. **Ascension Day** is when the risen Christ is taken into heaven after appearing to his followers for forty days. On the eve of the Ascension, we honor the final elevation of Christ's human nature to divine glory and the near presence of God.

- **Phillips Brooks Legacy Society Welcome Reception**

May 28, 7:00 pm in Parish House

We welcome all who wish to join and be a part of the Phillips Brooks Legacy Society with a special evening reception in the Parish House. Whether you have already included arrangements for a bequest or are interested in learning more, please join us.

Phillips Brooks Legacy Society

What is the Phillips Brooks Legacy Society?

Phillips Brooks, our second Rector, understood that the church's work extends beyond any single generation. His ministry touched countless lives, and his influence continues today through those who carry forward the faith he so passionately lived. The Phillips Brooks Legacy Society honors those who ensure that the worship, fellowship, and service that have blessed our lives will continue to bless generations yet to come.

What are some ways I can make a legacy gift?

Planned giving offers many options to fit your personal situation.

- **Bequest in Your Will:** The most common planned gift—simply include Holy Trinity in your will or trust.
- **Retirement Account Beneficiary:** Name the church as beneficiary of an IRA, 401(k), or other retirement account—often tax-advantageous.
- **Life Insurance:** Designate the church as beneficiary of a paid-up policy or donate a new policy.
- **Charitable Gift Annuity:** Make a gift that provides you with income for life, then benefits the church.
- **Securities:** Donate appreciated stocks for potential tax benefits.
- **Memorial or Tribute Gifts:** Establish a fund in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special.

I've already made arrangements for a legacy gift. What do I do next?

Thank you for helping sustain the life and ministry of our church for generations to come! We'd love to recognize you and your generosity. Please email our Director of Advancement Inaara Neal-Shiraz at communications@htrit.org to let us know.

I want to learn more!

Great, join us on May 10 after service for an Info-session and on May 28 at 7:00 p.m. for the Phillips Brooks Legacy Society Welcome Reception. You'll receive more information on the various ways you can participate in making a legacy gift.

Questions?

Email communications@htrit.org for more information.

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