

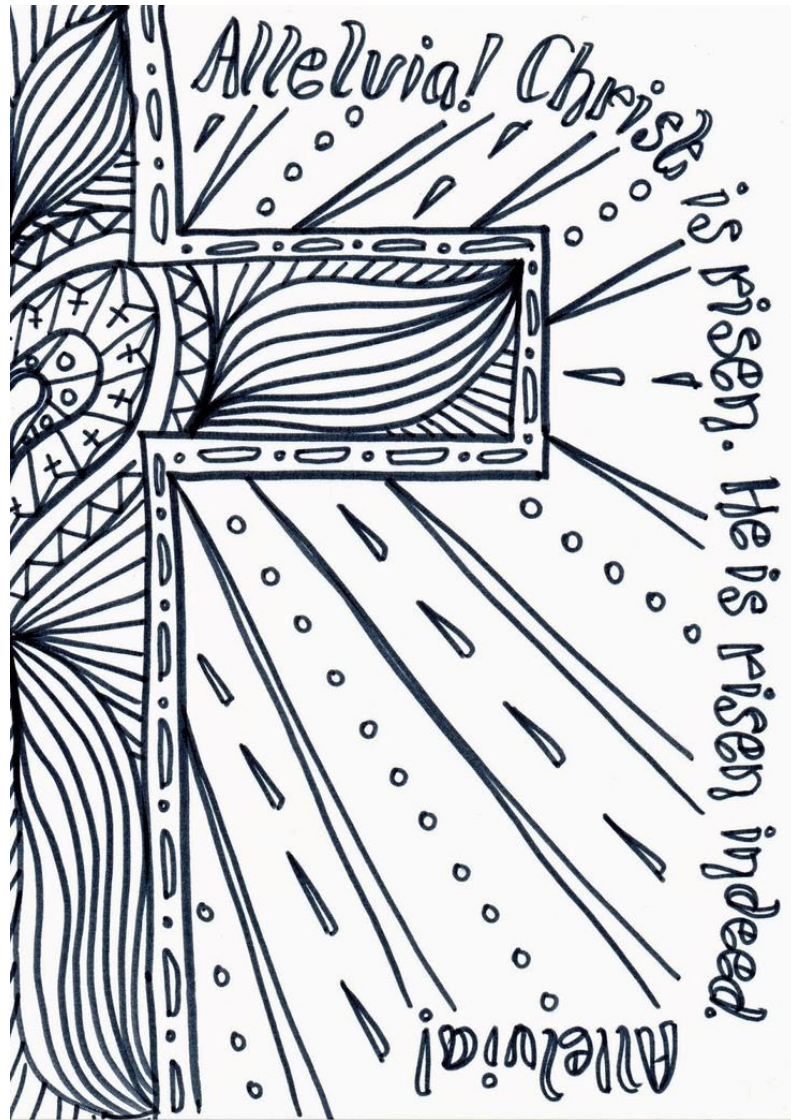
The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

THE SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:00 AM



May 10, 2026

What's Happening This Week:

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

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	Carillonner Lisa Lonie plays the Carillon	Church Tower
	❤️ 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, May 11	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, May 12	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	❤️ 3:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, May 13	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	✚ 6:00 pm	Choral Evensong for the Eve of Ascension Day	
Thursday, May 14	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	✚ 12:15 pm	Healing Eucharist Service	Prayer Corner
	✚ 1:15 pm	Centering Prayer	Meet in Prayer Corner
	🎵 7:30 pm	Academy of Vocal Arts Farewell Recital	Church
Saturday, May 16	🎵 4:00 pm	Choral Arts Philadelphia	Church
Sunday, May 17	✚ 9:30 am	Adult Education Class – Chapter 22	Narthex
	✚ 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist– <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	Church
	✚ 12:30 pm	In-person Vestry Meeting	Church
	🎵 2:30 pm	Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia Concert	Church
	❤️ 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Shreve Simpson & Margaret Dowling, *Lectors*

Anna Maria DiDio, *Intercessor*

Martha Lipscomb, *Usher*

Jack Baranoski, *Streaming*

Amy Arcaro, *Welcome Table*

Martha Lipscomb, *Refreshments*

Wesley Parrott, *Assisting Organist*

TODAY, stay after service for a special information session about the Phillips Brooks Legacy Society.

We'll be discussing how to leave a legacy gift to the church, as well as funeral pre-planning.

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

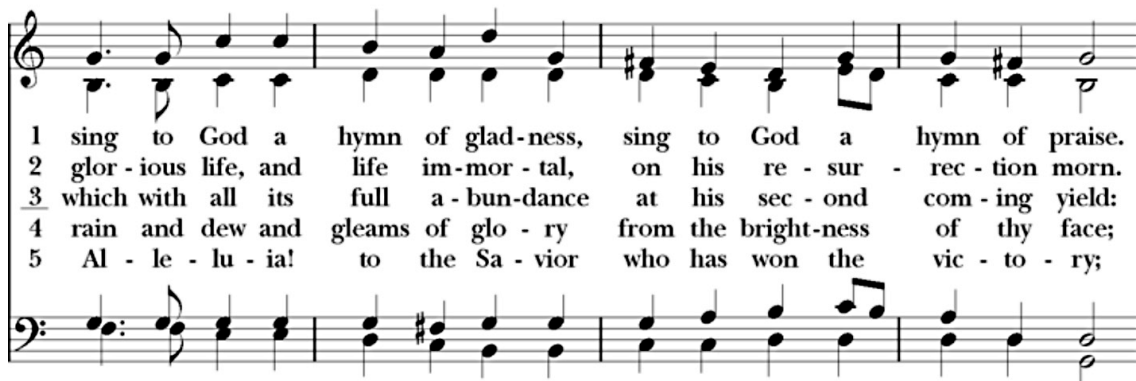
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Entrance Hymn 191

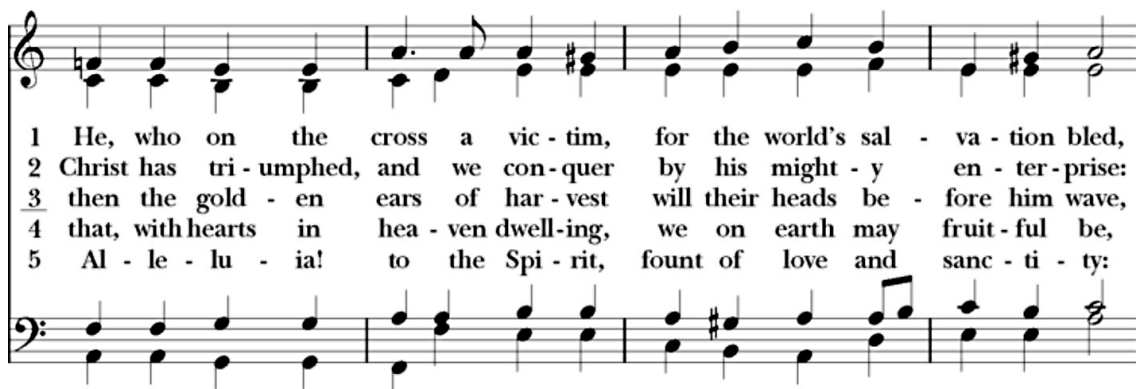
Lux eoi



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:
 2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
 3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,
 4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;



1 sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
 2 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.
 3 which with all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:
 4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright-ness of thy face;
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;



1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
 2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:
 3 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,
 4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;



1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
 2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.
 3 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.
 4 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

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.**

Song of Praise

Festival Canticle

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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 17:22-31

Shreve Simpson

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:7-18 *Jubilate Deo*

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: Charles Villiers Stanford



- 7 Bless our | God, you | peoples; *
make the | voice of • his | praise • to be | heard;
- 8 Who holds our | souls in | life, *
and will not al- | low our | feet to | slip.
- 9 For you, O | God, have | proved us; *
you have tried us | just as | silver • is | tried.
- 10 You brought us | into • the | snare; *
you laid heavy | burdens • up- | on our | backs.
- †11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through | fire and | water; *
but you brought us out | into • a | place of • re- | freshment.

Antiphon

- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will | pay you • my | vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my | mouth • when I | was in | trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the | smoke of | rams; *
I will | give you | oxen • and | goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all | you • who fear | God, *
and I will | tell you | what he • has | done for me.
- 15 I called out to him | with my | mouth, *
and his | praise was | on my | tongue.

Antiphon

- ¹⁶ If I had found evil | in my | heart, *
the | Lord would | not have | heard me;
¹⁷ But in truth | God has | heard me; *
he has attended to the | *voice* | of my | prayer.
†¹⁸ Blessed be God, who has not re- | jected • my | prayer, *
nor with- | held his | love from | me.

Antiphon

The Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Margaret Dowling

Reader A reading from the first letter of Peter:

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you— not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

1 We sing of God, the might - y source of all things;
 *2 Tell them I AM, the Lord God said, to Mo - ses
 3 Glo - rious the sun in mid ca - reer; glo - rious the as -
 4 Glo - rious, most glo - rious, is the crown of him that

the stu - pen - dous force on which all strength de - pends;
 while on earth in dread and smit - ten to the heart,
 sem - bled fires ap - pear; glo - rious the co - met's train:
 brought sal - va - tion down by meek - ness, Ma - ry's son;

from whose right arm, be - neath whose eyes, all pe - riod,
 at once, a - bove, be - neath, a - round, all na - ture
 glo - rious the trum - pet and a - larm; glo - rious the al -
 seers that stu - pen - dous truth be - lieved, and now the

power, and en - ter - prise com - men - ces, reigns, and ends.
 with - out voice or sound re - plied, O Lord, thou art.
 might - y stretched - out arm; glo - rious the en - rap - tured main:
 match - less deed's a - chieved, de - ter - mined, dared, and done.

The Gospel: John 14:15-21

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. John Gardner

Following the sermon, all 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

Anna Maria DiDio

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: Victoria, Mary, Helen, Shanice, Cheryl, Jimmie, Jessica, Tracy, Sonrisa, Michelle, Nora, Angus, Mark, Joanne and her family, Cynthia, Linda, Marcy, Shizawn, Sev, Seb, Tonette, the Hicks family, Angela, 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 Judy and Jim, 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 Abiding Spirit of Love, you have not left us orphaned. Even in our uncertainty, you draw near, whispering truth, stirring memory, teaching us to live as those who know we are loved. As Jesus offered himself in love and obedience, so we offer these gifts today—not out of obligation, but as signs of our love and trust. Take them, bless them, use them—to remind the world that Christ’s story abides in us. May your Spirit strengthen us to live what we give and give what we believe. In the name of the one who promised never to leave us. **Amen.**
(John 14:15-21)

Anthem

If ye love me

Philip Stopford

*If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter,
even the spirit of truth.*

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Offertory Hymn 516

Down Ampney

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,
and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com-fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 him 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

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:

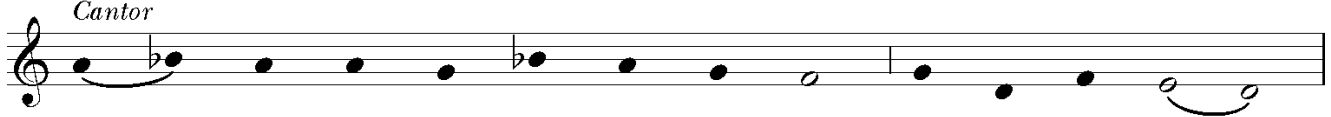
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine 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



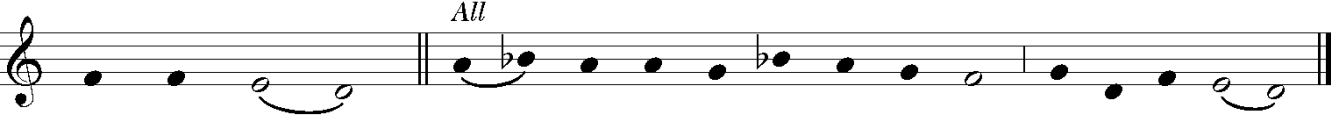
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

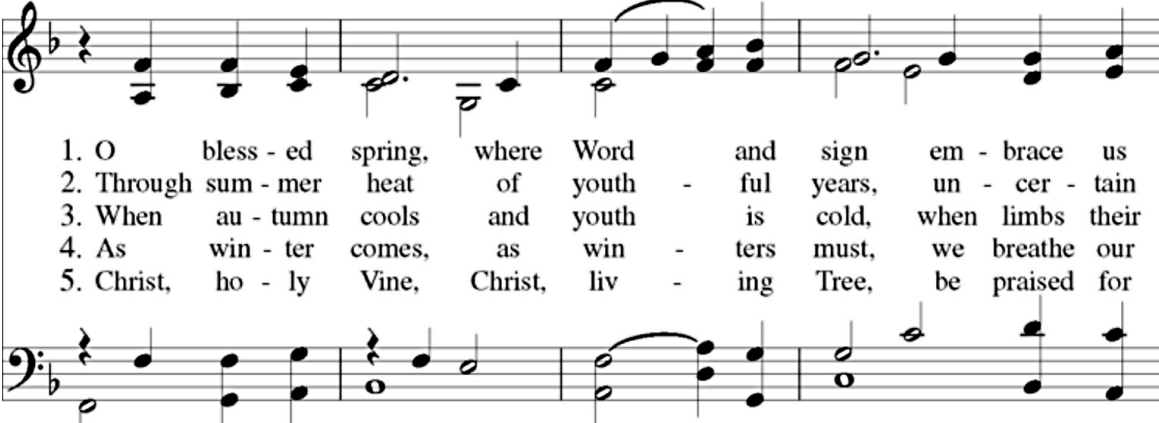
Celebrant This is the bread of life and the cup of salvation given in love for you.

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.

Communion Hymn 765

Berglund



1. O bless - ed spring, where Word and sign em - brace us
 2. Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
 3. When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
 4. As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
 5. Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for

in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
 this blest mys - te - ry: that Word and wa - ter thus re -

be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

All 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.

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 Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
 2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
 3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy

trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
 given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
 throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -

forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
 from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
 pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee

thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
 gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
 all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and

thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
 kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Carillon Postlude

Lisa Lonie

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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

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

TODAY! 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.

Cancer Support Group

Parishioners are creating a Cancer Support Group for those who have recently received a cancer diagnosis and/or have gone through a previous cancer diagnosis. This group offers space to share your personal experiences, no matter where you are on this journey, in a supportive and welcoming environment. Please share your general availability so that the group can determine when to meet.



Fellowship Dinners

We're bringing back Summer Fellowship Dinners! Parishioners open up their homes to members of our community, sharing the special opportunity to break bread together. The first dinner will be on **Friday, June 12 in the Center City area**. Email communications@htrit.org if you'd like to attend! Interested in hosting a summer fellowship dinner at your home? Email communications@htrit.org with some potential dates and times.

Phillips Brooks Legacy Society

Join us today after service for an Info-session!

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 today, 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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