

The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

The Ninth Sunday *after Pentecost*

11:00 am

Morning Prayer, Rite II



July 26, 2026

What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, July 26	 11:00 am	Morning Prayer-9 th Sunday After Pentecost	Church
	 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, July 27	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, July 28	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	 3:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, July 29	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Thursday, July 30	10:00-3:00	Church Open No Healing Eucharist this Week!	
	 1:15 pm	Centering Prayer	Meet in Prayer Corner
Sunday, August 2	 11:00 am	Morning Prayer-10 th Sunday After Pentecost	Church
	 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Our clergy are away today

A very special THANK YOU to our congregation for leading us in worship today!

Sally Griffith, *Officiant*

Thomas Lipscomb, *Preacher*

Esha Bhatia, *Vestry Liaison*

Anna Maria DiDio & Margaret Dowling, *Lectors*

Margaret Dowling, *Intercessor*

Sally Griffith, *Welcome Table*

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today.

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.

Morning Prayer

Today we worship using the service of **Morning Prayer**, a form of Christian worship whose roots reach back thousands of years. The Jewish practice of praying at set times each day shaped the Christian Daily Office, in which monks and nuns gathered for prayer throughout the day. In 1549, Archbishop Thomas Cranmer simplified these daily services into two offices, Morning and Evening Prayer, for the first English *Book of Common Prayer*. Since then, Morning Prayer has remained a central part of Anglican worship. Unlike the Eucharist, Morning Prayer may be led by lay people as well as clergy.

For much of Episcopal history, Morning Prayer was the principal Sunday service, with Holy Communion celebrated only occasionally, often on major feast days. Today, we continue that tradition whenever our clergy are away, allowing members of our congregation to lead this historic liturgy. In doing so, we are reminded that *liturgy* means "the work of the people", shared worship of the whole Church.

To help you follow the service, we've included brief callout boxes throughout this bulletin with background, fun facts, and explanations of what you'll hear and pray. We hope they deepen your experience of Morning Prayer and help you discover something new about this beautiful tradition. Welcome, and thank you for worshiping with us today.

Prelude

Matin

Gordon Young

All rise in body or in spirit.

Opening Hymn 388

Hanover

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Our service begins with an Opening Sentence from Scripture. A significant portion of Morning Prayer consists of direct quotations from Scripture (the Bible), and we begin by grounding ourselves in a passage that sets the tone for the day's worship.

The Opening Sentence

Officiant Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalms 19:14*

Unlike the Eucharist, where we confess our sins later in the service, Morning Prayer begins with confession. These words remind us of the ways we have fallen short, both individually and together as a community—the ways we are complicit in the sins of the world and how we distort our relationships with one another, with God, and with all creation. That is why the confession is plural: “*We confess.*” We ask for God's mercy and forgiveness so that we may walk more faithfully in God's ways. God's mercy invites us to return again and again, and God's forgiveness strengthens us to continue striving for justice and peace, even when we fail.

The Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please be seated or kneel.

Silence may be kept.

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

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Following the confession comes our first experience of the call-and-response pattern that shapes Morning Prayer. While it is possible to pray Morning Prayer alone, the liturgy is designed to be shared by a gathered community. These opening responses come from Psalm 51, which we read in its entirety on Ash Wednesday. We conclude them with the *Gloria Patri* (Latin for "Glory to the Father"), a brief hymn of praise to the Holy Trinity that we will repeat at the end of the Psalm.

All rise in body or in spirit.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

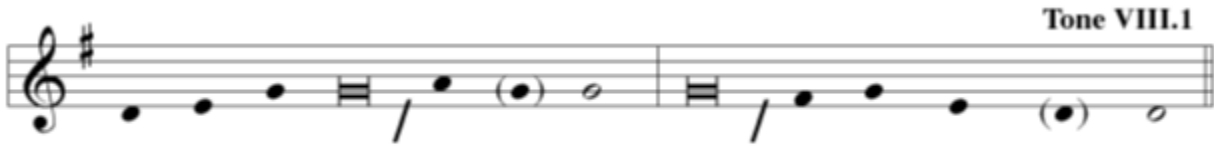
Before the Psalm, we say or sing an *Invitatory*—a prayer that prepares us for worship and invites us into God's presence. Like much of Morning Prayer, these texts come directly from Scripture. There are three invitatories: the *Venite* ("Come," from Psalm 95), the *Jubilate* ("Rejoice," from Psalm 100), and *Christ Our Passover*, drawn from passages in 1 Corinthians and Romans. Following the invitatory, we pray the Psalm appointed for the day. If you were to pray Morning Prayer every weekday, you would read nearly the entire Book of Psalms every seven weeks before beginning again.

Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness: Come,
 let us a - dore him. 1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for
 joy to the Rock of our sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks -
 giv - ing and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great God, -
 and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are the cav - erns of the earth, -
 and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The sea is his, for he
 made it, and his hands have mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow
 down, and bend the knee, and kneel be - fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For
 he is our God, and we are the peo - ple of his pas - ture and the
 sheep of his hand. Oh, that to - day you would heark - en to his voice! -
 Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness: Come, let us a - dore him.

Following the canticle, please be seated.

Psalm 119:129-136 Mirabilia

The congregation joins on the bold verses, pausing at the asterisk.



129 **Your decrees are / wonderful;***
therefore I obey / them with all my heart.

130 **When your word goes forth it / gives light;***
it gives understanding / to the simple.

131 I open my / mouth and pant;*
I long for / your commandments.

132 **Turn to me in / mercy, ***
as you always do to / those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps / in your word;*
let no iniquity have do/minion over me.

134 **Rescue me from those who op/press me, ***
and I will keep / your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your / servant*
and teach / me your statutes.

136 **My eyes shed / streams of tears, ***
because people / do not keep your law.

Glory to the Father, and to the / Son, *
and to the / Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is / now, *
and will be for/ever. Amen.

THE READINGS

The First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Anna Maria DiDio

Reader: A reading from the First Book of Kings.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Reader The Word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

After each reading, we say or sing a *Canticle* ("song" in Latin). Like so much else in Morning Prayer, these songs come from Scripture. Many are drawn from the Gospel of Luke, including the Song of Mary (the *Magnificat*, "My soul magnifies") and the Song of Simeon (the *Nunc Dimittis*, "Now you let depart"). Others come from Isaiah, other books of the Old Testament, Paul's letters, and the Book of Revelation.

All rise in body or in spirit.

Canticle

Ecce, Deus

Ronald Arnatt

1. Sure - ly, it is God whosaves me; I will trust in him and
not be a-fraid. 2. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de - fense, and he will
be my Sa - vior. 3. There-fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing from the
springs of sal - va - tion. 4. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and
call up-on his Name; 5. Make his deeds known a-mong the peo-ples; see that they re-
mem-ber that his Name is ex-alt - ed. 6. Sing the prais-es of the Lord, for he has done great
things, and this is known in all the world. 7. Cry a - loud, in - hab - i-tants of
Zi-on, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Ho-ly One of
Is-ra-el. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

Please be seated.

The Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

Margaret Dowling

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

All rise in body or in spirit.

Canticle

Magna et mirabilia

Ronald Arnatt

1. O rul - er of the un - i - verse, Lord God, great deeds are
they that you have done, sur - pass - ing hu - man un - der - stand - ing. 2. Your
ways are ways of right - eous - ness and truth, O King of all the a - ges.
3. Who can fail to do you hom - age, Lord, and sing the prais - es of your
Name? for you on - ly are the Ho - ly One. 4. All na - tions will draw near and fall
down be - fore you, be - cause your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sally Griffith

Officiant A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

read by Thomas Lipscomb

from Sermons that Work: Finding Our Heart's Treasure, by Katerina Katsarka Whitley

Next we say the Apostles' Creed, the older of the two creeds commonly used in our worship. Unlike the Nicene Creed, which we recite during the Eucharist, the Apostles' Creed does not include the longer explanation of Jesus' relationship to the Father. That language was added later, when questions about the nature of the Trinity arose during the Council of Nicaea. The Apostles' Creed is also written as an individual profession of faith—"I believe"—whereas the Nicene Creed has often become a communal confession in worship.

All rise in body or in spirit for the Creed.

The Apostles' Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Morning Prayer returns to its call-and-response rhythm as we pray the Lord's Prayer, followed by a series of versicles and responses, many of which come directly from Scripture. The final response quotes Psalm 51 once again, echoing the beginning of the service and creating a beautiful scriptural bookend. We then pray several collects. A collect gathers the themes of the day into a single prayer. Along with the Collect appointed for the Sunday, we conclude with a Collect for Mission, asking God to strengthen us for lives of discipleship and service.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Please be seated or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Suffrages A

Margaret Dowling

Intercessor Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Intercessor Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **Let your people sing with joy.**

Intercessor Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Intercessor Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Intercessor Let your way be known upon earth;

People **Your saving health among all nations.**

Intercessor Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Intercessor Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Officiant Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Welcome, Parish Notices & Blessings

Esha Bhatia, Vestry Member

THE OFFERTORY

As a sign of gratitude for all that God has given us, we offer back a portion of our gifts. Traditionally, an offering plate is passed through the congregation, but you may also give electronically by texting **CHT DONATE** to **73256** or by scanning the QR code in this bulletin. These gifts are brought forward and offered at the altar as an expression of gratitude, generosity, and our desire to join our lives to Christ's self-offering.

Offertory Sentence

Officiant Generous God, you fill our lives with treasures that endure and wisdom that leads to life. As we bring these gifts, shape our hearts to recognize the quiet work of your kingdom and to value your grace above all else. When our words are not enough, let your Spirit sustain us, reminding us that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and our desire to live as faithful stewards of the gifts you have entrusted to us, for the sake of your reign in the world. **Amen.**

If you wish to offer a financial gift to the church, you are invited to do so. If you prefer to give electronically you can text CHT DONATE to 73256 or use the QR Code at the end of the bulletin.

All rise in body or in spirit.

Offertory Hymn 635

Wer nur den lieben Gott

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Our prayers continue with intercessions for the Church and the world. In Morning Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Communion, our Diocese, and our parish, following both the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer. We also pray for the needs of our congregation and invite those gathered to offer their own petitions and thanksgivings, bringing the realities of our lives before God, trusting that God hears and receives our prayers.

Please be seated or kneel.

The Prayers

Officiant In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Officiant For the peace of the world; that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming. For the worldwide Anglican Communion, for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury. For the Episcopal Church, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop. For our Diocese, for Daniel, our Bishop. For our parish, for John and Rachel, the staff, the vestry, for all who minister and worship here.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected. For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially Cheryl, Gwen, Marge, Charles, Linda, Millie, Carole, Dwayne, Kenneth, Amara, K, Richard, Hilda, Sylvia, Shona, Timmy, Raymond, Alla, Karees, Sally, Wanda, Courtney, Ayden, Pete, Chris, Jeanine, Jessica, Gary, Gigi, Kimberly, Margaret, Bev, Jamie, Tracy, Tatiana, Lorre, Roger, Jacqueline, Frank, George, Celine, Sonrisa, Patrick; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that they may live in joy, peace, and health.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Gail, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Concluding Collect

Officiant: Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The final prayer we say together is a prayer of thanksgiving. Although we do not celebrate the Great Thanksgiving of the Eucharist in this service, we still give thanks for God's constant presence in our lives and ask for grace to praise God not only with our lips but also in our lives. There are two traditional options: the *General Thanksgiving*, which we use today, and the Prayer of St. John Chrysostom, which concludes with Jesus' promise to be present wherever two or three are gathered in his name (Matthew 18:20).

The General Thanksgiving

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

The service concludes with a dismissal and a closing sentence from Scripture. Today's closing sentence comes from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. Throughout Morning Prayer, we have prayed with the words of Scripture—allowing ancient prayers to become our own. Together, through psalms, canticles, prayers, and responses, we remember that God continually calls to us, and we respond together in faith.

All rise in body or in spirit.

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Sentence

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Closing Hymn 615

St. Flavian

1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
5 when know-ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king-dom's day.
2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro-claim the day is near:
4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom-ised day of God.

Postlude

Toccata on Hanover

Kenneth Leighton

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About this service...

Service: Everything you need for the service is in this bulletin. If you have questions or need assistance, please ask one of the ushers (who handed you this bulletin) or a neighbor in your pew.

Children are always welcome in our worship service and we love to hear their joyful sounds and see their wiggly ways! We have books for all ages and activity bags in the back for children who wish to stay with their families during the service. We also have the “Pew Pen” in the front of the church for those we need a little more space to move around.

Restrooms are located at the front of the church. Walk down the left aisle toward the door with the EXIT sign. Go through the door and turn left. Men’s room is straight ahead, women’s to the right. If you prefer a gender-neutral bathroom, please ask our ushers to show you where this is.

Offering: Halfway through the service you will notice that we pass a plate around to collect the offering. The offerings we give help to support to work this church does, the people who work here, and our programs for the neighborhood. If you wish to help support our amazing programs, you can put something in the plate, text **CHT DONATE to 73256** or using the QR code to the right. You can also sign up to give 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.

Upcoming Events

August

- August 8, 11:00 am-2:00 pm: Open Hearts Sidewalk Sale
- August 12, 2:00 pm + 3:00 pm: Organ Historical Society Concert
- August 14: Summer Fellowship Dinner (Email communications@htrit.org to save your spot!)
- August 17, 6:30 pm: Virtual Vestry Meeting
- August 22, 11:00 am-2:00 pm: Open Hearts Sidewalk Sale
- August 29: Summer Fellowship Dinner (Email communications@htrit.org to save your spot!)

September

- September 5, 11:00 am-2:00 pm: Open Hearts Sidewalk Sale
- September 7: Labor Day, Church Closed
- September 11: Summer Fellowship Dinner (Email communications@htrit.org to save your spot!)
- September 12, 1:00 pm: Camerata Concert (FREE!)
- September 14, 6:30 pm: Virtual Vestry Meeting
- September 20: Celebration Sunday, Back-to-School
- September 25: Academy of Vocal Arts Recital
- September 26, 11:00 am-2:00 pm: Open Hearts Sidewalk Sale
- September 27: The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner & The Rev. John Gardner's 10-Year Anniversary Celebration!

Gathering Times

OPEN DAILY*

Mondays - Thursdays, 10 am - 3 pm

**Drop off clothing donations for Open Hearts*

WORSHIP SERVICE

11 am on Sundays

(Also Livestreamed on YouTube)

HEALING SERVICE +

CENTERING PRAYER

12:15 pm + 1:15 pm on Thursdays

ONLINE MORNING PRAYER

Mondays - Friday, 9:00 am (Facebook)

OPEN HEARTS CAFE

3:00-5:00 pm on Tuesdays

4:00-6:00 pm on Sundays

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*

Shawn Futch & Mike Whitney, *Operations Support*

Inaara Neal-Shiraz, *Director of Advancement*

Chiquita Anderson, *Administrative Coordinator*

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

Jack Baranoski & Travis Oliver, *Event Coordinators*

Karim Campbell & Steven Maddox, *Event Staff*

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, Claire Dignazio, Eddie Rubeiz, Samuel Evans, Samuel Keeler, Andrew Gutknecht, Thomas Kneeland, Alex Mathews, William Dowling, John Miles

The Church of the Holy Trinity - Vestry

Esha Bhatia, Brian Conroy, Alicia Depler, Phillip Duffy, Alyssa Force, Monica Heuer, Susan Leidy, Jeff McEldowney, Rob Robinson, Ali Shott, and Daniel Tancredi



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