

# The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

## The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 am  
Holy Eucharist



August 23, 2026

# What's Happening This Week:

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

| Date                 | Time                                                                                         | Event                                                                                                                  | Location             |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sunday, August 23    |  11:00 am   | Holy Eucharist-13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost                                                                 | Church               |
|                      |  4:00 pm    | Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing                                                                                         | Centennial Room      |
| Monday, August 24    | 10:00-3:00                                                                                   | Church Open                                                                                                            |                      |
| Tuesday, August 25   | 10:00-3:00                                                                                   | Church Open                                                                                                            |                      |
|                      |  3:00 pm    | Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing                                                                                         | Centennial Room      |
| Wednesday, August 26 | 10:00-3:00                                                                                   | Church Open                                                                                                            |                      |
| Thursday, August 27  | 10:00-3:00                                                                                   | Church Open                                                                                                            |                      |
|                      |  12:15 pm   | Healing Eucharist                                                                                                      | Prayer Corner        |
|                      |  1:15 pm    | Centering Prayer                                                                                                       | Meet in Vesting Room |
| Saturday, August 29  |  Evening    | Summer Fellowship Dinner<br>(Email <a href="mailto:communications@htrit.org">communications@htrit.org</a> to sign up!) | Parishioner's Home   |
| Sunday, August 30    |  11:00 am | Holy Eucharist-14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost                                                                 | Church               |
|                      |  4:00 pm  | Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing                                                                                         | Centennial Room      |

## TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Gail Caruso & Marshall McMain *Lectors*

Sally Griffith *Intercessor*

Amy Arcaro, *Welcome Table*

Wesley Parrott, *Assisting Organist*

# WELCOME

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## WE ARE GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE!

We ask that you **turn off or silence your Cell Phone** during the service. Thank you!

## 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. Worshippers 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.

## Restoration Work in the Sanctuary

The scaffolding at the front of the church is in place to support the restoration of decorative painting in the dome. This summer project is part of our ongoing efforts to preserve and care for our historic building, repairing damage that has accumulated over many years. Thank you for your patience and flexibility while this important restoration is underway. We look forward to sharing the beautifully restored space with you soon. Questions? Email [communications@htrit.org](mailto:communications@htrit.org).

### Prelude

*Andante moderato in c minor*

Frank Bridge

*All rise in body or in spirit.*

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

#### Entrance Hymn 522

*Austria*

*Descant*

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty  
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and  
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be  
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and  
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a  
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;  
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.  
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy  
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and  
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

self to reign and as priests, his

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -  
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the  
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the  
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 giv - er nev - er fails from to age.  
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

## 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.**

## The Gloria S-279

Gerald R. Near

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —  
— and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,  
al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the  
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a -  
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider* Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

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*Please be seated.*

### The First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6

*Gail Caruso*

*Reader* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence.*

## Psalm 138 Confitebor tibi

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



- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my / whole heart;\*  
before the gods / I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and / praise your Name,\*  
because of your / love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your / Name\*  
and your / word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you / answered me;\*  
you increased my / strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise / you, O LORD,\*  
when they have heard the / words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the / LORD,\*  
that great is the / glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the / lowly;\*  
he perceives the / haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you / keep me safe;\*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right / hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for / me;\*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the / works of your hands

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

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God~ what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence.*

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

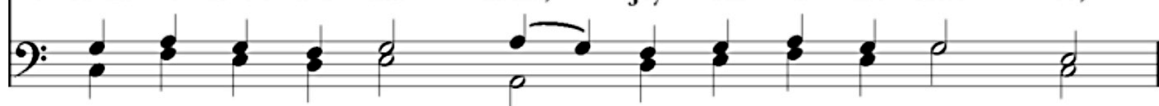
*Refrain*



God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.  
 2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,  
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,




Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.  
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.  
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.




Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.  
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.  
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,



*Repeat Refrain*



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.  
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.  
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.



## **The Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

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

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

*Celebrant*    When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

*The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner*

*Silence may be kept.*

*All rise in body or in spirit.*

## The Nicene Creed

*All* We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People, Form V

*Sally Griffith*

*Leader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People*           **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader*       Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Leader*       Lord, in your mercy

*People*       **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader*       Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially all who have asked for our prayers: the Flannigan, Flores, Glenn, Graham, Leiby, and Walsh families; Barbara, Donald, Terry, Hilda, Geah, Brandy, Crystal, Megan, Reg, Linda, Kathy, Ray, Caprilla, Chaquita, Victor, Ben, Maurice, Sydnee, Shiz, George, Richard, Shoha, Timmy, Jessica, Tracy, Sonrisa, Cheryl, Jimmie, Alma, Steven, Kristina, Martin, Kyle, Cottrell, Gwen, Celine, Patrick, Marge, Charles, Millie, Carole, Dwayne, Kenneth; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Leader*       Lord, in your mercy

*People*       **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader*       We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Leader*       Lord, in your mercy

*People*       **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider*     Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Confession of Sin**

*Presider*     Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All*           **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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

*All rise in body or in spirit.*

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

*People* **And also with you!**

## Welcome, Parish Notices & Celebration Blessings

*Please be seated.*

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant* Steadfast God, you are our sure foundation, calling us to trust your enduring promises and to offer our lives in grateful service. As we bring these gifts, renew our minds and shape us for the work you have entrusted to each of us. Strengthen us to confess Christ with courage, to use our gifts with humility, and to build up your church in love. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and our desire to follow faithfully wherever you lead. Amen.

## Anthem

*Hymn to St. Peter*

Benjamin Britten

*Thou shall make them Princes over all the earth, they shall remember thy name, O Lord.*

*Instead of thy fathers, sons are born to thee.*

*Therefore shall the people praise thee, Alleluia.*

*Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church. Alleluia.*

*All 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.

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer I, *Enriching Our Worship*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also 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 God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## The Sanctus S-131

*Gerald R. Near*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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*    Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your beloved children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*All*            **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Silence is observed*

## The Fraction Anthem S-155

Gerald R. Near



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Distribution of Communion

*If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the usher. We will begin in the back of the church. Form two lines in front of the altar. Each side will take turns getting the bread and then go to one side or the other for wine. If you wish to receive the wine, you can retain your wafer and dip it in the cup or drink directly from the cup. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know. We will bring communion to those who are more comfortable staying in their pew (please alert an usher).*

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

### Post Communion Prayer

*All rise in body or in spirit.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## The Blessing

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

## Dismissal Hymn 521

*Chelsea Square*

1 Put forth, O God, thy Spi - rit's might and  
2 Let works of dark - ness dis - ap - pear be -  
3 Let what a - pos - tles learned of thee be  
4 O Judge di - vine of hu - man strife! O

bid thy Church in - crease, in breadth and length, in  
fore thy con - quering light; let ha - tred and tor -  
ours from age to age; their stead - fast faith our  
Van - quish - er of pain! To know thee is e -

depth and height, her u - ni - ty and peace.  
ment - ing fear pass with the pass - ing night.  
u - ni - ty, their peace our her - it - age.  
ter - nal life, to serve thee is to reign.

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** *Esquisses byzantines: X. Tu es petra et portæ inferi non prævalebunt adversus te*

Henri Mulet

**Healing Prayer** – *all who wish to receive prayers for themselves, another, or even the world, are invited to join a member of the clergy in the Prayer Corner (to the right of the altar area) after the service.*

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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 regularly with REALM ([www.htrit.org/give](http://www.htrit.org/give)).



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

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# Upcoming Events

## August

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| Summer Fellowship Dinner in Center City | August 29 (Email communications@htrit.org to save your spot!) |
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## September

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| Open Hearts Sidewalk Sale                                                                          | September 5, 11:00 am-2:00 pm                             |
| Labor Day, Church Closed                                                                           | September 7                                               |
| Holy Trinity Cancer Support Group                                                                  | September 10 (Email communications@htirt.org!)            |
| Summer Fellowship Dinner in South Philly                                                           | September 11 (Email communications@htrit.org to sign up!) |
| Camerata Concert (FREE!)                                                                           | September 12, 1:00 pm                                     |
| Virtual Vestry Meeting                                                                             | September 14, 6:30 pm                                     |
| Open Hearts Sidewalk Sale                                                                          | September 19, 11:00 am-2:00 pm                            |
| Celebration Sunday, Back-to-School<br>Blessing during Sunday Service                               | September 20                                              |
| Academy of Vocal Arts New Artists Recital                                                          | September 25, 7:30 pm                                     |
| Open Hearts Sidewalk Sale                                                                          | September 26, 11:00 am-2:00 pm                            |
| The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner &<br>The Rev. John Gardner's<br>10-Year Celebration as Our Rectors! | September 27, during and after Sunday Service             |

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

On September 20, we'll be blessing all teachers, parents, and students as they return back to school at the start of this academic year. We invite all families, children, educators, and anyone working in the field of education to participate in this special blessing.

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## RACHEL AND JOHN'S 10-YEAR CELEBRATION AS OUR RECTORS AT HOLY TRINITY

We invite you to join us for a special celebration on Sunday, September 27 during and after service as we honor the decade our church has been led by our co-Rectors, The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner and The Rev. John Gardner.

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### Gathering Times

| OPEN DAILY*                                          | WORSHIP SERVICE                      |
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| Mondays - Thursdays, 10 am - 3 pm                    | 11 am on Sundays                     |
| <i>*Drop off clothing donations for Open Hearts.</i> | (Also Livestreamed on YouTube)       |
| HEALING SERVICE +<br>CENTERING PRAYER                | ONLINE MORNING PRAYER                |
| 12:15 pm + 1:15 pm on Thursdays                      | 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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