

The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

The 16th Sunday *after Pentecost*

11:00 am

Holy Eucharist *with* Holy Baptism, Rite II



September 13, 2026

What's Happening This Week:

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, September 13	 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist and Baptism–16 th Sunday After Pentecost *Launch of Stewardship Campaign*	Church
	 12:15 pm	Conservators Give Presentation about our dome	Church
	 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, September 14	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, September 15	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	 3:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
	 6:00 pm	ITAA Recovery Group Meeting	Centennial Room
Wednesday, September 16	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Thursday, September 17	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	 12:15 pm	Healing Eucharist	Prayer Corner
	 1:15 pm	Centering Prayer	Meet in Prayer Corner
Friday, September 18	 6:00 pm	The Augustine Fellowship Meeting	Centennial Room
Saturday, September 19	 11-2 pm	Open Hearts Sidewalk Sale	Front Steps + Sanctuary
Sunday, September 20	 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist–17 th Sunday After Pentecost *Back-to-School Blessing*	Church
	 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Sally Griffith & Anna Maria DiDio, *Lectors*

Andy Gutknecht, *Intercessor*

Martha Lipscomb, *Usher & Refreshments*

Thomas, Robert, and Henry Lipscomb, *Acolyte Team*

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.

Anglican Chant Instructions

This fall, we are returning to singing the psalms to Anglican chant. You may be new to CHT or you may have been here a long time and never knew how exactly to align the text of the psalm with the music. There are several good resources online about the development of Anglican Chant and how it is sung. Below are instructions for the notation you will see in the leaflet:

- Each verse is sung to seven bars of music
- The bar lines in the music correspond to a vertical bar in the text.
- The double bar line in the music corresponds to the asterisk in the text (marking the half verse)
- Where there is one note (a half note) to a bar, all the words for the corresponding part of the text are sung to that one note.
- Where there are two notes (two quarter notes) to a bar,
 - if the text has 2 syllables, each note gets one syllable.
 - If there are more than 2 syllables, the dot (•) indicates when the note changes.
 - If there is one syllable, the text will be italicized and sung over both notes.
- On occasion, the first measure will be skipped. This is indicated by a dash () before the first bar line.

Many of the chants we will be using in the next few weeks are called double chant because they contain 2 7-bar phrases of music. With a **double chant**, verses are sung with the music in pairs. In the example below, verse 3 is sung with the first set of 7 bars and verse 4 is sung with the second set. A † indicates repeating the second half of the chant.



3 You brought me up, O | Lord, • from the | dead; *
you restored my life as I was | going | down to • the | grave.

4 Sing to the Lord, you | servants • of | his; *
give thanks for the re|membrance | of his | holiness.

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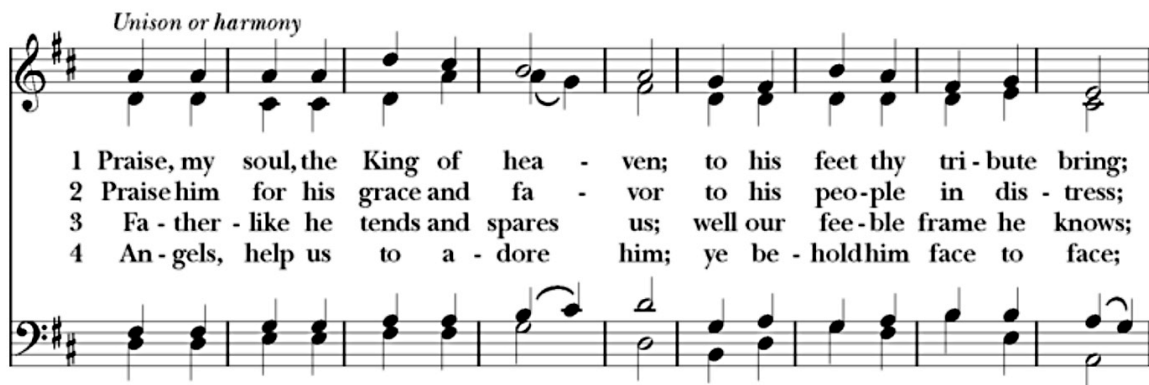
THE ENTRANCE RITE

Please rise in body or spirit.

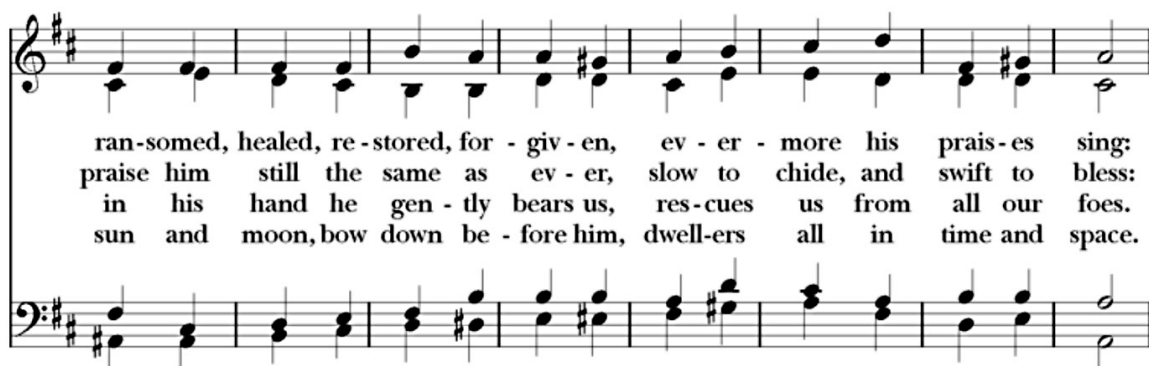
Entrance Hymn 410

Lauda anima

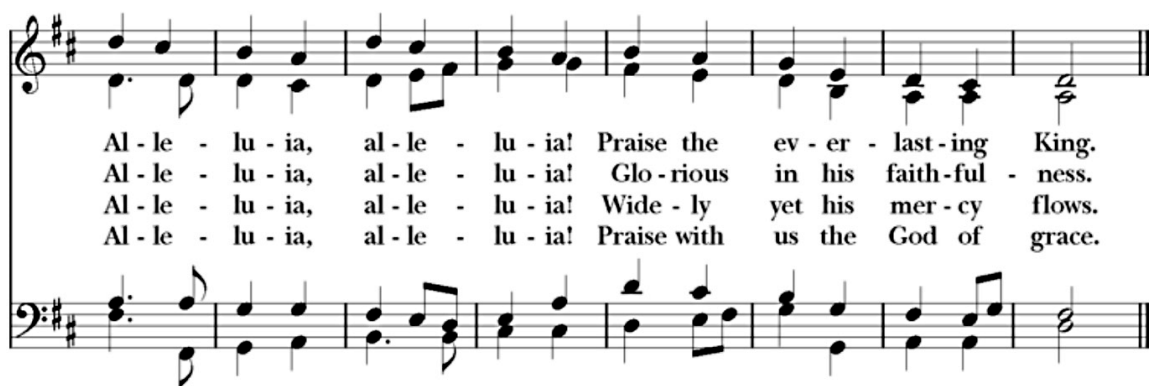
Unison or harmony



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
 praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless;
 in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

The Baptismal Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.
O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People **Amen**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

Sally Griffith

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

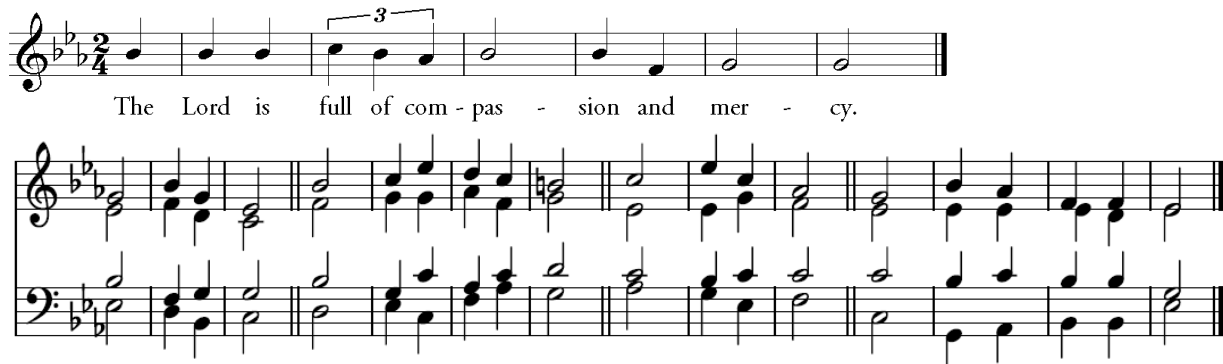
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence.

Psalm 103 *Benedic, anima mea*

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.



8 The Lord is full of com | passion • and | mercy, *
slow to | anger • and of | great | kindness.

9 He will not | always • ac | cuse us, *
nor will he | keep his | anger • for | ever.

10 He has not dealt with us ac | cording • to our | sins, *
nor rewarded us ac | cording | to our | wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are | high a • bove the | earth, *
so is his mercy | great u • pon | those who | fear him.

12 As far as the | east is • from the | west, *
so far has he re | moved our | sins | from us.

13 As a father | cares for • his | children, *
so does the Lord | care for | those who | fear him.

Antiphon

The Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

Anna Maria DiDio

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

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or spirit.

The Sequence Hymn 776

Song I

1. No saint on earth lives our life to self a - lone;
2. For to this end our Lord by death was slain,

or dies a - lone, for we with Christ are one.
that to new life he might a - rise a - gain.

So if we live, for Christ a - lone we live,
Through sor - row on to tri - umph Christ has led,

and if we die, to Christ our dy - ing give.
and reigns o'er all: the liv - ing and the dead.

In liv - ing and in dy - ing this con - fess:
In liv - ing and in dy - ing, him we bless.

we are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.
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The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Celebrant Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend John Gardner

Silence may be kept.

Please rise in body or spirit.

THE HOLY BAPTISM

Baptismal Hymn 294

Robert Smart

1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,
2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King: heirs of sal - va - tion,
dead in the tomb of Christ our King: one with His ris - ing,
marked with the sign of Christ our King: born of one Fa - ther
trust - ing his pro - mise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
freed and for - giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
we are his chil - dren, joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present Peter Haas Nicholson to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Do you desire to be Baptized?

Candidate **I do.**

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world, which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The Celebrant addresses the congregation.

Celebrant Will you, who witness these vows, do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with Peter who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for Peter who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying the following words. Then the Priest places a hand on his head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with Chrism and saying the following words

Peter Haas, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Peter Haas, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

A candle is lit and presented to the newly baptized with these words

Peter Haas, receive this light and shine as Christ's forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant, Peter, the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Parish Notices

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Presider Merciful Deliverer, you part the waters when we feel trapped and forgive debts too great to repay. In the face of fear and brokenness, you lead us with compassion and grace. May the gifts we bring today reflect our deep gratitude for your mercy. Let them support ministries of reconciliation and acts of healing, justice, and welcome. Teach us to lead not with judgment, but with generosity, recognizing that what we have, we hold by your mercy. Bless these offerings and bless us as stewards of your kin-dom, always seeking to build a world where grace is not rare but abundant. **Amen.**

Anthem

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.	<i>Where charity and love are, God is there.</i>
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.	<i>Christ's love has gathered us into one.</i>
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.	<i>Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.</i>
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex	<i>Let us fear, and let us love the living God.</i>
corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.	<i>And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.</i>

Please rise in body or spirit.

Descant (after stanzas 2 and 3)

God is love, God is love,

Refrain

God is love, and where true love is

1-3 || *Final Ending*

God him - self is there. there._____

God him - self is there. 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 Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant May God 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 One who created us.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you forever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

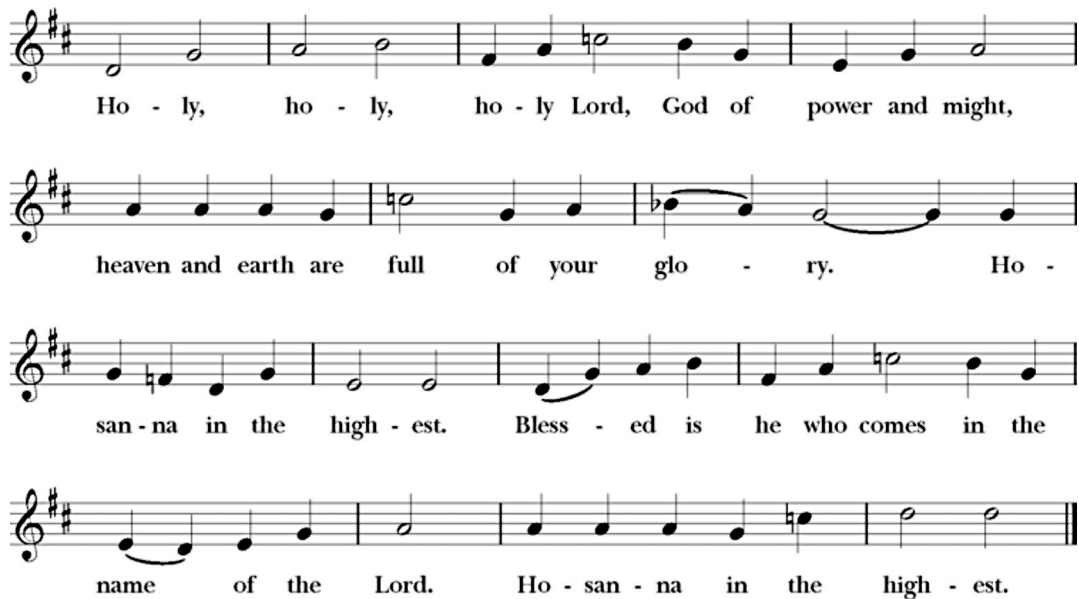
Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Celebrant And so, Most Gracious God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant God of our kindred and their generation: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Sarah, Rebecca, Hannah and Deborah; God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let this grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in your Son's name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, O God, Most Merciful, though Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

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

Near

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

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 – Holy Food for Holy People.

Distribution of Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers and form two lines in the center aisle. There will be two stations for bread and wine in front of the altar rail. We will bring communion to those who are more comfortable staying in their pew (please alert an usher). If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know.

1 A day will come when keep - ing score of ev - ery debt, of
 2 Up - on that day, we shall be free from ev - ery harm that
 3 And what of jus - tice on that day, for ev - ery good or
 4 O God, in Christ that day draws near, and we who live in

ev - ery sin, will end at last; for sin will end, a
 we have borne; and from the pow - er to do harm, to
 e - vil deed? All that has been will bear its fruit; and
 Christ be - gin an end to harm, and keep - ing score; for -

world where all is new be - gin.
 strike at oth - ers in re - turn.
 har - vest will re - veal the seed.
 giv - en, and for - giv - ing sin.

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Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

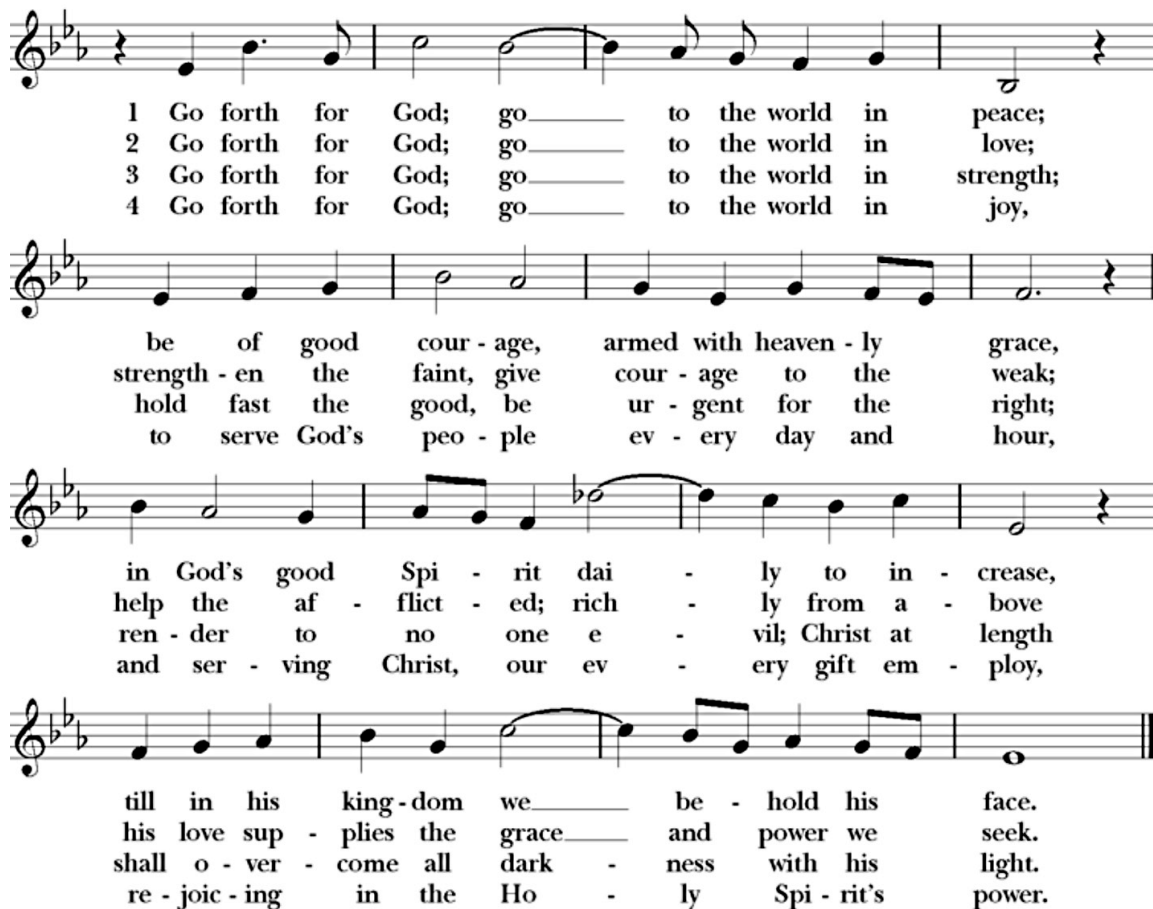
The Blessing

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please rise in body or spirit.

Dismissal Hymn 347

Litton



1 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in love;
3 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in strength;
4 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in joy,

be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,

till in his king - dom we _____ be - hold his face.
his love sup - plies the grace _____ and power we seek.
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Recessional

Robert Powell

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

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.

Consider Pledging Through Your Employee Match Program!



We invite you to consider participating in your company’s match program as a way to participate in this year’s stewardship campaign. If the match program doesn’t already list the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse, and you are interested in

exploring getting CHT added to a match, please reach out to staff member Inaara Neal-Shiraz at communications@htrit.org.

Pledge Stewardship Campaign: Frequently Asked Questions

What is a pledge?

Simply put, a pledge is a promise to pay later. When you make a pledge, you are committing to making regular gifts in the coming year. Pledging allows you to think about what you are able to offer for 2027 and split up your gift into smaller, regular payments.

What's the difference between a pledge and a donation?

Pledges symbolize a commitment to give consistently to help support the costs, operations, facilities, and ministries of our church, while donations tend to be one-time offerings.

What's the benefit of pledging?

Pledging is critical in allowing our Vestry members, who are elected by the parishioners, to create a budget for the 2027 year. Your pledges help the Vestry members determine how we are going to allocate our resources to cover our expenses, which include everything from our basic bills (electricity, water, gas) and essential operational costs; our liturgy like Eucharist supplies, our choir and organ maintenance expenses; to our Open Hearts food and clothing ministries which serve nearly 500 guests per week. **Your pledges create the lifeline for our church to continue!**

What is the impact of pledging? How much have our pledge campaigns raised in the past?

Our church expenses total nearly \$1.4 million per year. Our pledges cover about 15-20% of our operating expenses. In the past years our pledge campaigns have raised between \$200,000-\$250,000 and we have had about 50 pledgers. Parishioners give generously, and as they are able; pledges range from \$10 to \$3,000 a month. Of these, half of our monthly pledges are between \$50-\$450. **Every gift, no matter how small or large, makes a difference!**

Do I need to pledge monthly?

Many parishioners pledge monthly, and that is certainly an option. If you prefer a different pledging schedule, you can make your selection when you submit your pledge online.

Are my pledge payments made automatically?

No. In the new year, you can submit your pledge payments by setting up automatic payments through our online Giving Form, or mailing in a check.

What are other ways I can give?

You can give by making one-time donations online or via check, placing gifts in the offertory plate during service, supporting property projects and renovations directly, purchasing stocks as a gift to the Church, and leaving a bequest to Church of the Holy Trinity in your will. Please contact Dir. of Advancement Inaara Neal-Shiraz at communications@htrit.org.