

The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

The 19th Sunday *after Pentecost*

11:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



October 4, 2026

What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, October 4	 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist-19 th Sunday After Pentecost	Church
		Stewardship Coffee and Refreshments after Service	Church
	 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, October 5	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, October 6	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, October 7	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Thursday, October 8	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	 12:15 pm	Healing Eucharist	Prayer Corner
	 1:15 pm	Centering Prayer	Meet in Prayer Corner
Friday, October 9	 6:00 pm	The Augustine Fellowship Meeting	Centennial Room
Saturday, October 10		 Diocesan Convention 	
	 1:00 pm	Camerata Concert	Church
		 Diocesan Convention 	
Sunday, October 11	 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist-20 th Sunday After Pentecost	Church
	 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
	 4:30 pm	Virtual Vestry Meeting	Virtual

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Margaret Dowling & Shreve Simpson, *Lectors*

Sally Griffith, *Intercessor and Refreshments*

Wesley Parrott, *Assisting Organist*

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.

3. You brought me up, O Lordfrom the dead;* you restored my life as I was go-ing down tothe grave.

4. Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;* give thanks for the re-mem-brance of his holiness.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Please rise in body or spirit.

Entrance Hymn 360

Rouen



1 On - ly - be - gott - en, Word of God e -
 2 This is thy tem - ple; here thy pres - ence -
 3 Here in our sick - ness heal - ing grace a -
 *4 Hal - lowed this dwell - ing where the Lord a -
 5 Lord, we be - seech thee, as we thron'g thy
 6 God in three Per - sons, Fa - ther ev - er -



1 ter - nal, Lord of cre - a - tion, mer - ci - ful and
 2 cham - ber; here may thy ser - vants, at the mys - tic
 3 bound - eth, light in our blind - ness, in our toil re -
 4 bid - eth, this is none o - ther than the gate of
 5 tem - ple, by thy past bless - ings, by thy pres - ent
 6 last - ing, Son co - e - ter - nal, ev - er - bless - ed



1 might - y, hear now thy ser - vants when their joy - ful
 2 ban - quet, hum - bly a - dor - ing, take thy Bo - dy
 3 fresh - ment: sin is for - giv - en, hope o'er fear pre -
 4 hea - ven; strang - ers and pil - grims, seek - ing homes e -
 5 boun - ty, fa - vor thy chil - dren, and with ten - der
 6 Spi - rit, thine be the glo - ry, praise, and a - dor -



1 voic - es rise to thy pres - ence.
 2 bro - ken, drink of thy chal - ice.
 3 vail - eth, joy o - ver sor - row.
 4 ter - nal, pass through its por - tals.
 5 mer - cy hear our pe - ti - tions.
 6 a - tion, now and for ev - er.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; tr. Maxwell Julius Blacker (1822-1888). Music: Rouen, melody from *Vesperale*, 1746; harm. Healey Willan (1880-1968).

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

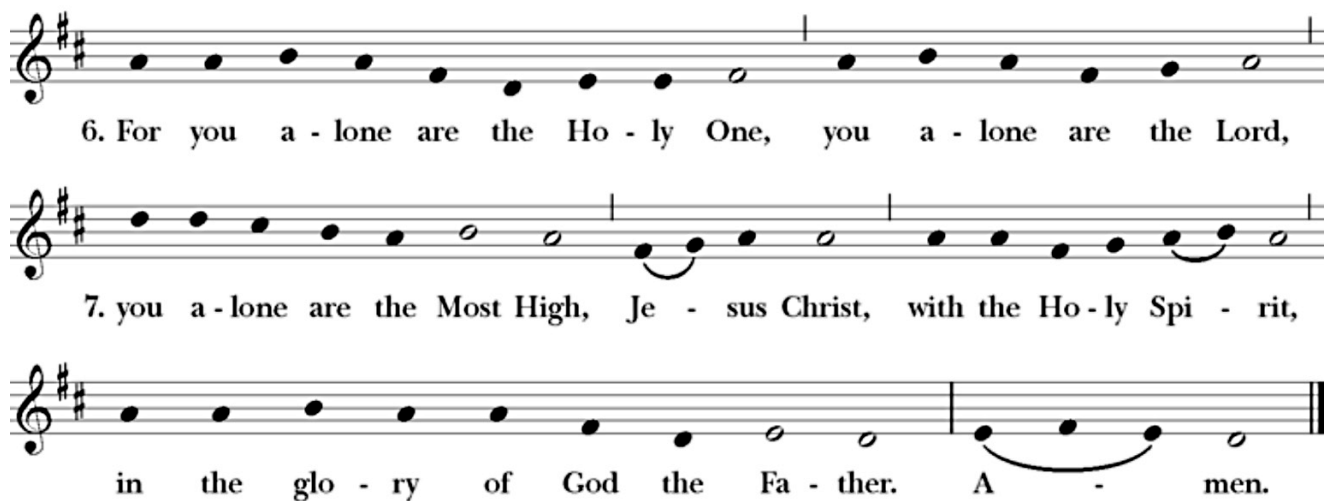
Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria S-277

David Hurd

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.



The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

People **Amen**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

Margaret Dowling

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence.

Psalm 80:7-14 *Qui regis Israel*

*The antiphon is sung once by the choir and then by all. The choir sings the verses, the congregation joining on the verses in **bold**. All sing the antiphon as indicated.*



Chant: Kellow J. Pye



- ⁷ Restore us, O | God of | hosts; *
show the light of your | countenance, • and | we shall be | saved.
- ⁸ You have brought a | vine • out of | Egypt; *
you cast | out the | nations • and | planted it.
- ⁹ You pre|pared the | ground for it; *
it took | root and | filled the | land.
- ¹⁰ The mountains were | covered • by its | shadow *
and the towering | cedar • trees | by its | boughs.

Antiphon

- ¹¹ You stretched out its | tendrils • to the | Sea *
and its | branches | to the | River.

- ¹² Why have you broken | down its | wall, *
so that all who pass | by pluck | off its | grapes?
- ¹³ The wild boar of the | forest • has | ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the | field have | grazed u|pon it.
- ¹⁴ Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and | tend this | vine; *
preserve what | your right | hand has | planted.

Antiphon

The Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

Shreve Simpson

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

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or spirit.

The Sequence Hymn 422

Cornwall

1 Not far be - yond the sea, nor high a - bove the heavens, but
 2 Root - ed and ground-ed in thy love, with saints on earth and
 3 Help us to press on toward that mark, and, though our vi - sion

ve - ry high thy voice, O God, is heard. For
 saints a - bove we join in full ac - cord: to
 now is dark, to live by what we see. So,

each new step of faith we take thou hast more truth and
 know the breadth, length, depth, and height, the cru - ci - fied and
 when we see thee face to face, thy truth and light our

light to break forth from thy Ho - ly Word.
 ris - en might of Christ, the in - car - nate Word.
 dwell - ing - place for ev - er - more shall be.

The Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

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

Celebrant Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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 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 IV

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: Gina, Nolan and the O'Brien family, Jessica, Tracy, Sonrisa, the Gray family, Denise's mom, Brandy, Caprilla, Robert, the Glenn and Walker families, Dolores, Terry, Pete, Wanda, Sally, Israel, Barry, Eric, Cottrell, Clara-Rosa, Mark and Tonette, Sylvia, Amanda, Jim, the Fink Family, Carl, Celané, Chris, Karees, Tonette, Jake, Maggie, Celine, Damon, Tina, Jeannie and the Welsh/Otwell family, Eva, Chiquita, Anna, Edith; 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, especially Theodore, 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 O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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

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.

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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome & Parish Notices

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Presider Faithful Shepherd, you call us beyond our resumes and our successes, beyond what we have been toward who we are becoming in Christ. As we lay these gifts before you, free us from clinging to what we think gives us worth. Turn our eyes toward the future you are unfolding. Let our giving press us deeper into mercy, widen the circle of belonging, and shape us into people who embody your justice and grace. Keep us moving; keep us growing; keep us following. We press on toward your kingdom, trusting you to lead. **Amen.** (*Philippians 3:4b-14*)

*Christ hath a garden walled around,
A Paradise of fruitful ground,
Chosen by love and fenced by grace
From out the world's wide wilderness.*

*Like trees of spice his servants stand,
There planted by his mighty hand;
By Eden's gracious streams, that flow
To feed their beauty where they grow.*

*Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear
Their sweetest perfume through the air:
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,
Till the beloved Master come:*

*That he may come, and linger yet
Among the trees that he hath set;
That he may evermore be seen
To walk amid the springing green.*

—Robert Bridges after Isaac Watts

Please rise in body or spirit.



1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they
 2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -

bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then
 nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
 fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war
 a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,

by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs
 the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone
 we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith
 we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -

may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that
 was left on stone, and all those na - tions'
 our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
 umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -

stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.
 pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
 of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.
 fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

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:

The Sanctus S-124

Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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 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 the 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-154

Hurd

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.

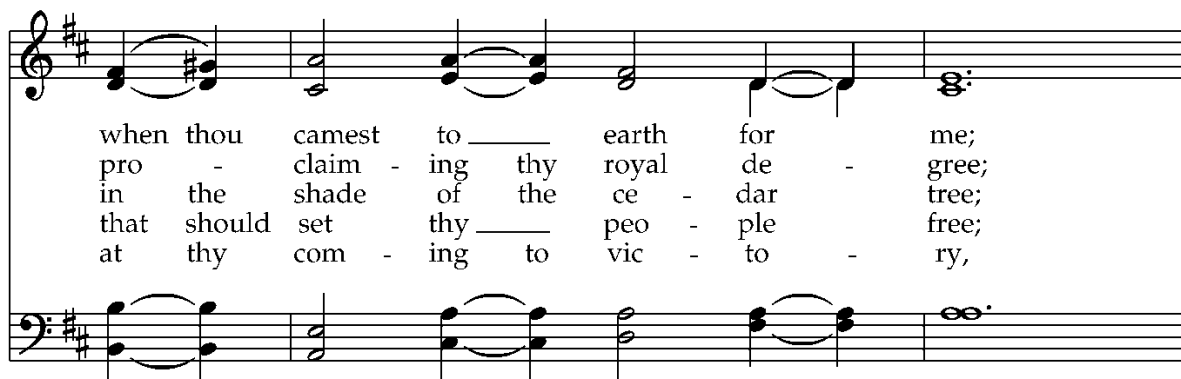
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God – Holy Food for Holy People.

Distribution of Communion

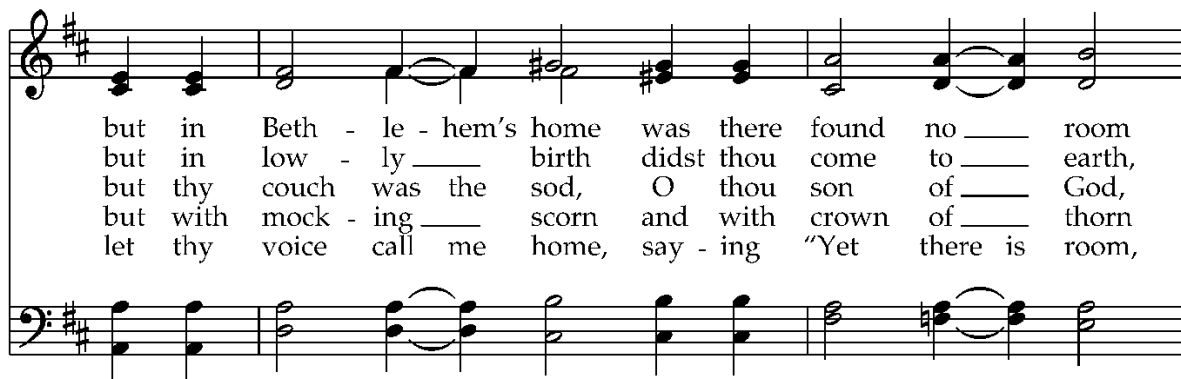
If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers and go to the altar rail to receive. You can receive bread and/or wine, depending on your preference. If you wish to receive the wine, you can retain your wafer and dip it in the cup or drink directly from the cup. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know. We will bring communion to those who are more comfortable staying in their pew (please alert an usher).



1 Thou didst leave thy _____ throne and thy king - ly _____ crown,
 2 Hea - ven's arch - es _____ rang when the an - gels _____ sang,
 3 The _____ fox - es found rest, and the bird had its nest
 4 Thou _____ camest, O _____ Lord, with the liv - ing _____ word
 5 When the heavens shall _____ ring, and the an - gels _____ sing,



when thou camest to _____ earth for me;
 pro - claim - ing thy royal de - gree;
 in the shade of the ce - dar tree;
 that should set thy _____ peo - ple free;
 at thy com - ing to vic - to - ry,



but in Beth - le - hem's home was there found no _____ room
 but in low - ly _____ birth didst thou come to _____ earth,
 but thy couch was the sod, O thou son of _____ God,
 but with mock - ing _____ scorn and with crown of _____ thorn,
 let thy voice call me home, say - ing "Yet there is room,



for thy ho - ly na - ti - vi - ty:
 and in great hu - mi - li - ty:
 in the de - sert of Gal - i - lee:
 they _____ bore thee to Cal - va - ry:
 there is room at my side for thee:"

Refrain

O come to my heart, Lord Je - sus;

there is room in my heart for thee.

Words: Emily Elliott (1836–1897).
 Music: *Margaret*, T. R. Matthews (1826–1910).

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.

1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy

le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,

thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic

Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our

we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

The Dismissal

Presider

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

A Typitych of Fugues: I. Lively, with dash

Gerald Near

Stewardship Message on Behalf of the Vestry

Dear Friends,

“Each generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above” – James 1:17 Each fall, our stewardship campaign asks us to consider what we might give to the Church of the Holy Trinity. But perhaps an even better place to start is by considering what we receive from the Church throughout the year.

We receive a place to worship and pray together. We receive friendship and fellowship, opportunities to serve our neighbors, and a community that supports us through joyful and difficult times in our lives. Week after week, we are reminded that faith is not something we practice alone. We kneel side by side with one another, and together we share in the life and work of the Church.

This year’s stewardship theme, *Plenty of Room*, speaks to that shared life directly. It reminds us of the abundance of God’s love and the room God makes for each of us in His plan. There is room for the longtime parishioner and the first-time visitor, for the steadfast and the searching, for those who walk through our doors for familiar worship and those who come seeking help, community, or a place to belong.

At this time of year, we recognize that a community that makes room for others is sustained by people who choose to give.

Our pledges make possible everything the Church offers: worship, ministries, fellowship, outreach, and the unseen daily work that keeps the Church running. They keep our front doors open and our parish life active. They allow us not only to care for the church we know and love today, but also to welcome those still in search of a church home who might walk through our doors for the first time in 2027.

That is why stewardship is about so much more than balancing a budget. It is one meaningful way we can participate in the work God has entrusted to us and use the fruits of our labor to further His plan. Our gifts may differ in size, form, and source, but each of them contributes to something none of us could create on our own.

As we begin this year’s stewardship campaign, we invite each of you to consider prayerfully what the Church of the Holy Trinity means to you. Think about what you have received here: the people you have gotten to meet, the moments of worship that have sustained you in times of trouble, the opportunities you’ve been given to serve our community, and the many other ways our church has enriched your life.

Then consider how your generosity might make those same things possible for someone else.

Every pledge is an investment in the life we share here and in the ministry we carry forth outside our doors. Every gift helps us make room for worship, service, fellowship, growth, and one another.

We have all received so much from our church. May we respond in the same spirit, trusting that in God’s house there truly is plenty of room.

With gratitude,

The Church of the Holy Trinity Vestry

Monica Heuer (Rector’s Warden), Phillip Duffy (Accounting Warden), Daniel Tancredi, Esha Bhatia, Brian Conroy, Alicia Depler, Alyssa Force, Susan Leidy, Jeff McEldowney, Rob Robinson, & Ali Shott

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.