The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

The 24th Sunday *after* Pentecost

11:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



November 8, 2026

What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, November 8	✝️ 9:30 am	Young Adult Hang Out	
	✝️ 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist - *24th Sunday After Pentecost* **Note: No Adult Education today**	
	🎵 4:00 pm	Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia	
	❤️‍🩹 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Clothing & Meal Service	
Monday, November 9	✝️ 9:00 am	Morning Prayer (posted on @CHTRittenhouse Facebook)	
	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	🍇 8:30 pm	Rittenhouse Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting	Centennial Room
Tuesday, November 10	✝️ 9:00 am	Morning Prayer (posted on @CHTRittenhouse Facebook)	
	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, November 11	Church closed in commemoration of Veterans' Day		
Thursday, November 12	✝️ 9:00 am	Morning Prayer (posted on @CHTRittenhouse Facebook)	
	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	✝️ 12:15 pm	Healing Eucharist	Prayer Corner
	✝️ 1:15 pm	Centering Prayer	Meet in Prayer Corner
Friday, November 13	✝️ 9:00 am	Morning Prayer (posted on @CHTRittenhouse Facebook)	
	🍇 6:00 pm	The Augustine Fellowship Meeting	Centennial Room
Saturday, November 14	🎵 1:00 pm	Camerata	Church
	🎵 7:00 pm	Chestnut Street Singers	Church
Sunday, November 15	✝️ 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist–*25th Sunday After Pentecost* **Stewardship In-Gathering Celebration**	Church
	✝️ 12:30 pm	Adult Education Class	2nd Floor, Parish House
	❤️‍🩹 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Ali Shott & Shreve Simpson, *Lectors*
Frank LaMay, *Intercessor*
Martha Lipscomb & Amy Arcaro, *Ushers*
Thomas, Robert, and Henry Lipscomb, *Acolytes*
Brian Conroy*, *Vestry Lead*

Brian Conroy*, *Offertory Counters*
Amy Arcaro, *Welcome Table*
Martha Lipscomb, *Refreshments*
Jonah Shortall, *Livestream Coordinator*
Travis Oliver, *Welcome Ambassador*

**Vestry Member*

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. 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.

Prelude *Wachet auf* Jacobus Kloppers

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Please rise in body or spirit.

Entrance Hymn 11 *Morning Hymn*



Opening Acclamation

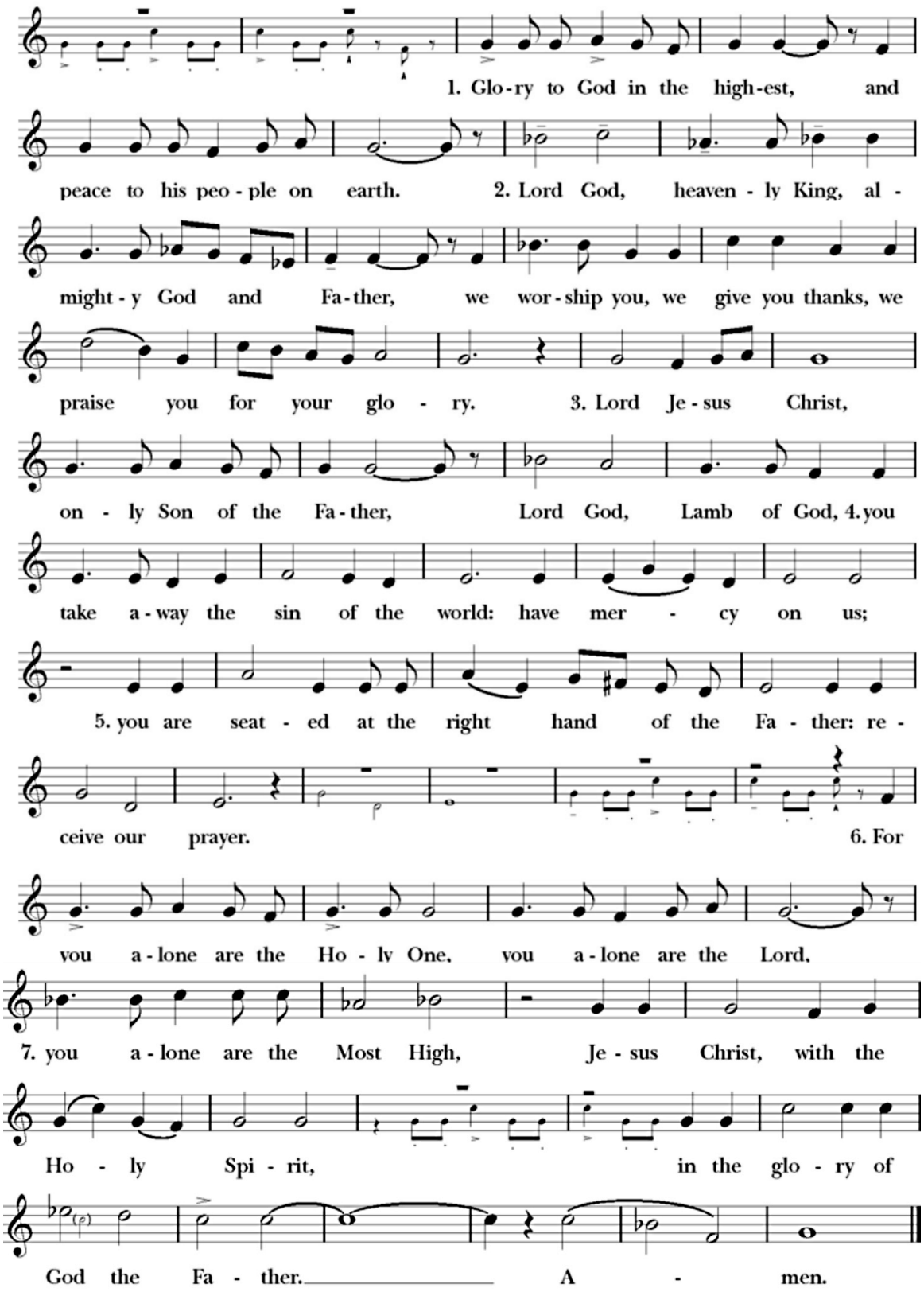
Presider Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

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-278 William Mathias



The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Amos 5:18-24 *Ali Shott*

Reader A reading from the Prophet Amos

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

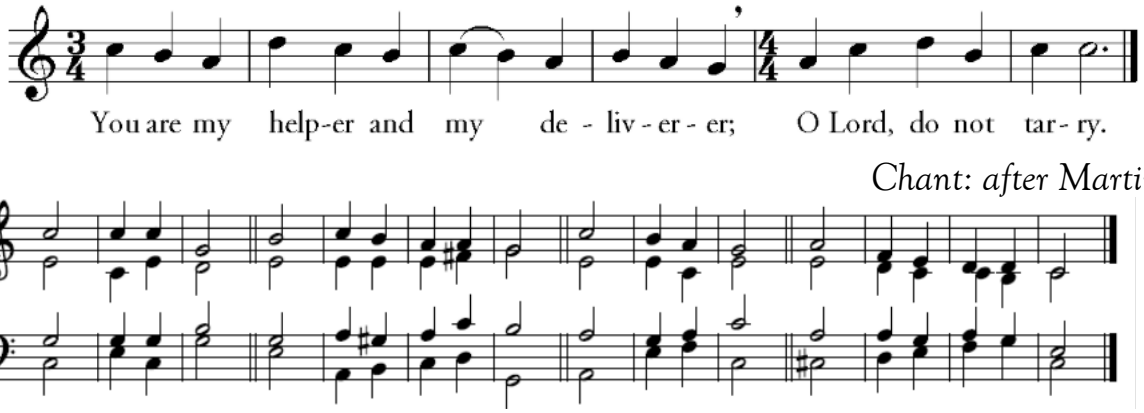
I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

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

Silence.

Psalm 70 *Deus, in adjutorium*

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: after Martin Luther

1 Be pleased, O | God, • to de|liver me; *
O | Lord, make | haste to | help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and alto|gether • dis|mayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw | back and |be dis-|graced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over | me turn | back, *
be-|cause they |are a-|shamed.

4 Let all who seek you re-|joice and • be | glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
| "*Great* | is the | Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am | poor and | needy; *
come to me |speedi|ly, O | God.

6 You are my helper and |my de-|liverer; *
— | O Lord, | do not | tarry.

Antiphon

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *Shreve Simpson*

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the

Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or spirit.

Sequence Hymn 58 *St. Thomas*





The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Celebrant Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 *Frank LaMay*

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: Elon, Raheem, Alexis, Kobe, Radiwe, Jahnis, Kyla, Cole, Hugh, Alexa, Chad, Sylvia, Maria, Christina, Alla, Shizawn, Suzanna, Marilyn, Veronica, Jeannie, Sally, Karen, Cynthia, Jessica, Tracy, Sonrisa, Kim, Malcolm, Diovanni, Deidre, Pat, Bob, Jan, Linda, Annie, Bill, Liam, Corinne, Marsha, Dez, Robb, the Cottrell family, Lawrence, Celané, Robert, Zaria, Vorte, James, Rebecca, John Paul, Davis and the Sterling Family, Masood, Dara, Sara, Ricky, Oscar, and Asia; 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 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 Watchful God, you call us to keep awake—to live with open eyes and attentive hearts, ready to recognize Christ in the needs and joys that surround us each day. As we bring these gifts, keep the flame of compassion burning within us. Fill us with the oil of kindness, generosity, and holy attentiveness, that our lives may shine with your love in a world too often dimmed by fear and indifference. Use these offerings and our willing spirits to bring light, hope, and welcome to your children. Keep us awake to your presence and faithful in your service, through Christ our Lord. **Amen**. *(Matthew 25:1-13)*

Anthem *Keep Your Lamps* Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, he time is drawing nigh. Children don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Please rise in body or spirit.

Offertory Hymn 62 *Wachet auf*



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.**

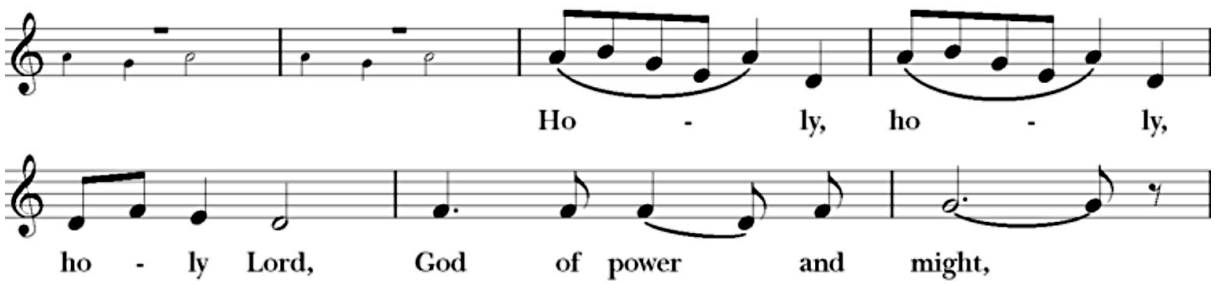
Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

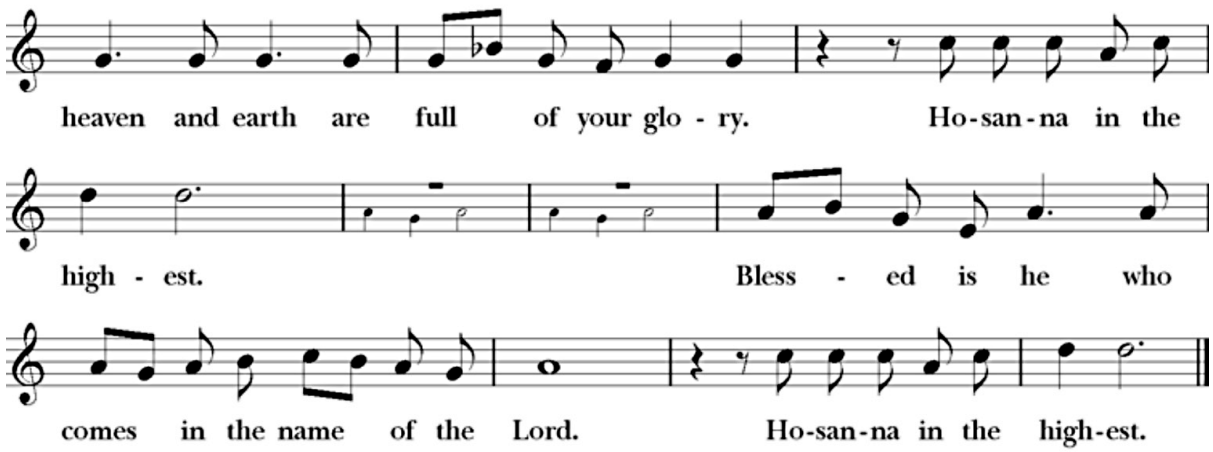
Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

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-128 Mathias





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

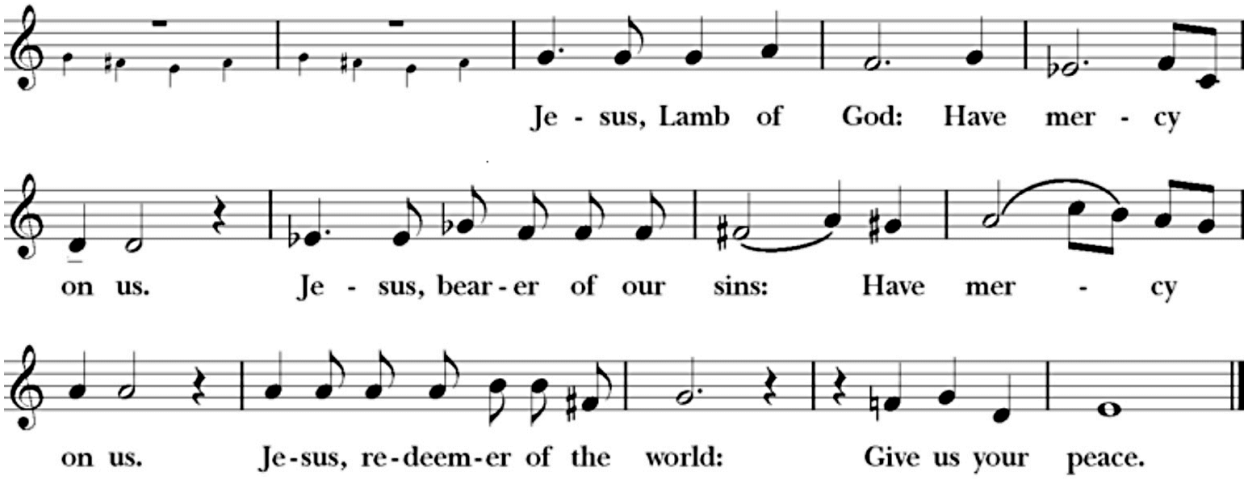
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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-165 Mathias



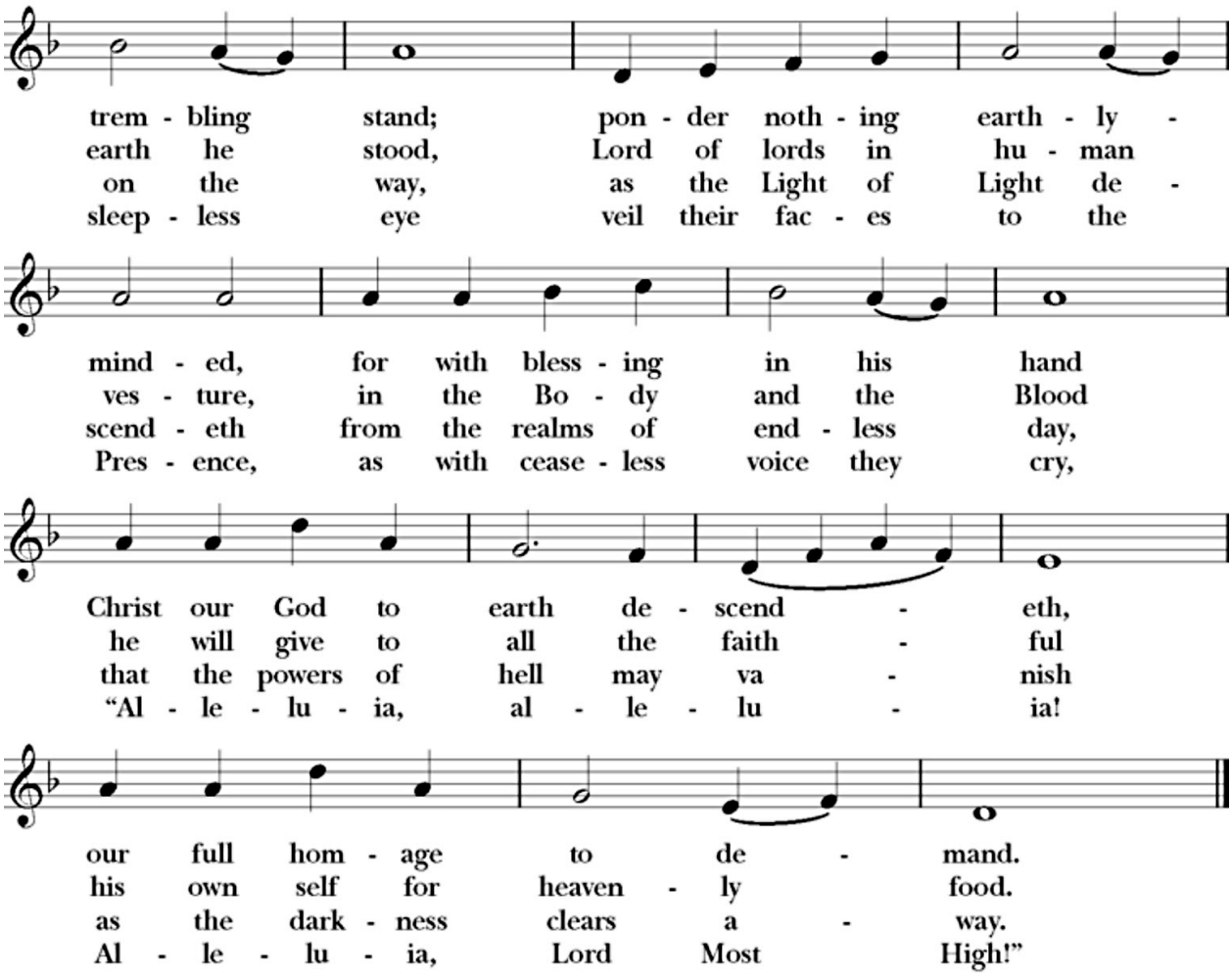
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God – Holy Food for Holy People.

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).

Communion Hymn 324 *Picardy*





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 436 *Truro*



The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Toccata on 'Picardy'* Gordon Young

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About this service…

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

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

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

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

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

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