The Church of the Holy Trinity



What's Happening This Week:

Sunday, December 12	11:00 am Advent III Service			
	5:00 pm Open Hearts Cafe Meal			
Monday, December 13	5:30-9:30 pm Private Rental Rehearsal			
Tuesday, December 14	5:00 pm Open Hearts Cafe Meal			
Wed., December 15	10:00 am Staff Meeting			
	12:15 pm Advent Organ Meditation			
Friday, December 17	Rectors' Day off			
Saturday, December 18	11:00 am-9:00 pm Private Event			
Sunday, December 19	11:00 am Advent VI Service with Baptism			
	1:00-10:00 pm Private Event			
	5:00 pm Open Hearts Cafe Meal			
Mark your Calendars:				
Tuesday, December 21	5:30 pm Decorate the Church for Christmas			
Friday, December 24	4:00 pm Blessing of the Creche			
	8:00 pm Lessons and Carols			
Saturday, December 25	10:00 am Christmas Communion Service			

Gentle Reminders for our Guests today:

As a community in Christ, we are called to work together to create an inclusive worship experience that is **safe for everyone** – ourselves, our neighbors, and our loved ones.



As a gentle reminder, **please wear your masks at all times over your mouth and nose** when inside of the Church and its adjoining property. We ask that you gently remind your neighbors to do the same when necessary.

During **the Peace**, we invite you to connect with your neighbors by waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist or elbow bumps. Please be sure that your neighbor is comfortable with physical connections before offering that kind of peace.





Children are welcome to join us for worship services today! We do not mind little voices and noises that children naturally make, so don't worry if they are not sitting perfectly still and silent! That's not normal! We do ask that all family members sit together throughout the service.

Cell Phones: Please make sure your cell phone is **turned off or turned to silent** during the service Thank you!

Offering: We will not be passing a plate today, you can give to the church by dropping your envelope or money in the plate located near the table with the bulletins. You can also text **CHT DONATE to 73256.** or use the Realm app on your phone.



Communion will be given in the form of bread only. The priest will bring the bread to you in your seat. We ask that you please use the individual hand sanitizer before receiving and stand in your pew to indicate your desire to receive communion.

Thank you for joining us today and helping us with your cooperation. Together — we'll get through this.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Liturgical Improvisation, No. 2

George Oldroyd

Stuttgart

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The Entrance Hymn: 66 Come, thou long expected Jesus



The Opening Acclamation

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Officiant 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 Kyrie sung by the choir

Mass in the Lydian Mode Kyrie eleison Lord, have mercy upon us. Christe eleison Christ, have mercy upon us. Kyrie eleison Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sally Griffith

Reader A reading from the prophet Zephaniah:

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in

all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

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

The Canticle of Isaiah Ecce, Deus

setting by Jack Noble White







Make his deeds known among the peoples; * see that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, * and this is known in all the world.



Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, * for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

The antiphon is sung twice more:



The Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7

Margaret Dowling

Reader A reading from the book of Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Standing, as able.

The Sequence Hymn: 70 Herald, sound the note of judgment

Herald, Sound



Remain standing.

The Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher. **The Sermon**

The Reverend John Gardner

Standing, as able. 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, Advent

Andy Gutknecht

- Leader In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, remind us that you are always with us, that like Joseph we might always be eager to fulfill your will, and be eager to pray:
- Leader O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our bishop, for John and Rachel our clergy, and for all serving on vestry, volunteers, children, youth, and all leaders who are not ordained; that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths.
- *People* Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.
- *Leader* Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.
- *People* **Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

Leader In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, especially: the Phillips Family, Grace, Scott, Jeff, Eddie, Alexandra, The Spencer Family, Kara, Megan, Leonard, Barbara, Peyton, Peter R, The Scott Family, Abby, Andy, Andrew, Sue, Tommy, Lynn, Mike, Parke, Peter, David, Bill, Tricia, Robert, Michael, Charles, Sister Ann, Judy, Ava, David and Clarice, that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

People Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

Leader In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray for those who rejoice this week as they celebrate this week and give thanks for all the things we enjoy; for those celebrating birthday, anniversaries, or other celebrations; that we might all obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away.

People Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

Leader In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer.

People Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

Leader O Christ, hear our prayers, restore us, and show us the glorious light of your countenance, that we might be saved. Come Lord Jesus.

The Confession & Absolution

- *Officiant* 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.

Officiant 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

OfficiantThe Peace of the Lord be always with youPeopleAnd also with you.

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The Parish Notices

• Join us every Wednesday for Advent Organ Meditations at 12:15pm in the sanctuary, featuring our music staff and the first half of our organ project (known as the Chancel Organ).

• Donations for Christmas flowers and donations in honor of living loved ones or in memory of those who have died, can be placed in the envelope in the back of the church. You can also give through realm or text FLOWERS to 73256. You can also help decorate the church on Dec. 21!

• Our Stewardship Campaign, Gifts Given and Gifts Received, kicked off this month. You will hear from the Vestry and fellow parishioners over the next few weeks about this theme. **We need your gifts of presence, talent, and enthusiasm this year, as well as your financial support, as we rebuild from the last year and a half.** Offering a pledge to the church helps us to budget for the coming year. Recurring gifts help us to have reliable and steady income throughout the year. If you would like to make a pledge, you can fill out a card in the back of the church or pledge online: https://tinyurl.com/CHT2022pledge. You can also set up a recurring gift online at: https://tinyurl.com/CHTgiving2022. Thank you for your support and generosity!

• If you wish to give a gift today, we encourage you to do so during the Offertory Anthem. You can do this by texting **CHT DONATE to 73256** or pressing "Learn More" on our Facebook Page or, if you are watching on our website, you can click the donate button on the top of the page.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Sentence

Officiant Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

The Anthem

Jesus Comes

Donald James

Jesus comes with all his grace, comes to save a fallen race, object of our glorious hope, Jesus comes to lift us up. Let the living stones cry out, let the sons of Abraham shout; praise we all our lowly King, give him thanks, rejoice and sing. We shall gain our calling's prize; after God we all shall rise, filled with joy, and love, and peace, perfected in holiness.

Standing, as able





Bristol

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:





Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace,

you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. 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

The Fraction Anthem



Celebrant These are God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

AllMy Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament
of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually
into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and
unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Distribution of Communion

Communion will be given in one kind only (bread). Those who wish to receive communion should sanitize their hands and stand in their pews. The priest will give communion to the choir and organist first, and then will bring it to the congregation in their pews. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing for yourself or your child, please let the priest know when they come to your pew.

The Communion Hymn: 60 Creator of the stars of night

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Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen**

The Closing Hymn: 454 Jesus came, adored by angels



Lowry



Officiant Life is short. We do not always have time to gladden the hearts of those who walk with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Vox clara ecce intonat

Gerald Near

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