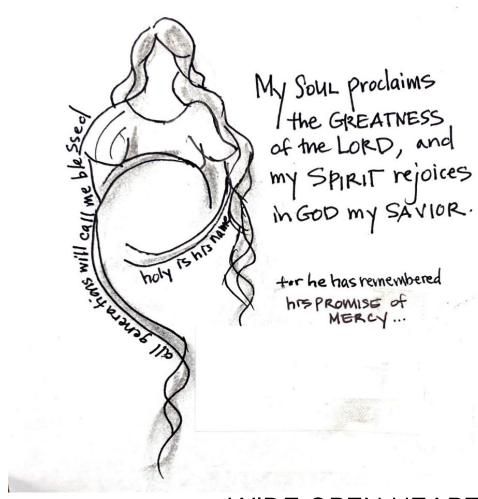
# The Church of the Holy Trinit

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist

Rittenhouse Square



WIDE OPEN HEARTS WIDE OPEN DOORS

December 19, 2021

# What's Happening This Week:

Sunday, December 19 \*11:00 am Advent III Service

\*we will gather in front of the church/live-stream the service

5:00 pm Open Hearts Cafe Meal

Monday, December 20 5:30-9:30 pm Private Rental Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 21 5:00 pm Open Hearts Cafe Meal

\*5:30 pm Decorate the Church for Christmas

\*this will be a vaccinated-only event

Wed., December 22 10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:15 pm Advent Organ Meditation

\*this will be a vaccinated-only event

Friday, December 24 4:00 pm Blessing of the Creche

\*outdoor service

\* 8:00 pm Lessons and Carols

\*this will be a vaccinated-only event

Saturday, December 25 10:00 am Christmas Communion Service

\*this will be a vaccinated-only event

Sunday, December 26 11:00 am Christmas I Communion Service

5:00 pm Open Hearts Cafe Meal

# 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

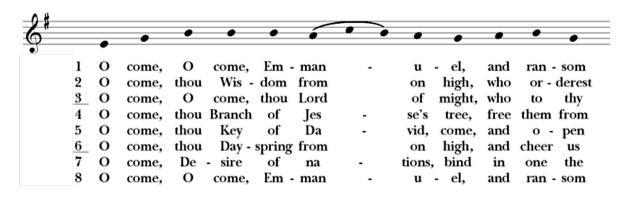
Veni, veni Emmanuel

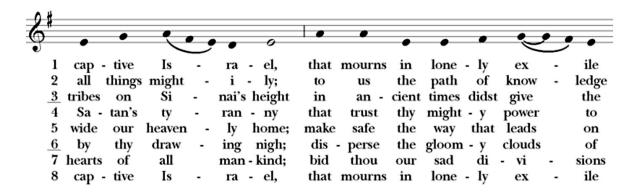
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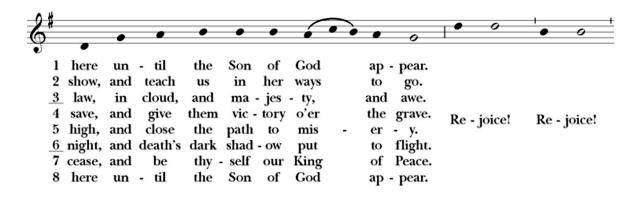
### THE ENTRANCE RITE

The Entrance Hymn: 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel









### 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

Peter Niedmann

### The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant

Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The people sit.

### THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Joshua Karstendick

Reader

A reading from the prophet Micah:

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred

shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

### The Canticle of Mary Magnificat

setting by Larry King

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

### The Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10

Jeannie Welsh

Reader A reading from the book of Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are

offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Standing, as able.

The Sequence Hymn: 264 The Word from earth and sea and sky

Song 34



Remain standing.

The Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Sermon

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

Greg Maughan

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 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

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People And also with you.

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### The Parish Notices

- 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 Ave Maris Stella Lajos Bárdos

Ave, maris stella, Hail, star of the sea,

Dei mater alma, Nurturing Mother of God, atque semper virgo, And ever Virgin

felix cœli porta. Happy gate of Heaven

Sumens illud "Ave" Receiving that "Hail!"

Gabrielis ore, From the mouth of Gabriel, funda nos in pace, Establish us in peace,

mutans Evæ nomen. Transforming the name of "Eva".

Solve vincla reis, Loosen the chains of the guilty, profer lumen cæcis, Send forth light to the blind, mala nostra pelle, Our evil do thou dispel,

bona cuncta posce. Entreat for us all good things.

Virgo singularis, O unique Virgin, inter omnes mitis, Meek above all others,

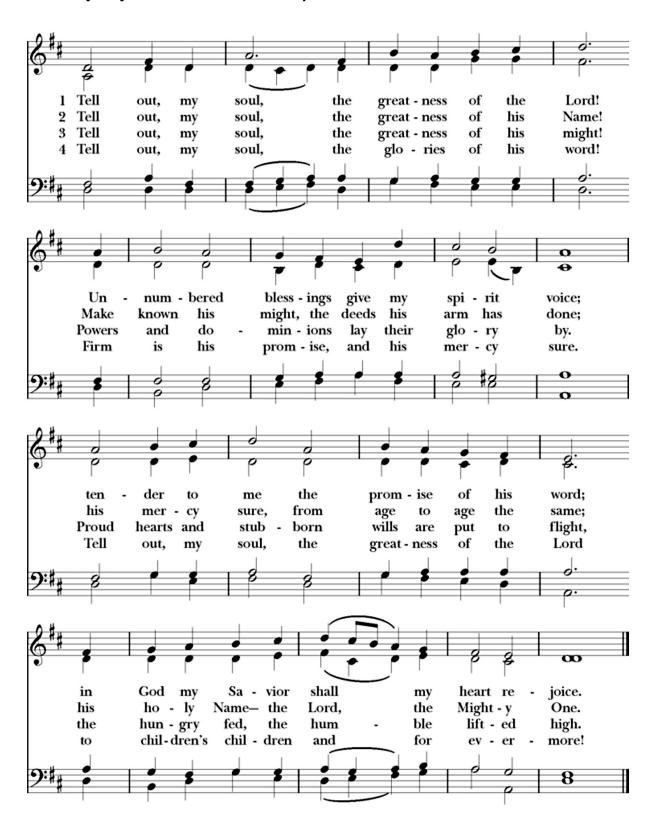
nos culpis solutos Make us, set free from our sins,

mites fac et castos. Meek and chaste.

Vitam præsta puram, Bestow a pure life, iter para tutum, Prepare a safe way: ut videntes Jesum That seeing Jesus,

semper collætemur. We may ever rejoice.

## The Offertory Hymn: 437 Tell out, my soul



### Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2

### 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.

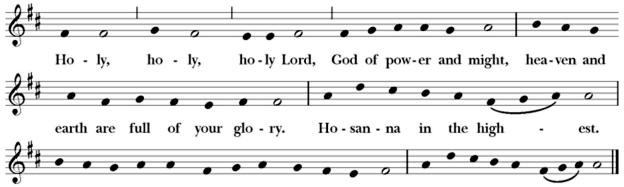
Celebrant

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:

### The Sanctus



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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 friends. 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:

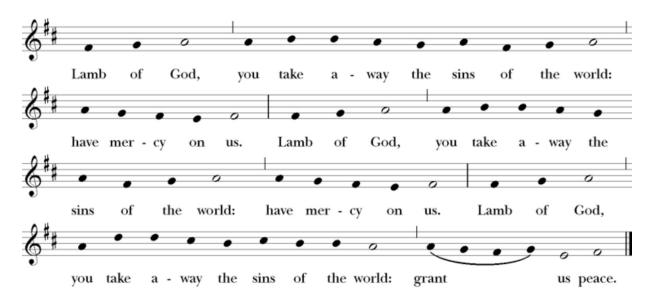
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

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.

All My 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

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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.

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### Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

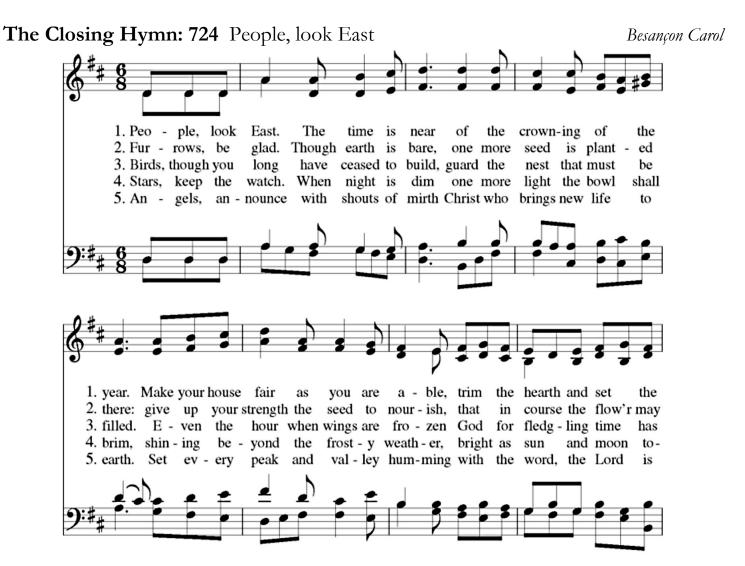
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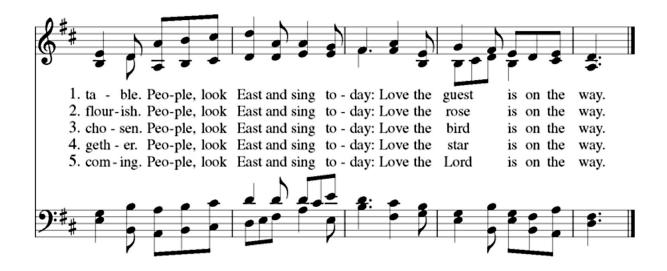
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### 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** 





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** 

Meine Seele erhebt den Herren, BWV 733

J. S. Bach

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