

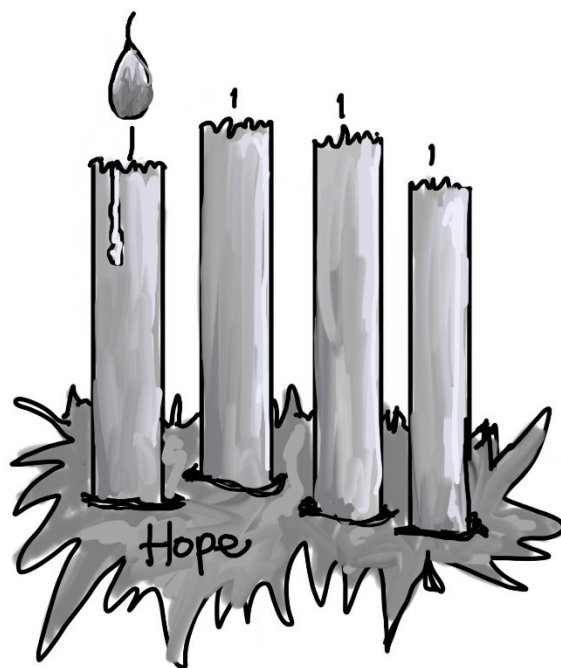
The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

The First Sunday of Advent

11:00 am

Holy Baptism *with*
Holy Eucharist, Rite II



WIDE OPEN DOORS
WIDE OPEN HEARTS

November 27, 2022

What's Happening This Week:

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, November 27	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist - ` 1 st Sunday of Advent	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Parish House
	12:30 pm	Choristers Rehearsal	Church
		Connections	1 st floor Parish House
		Children/Youth Activities	2 nd floor Parish House
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Monday, November 28	10:00-3:00	Church Open for Prayer	
Tuesday, November 29 <i>Kamehameha and Emma, 1864</i>	10:00-3:00	Church Open for Prayer	
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Wednesday, November 30 <i>Saint Andrew the Apostle</i>	10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Parish House
	11:00-2:00	Church Open for Prayer	
Thursday, December 1 <i>Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637</i> <i>Charles de Foucauld, 1916</i>	10:00-2:00	Church Open for Prayer	
	12:00 pm	Clergy/Wardens' Weekly Meeting	online
Saturday, December 3 <i>Francis Xavier, 1552</i>	10:00 am	Diocesan Diaconal Ordinations	<i>The Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral</i>
Sunday, December 4 <i>John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760</i>	9:30 am	Family Service – Advent	Church
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Christmas Services: December 24 4:00 pm & 8:00 pm, December 25 11:00 am

Welcome! We are so glad you are with us today!

A few reminders and information for your time with us today

Masks: Masks are welcomed, encouraged and optional at this time. If you need a mask, please let us know and we will be happy to get one for you.

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 (you can even decorate your own) in the back near the service bulletins for those who wish to stay with their families during the service. Parents, if you want a little quiet time to yourself, your children can join Madison and Laura, our wonderful Child Care Team, in the Parish House for activities. They will meet you in the Narthex and show you where to go. All children will return to the church for communion during the Peace.

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 your neighbor is comfortable with physical contact before shaking hands.

Offering: You can give a financial gift to the church in three ways: by placing it in the plate that we pass in church today, by texting **CHT DONATE to 73256** or the QR code to the right. You can also sign up to give weekly with REALM (www.htrit.org/give).



Communion will be given in the form of bread only today. If you wish to receive communion, we invite you to go to one of two stations at the front of the church. Gluten free wafers are available. We will bring communion to those who are not able to come to a standing station or would prefer to stay in their pew and keep social distance. We give the chalice to one person (or family unit) each week – sign up here, if you'd like to receive the chalice: [click here, or check on our website](#).

More Information? Please visit our website www.htrit.org for more information about services and activities at The Church of the Holy Trinity and to sign up for the weekly E-News. If you prefer a printed version, please fill out a slip in the Narthex.

Special Text Boxes

Throughout the service leaflet, you will notice special text boxes like these. They are intended to give a brief explanation or teaching about each part of the liturgy – a little sprinkling of theology, history, fun facts, and education. We hope they will give you new insight into all that we do each week, and share with you the beauty and richness of our liturgical practices in the Episcopal Church.

We ask that you **turn off or silence your Cell Phone** during the service. Thank you!

Welcome & Parish Notices

Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. We change our hangings to purple – the color of royalty – to point to Jesus' reign as King. In Advent, we prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming into the world through the Incarnation at Christmas, God putting on the flesh of humanity. We light one candle each week for the four weeks of Advent – one for hope (purple), one for peace (purple), one for joy (pink) and one for love (purple). **The theme of the first week of Advent** is often apocalyptic, reminding us to not only prepare for Jesus' birth (which has already happened) but also for his second coming.

Advent Candle Lighting *Romans 13:13*

Presider: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness

People and put on the armor of light

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The Baptism service, like the Eucharist begins in gathering rituals. Led by the cross of Christ, the procession of choir and clergy represents the church gathering together from across the city into a great assembly. As the primary symbol of our faith, it is customary to reverence the Cross (*a slight bow*) as it passes in procession. The Opening Acclamation is replaced by the Baptismal Acclamation, which signals a change to the congregation and reminds us of our Baptismal faith. The Collect for the day follows immediately, and we omit the Gloria and collect for purity.

Entrance Hymn

Consolation



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
 and left the lone-some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
 the day when Christ in splen-dor comes, and we shall see his face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick-ly, King of kings.

The Baptismal Acclamation

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

THE WORD OF GOD

Each week we hear four excerpts from scripture – two from the Old Testament (or the Hebrew Scriptures) and two from the New Testament (one from the letters to the early churches and one from the Gospels, which tell the stories of Jesus' ministry, life, death, and resurrection). These passages are chosen by the wider Christian church and repeated every three years. 2022-23 is Year A, which highlights Matthew's gospel. **In Advent**, we hear the scriptures that foretell and reveal the signs of Jesus' coming into the world – first at his birth, and his coming again in glory at his Second Coming.

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

Greg Maughan

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up

sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum*

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- ² Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³ Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴ To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.
- ⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- ⁷ Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- ⁸ For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- ⁹ Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Gail Caruso

Reader A reading from Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo - ry -
 scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its
 dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray
 course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone
 are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;

aught of joy or that hope fore - tell? Trav-eler, yes; it
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav-eler, a - ges
 hie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav-eler, lo! the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

At the conclusion of the Gospel procession, the people are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner

Following the sermon, the candidate, family and sponsors (formerly called Godparents) gather around the baptismal font with the clergy. Siblings, cousins, and other children who wish to see better are invited to sit near the action. In the Episcopal church, Holy Baptism is defined as "full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church." This means that whomever is baptized is part of the Christian faith forever, and those who have been previously baptized with water does not have to be baptized again. Parents and sponsors present the candidate, and, if the child is too young to make their own vows, make the vows on the child's behalf. They also promised to raise the child in the Christian faith. The congregation also promises to help to support the parents and sponsors as a community of faith.

THE HOLY BAPTISM

The People stand as able and face the font.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents/Sponsors: **I present Emmett James Ferri to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents/Sponsors: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents/Sponsors: **I will, with God's help.**

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate, parents and godparents:

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

Answer **I renounce them.**

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

Answer **I renounce them.**

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

Answer **I renounce them.**

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

Answer **I do.**

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

Answer **I do.**

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

Answer **I do.**

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:

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

People **We will.**

After the presentation and the vows, the whole congregation assembled stands to reiterate their faith and to restate the vows they made when they were baptized. The Baptism Covenant is broken down into 3 sections about what we believe: God the Father, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit. Then, we make promises about how we will act on those beliefs. We respond with the phrase "I will with God's help" because doing all these on our own is very, very difficult. Then we pray for the candidate – these prayers replace the Prayers of the People for the day.

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

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Prayers for the Candidate

Presider: Let us now pray for Emmett James who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

The Baptism rite is broken into three pieces – blessing the water, the baptism, and sealing with oil. Only a bishop or a priest can perform a baptism. As the water is blessed, the Celebrant tells the story of water throughout history – from creation, through the flood, to the parting of the Red Sea – as well as Jesus’ baptism by John in the Jordan River. Christians are baptized with water in the name of the Trinity – in our tradition we pour water over the head of the baptized three times with each name of the Trinity. The clergy take oil that has been blessed by the Bishop, called the chrism oil, and makes the sign of the cross on their forehead, sealing the baptism. For those who will be confirmed, this sealing will be repeated by the Bishop. Finally, a candle is given to each baptized person from the Paschal candle, signifying the light of Christ being passed to them. When the baptism is complete, the whole congregation welcomes them both with a prayer and applause, recognizing them to be the newest members of the faith.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

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

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water and children present touch the font.

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

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

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

The Priest marks the sign of the cross on the forehead with Chrism and saying

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

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

Emmett James, receive this light and shine as Christ's forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

You are invited to connect with your neighbors by waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist or elbow bumps. Following the Peace, the people are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Presider O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. Revelation 4:11

Anthem

I Look from Afar

Anthony Piccolo

I look from afar, and behold, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him, and say:
Tell us if thou art he, who shall reign over the people of Israel.
All ye inhabitants of the earth, and ye children of men,
rich and poor, one with another, go ye out to meet him and say:
Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel:
thou that leadest Joseph like a flock.
Tell if thou art he.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in who shall reign over the people of Israel.

At the invitation of the Celebrant, the People stand.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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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 We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

All Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

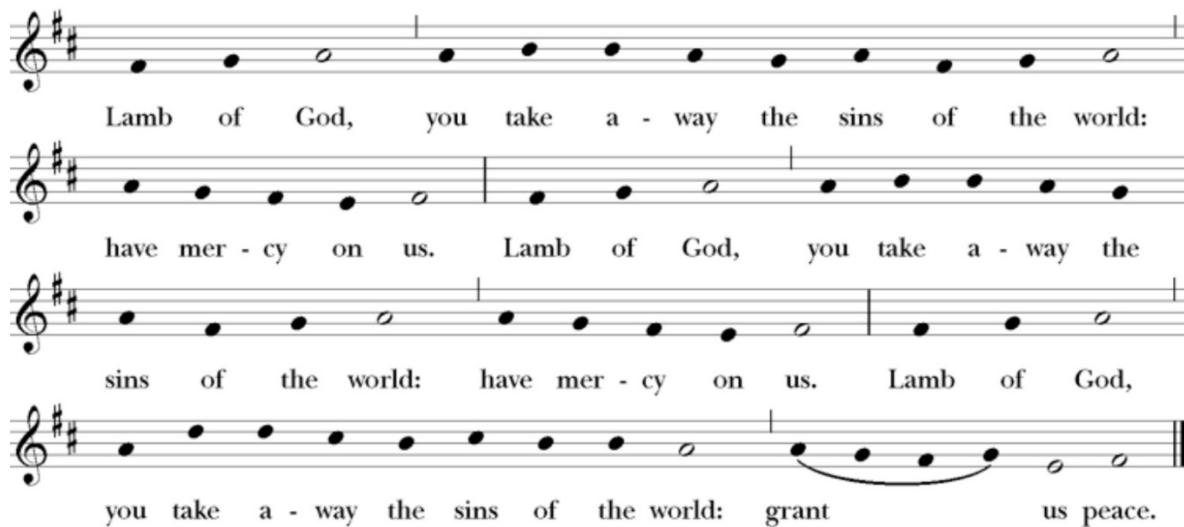
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

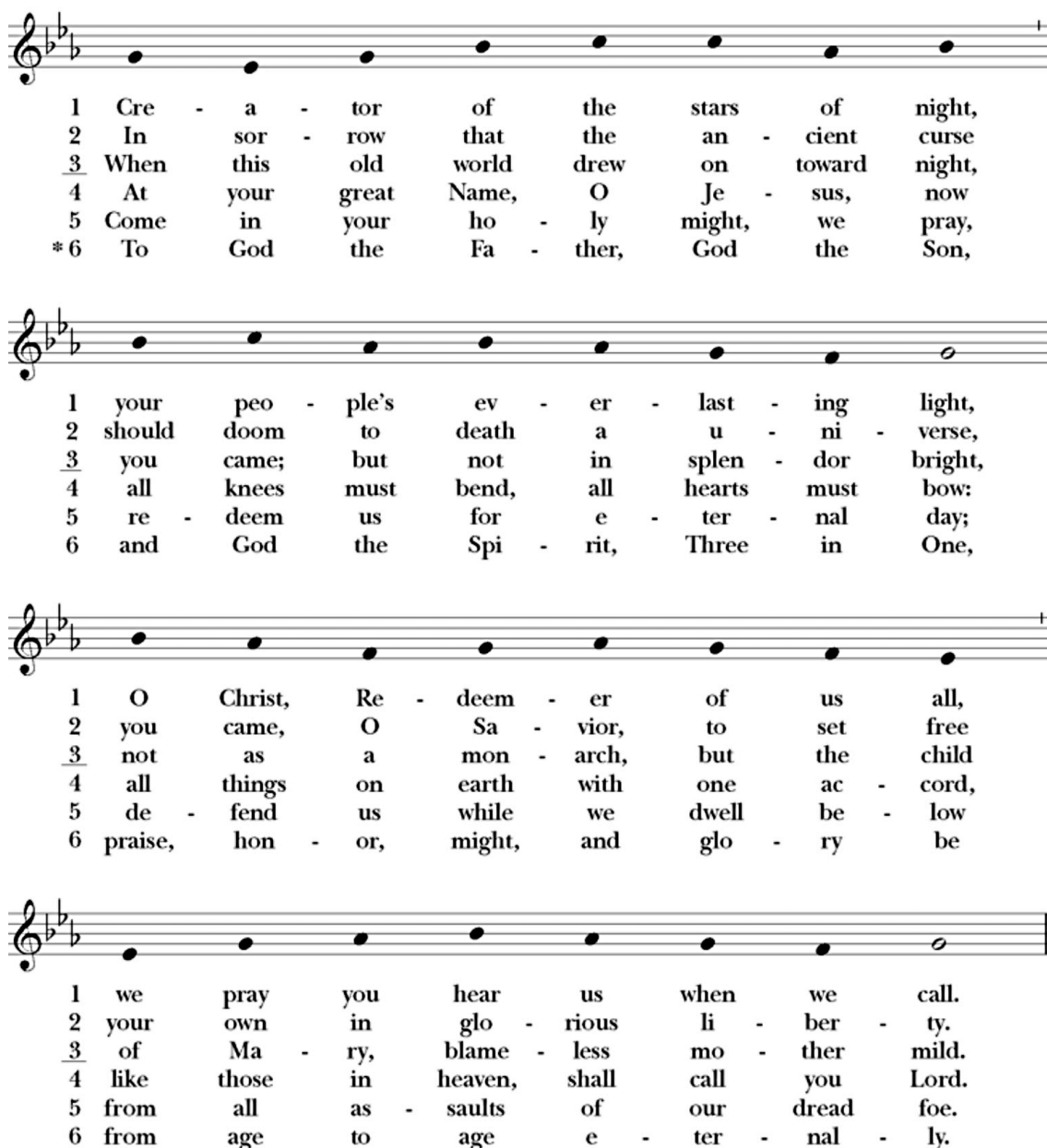
Please be seated.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

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

Distribution of Communion & Healing Prayers

Communion will be given in one kind only (bread) today. If you wish to receive communion, you are invited to follow the directions of the ushers and come to the station at the front of the church. We will bring communion to those unable to come to a standing station or those who are more comfortable staying in their pew. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know. Healing Prayers will be offered in the prayer corner on the north side of the church during the distribution of communion.



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,

1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be

1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Please stand as able.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Advent Blessing

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Dismissal Hymn



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

Carson Cooman

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Boyden Gardner, *Crucifer*
Emily Bierwirth & Jon Bierwirth, *Torchbearers*
Greg Maughan & Gail Caruso, *Lectors*
Ben Leiby, *Intercessor*
Martha Lipscomb, *Virtual Greeter*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2022

December 24 4:00 pm *Family Service & Blessing of the Creche*
December 24 8:00 pm *A Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas*
December 25 11:00 am *The Feast of the Incarnation, Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

Church of the Holy Trinity, Staff Leadership

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner, *Rector*
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Alyson Harvey, Kate Nicole Hoffman, Samuel Keeler,
Thomas Kneeland, John Miles, Titus Muzi, Mike O'Bryan,
Ellen Peters, & Aimee Pilgermayer

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Oscar Gunther & Simson Hui, *Rectors' Co-wardens*
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RITTENHOUSE SQUARE





Pledge for 2023

*The Church depends on the generosity of her members.
We ask that you share the gifts you have been given with the church next year.*

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

I would like to give \$_____ as my financial gift for 2023*.

☐ I would like to use envelopes when I contribute.

How to pledge/give:

1) **HAND IN PLEDGE:**

Fill out this sheet, rip it off and place in the offering plate.

2) **To make a pledge ONLINE:**

*Note: This is **ONLY for your pledge** – to set up payment online,
you **MUST** go to <https://tinyurl.com/CHTrecurring>*

- 1) Go to: <https://onrealm.org/CHT/AddPledge/pledge2023>
- 2) **Enter total amount** you want to give to the church for 2023.
- 3) If you plan to give at regular intervals, click on **“Set a Schedule”**
- 4) **Enter how often** you wish to give
- 5) Set date range between 1/1/2023 and 12/31/2023.
- 6) Check to make sure everything is right.
- 7) Press **“Save Pledge”** button and your pledge is recorded.

A screenshot of a web form titled "Pledged Contributions" for "The Church of the Holy Trinity". The form asks "How much would you like to pledge?" with a text input field containing "0.00". Below this is a "SET A SCHEDULE" button. Underneath are frequency options: "AS CAN", "ONCE A WEEK", "EVERY 2 WEEKS", "ONCE A MONTH", "TWICE A MONTH", "EVERY 3 MONTHS", and "ANNUALLY". There are also date range selectors for "Start Date" (1/1/2023) and "End Date" (12/31/2023). A "SUMMARY" section shows "\$0.00" for the amount and "\$0.00" for the schedule. A "Save Pledge" button is at the bottom right. Red arrows from the text instructions point to the "0.00" input, the "SET A SCHEDULE" button, the frequency options, the date range, and the "Save Pledge" button.