he Church of the Holy Trinit

The Third Sunday of Advent

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II



WIDE OPEN DOORS WIDE OPEN HEARTS

December 11, 2022

What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, December 11	11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm	Holy Eucharist - `Third Sunday of Advent Refreshments Choristers Rehearsal	Church Parish House Church
	3:00 pm 4:30 pm	Formation/Education Greater Philadelphia Choral Society Conco Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Parish House ert Church Walnut St.
Monday, December 12 Francis De Sales, Bishop 1622 Jane De Chantal, Monastic 1641	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm 7:00 pm	Church Open for Prayer Clergy/Warden Weekly Meeting Choral Arts Society Rehearsal	Church Church
Tuesday, December 14 Lucy, Virgin & Martyr, 304	10:00-3:00 3:30-6:30 pr 4:30 pm	Church Open for Prayer n Rehearsal Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Walnut St.
Wednesday, December 14 Juan De la Cruz, Mystic/Reformer 1591	10:00 am 11:00-2:00 12:15 pm 6-9:00 pm	Staff Meeting Church Open for Prayer Advent Organ Meditations Rehearsal	Parish House Church Church
Thursday, December 15 Nino of Georgia, Missionary 332	10:00-2:00 12-3:00 pm	Church Open for Prayer Rehearsal	Church
Friday, December 16 Ralph Adams Cram, Richard Upjohn, John La Farge, Architect & Artist 1878-19	7:00 pm	The Crossing @ Christmas Concert	Church
Saturday, December 17	5:00 pm	Commonwealth Youth Choir Concert	Church
Sunday, December 18	11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 4:30 pm	Holy Eucharist - `Fourth Sunday of Advent Refreshments Choristers Rehearsal Formation/Education Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Parish House Church Parish House Walnut St.
	8:00 pm	Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale Winter Concert Walnut St.	

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/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 using the QR code to the right. You can also sign up to give weekly with REALM (www.htrit.org/give).



Communion Those who are baptized in any tradition are welcome to join us for communion. If you prefer a blessing, please let one of the clergy know. We will share the bread and wine at stations at the front of the church. Gluten free wafers are available. If you are unable to come to a standing station, or prefer to stay in your pew and keep social distance, we will bring communion to you.

More Information? Please visit our website <u>www.htrit.org</u> 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 third week of Advent focuses on Mary, the mother of Jesus – encouraging us to ponder in our hearts, like Mary, just what Jesus means to us. This week is also known as *Gaudete* (which means "rejoice" in Latin) Sunday, and we light the pink candle to represent our joy!

Advent Candle Lighting Luke 1:46

Presider: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

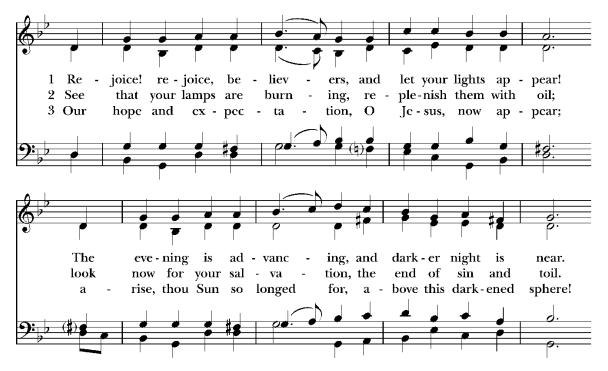
People my spirit rejoices in God my Savior

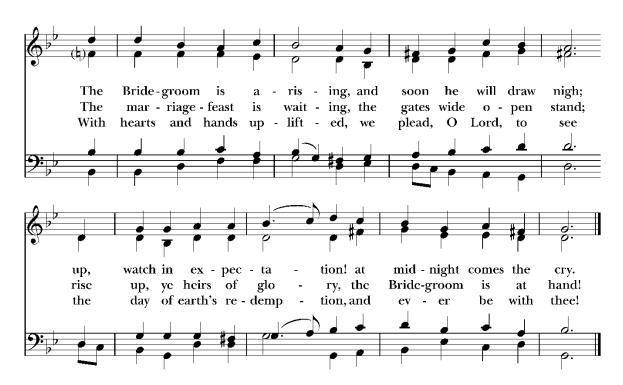
THE ENTRANCE RITE

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and go into his courts with praise: be thankful to him, and bless his name." Psalm 100

We begin our service in song and procession – the Cross of Christ leads the way as we gather together from all across the city. In Advent, Lent and Easter the Opening Acclamation change to reflect the season. We shift to a more solemn tone in Advent, preparing our hearts for Christ's birth. This is followed by the *Kyrie eleison*, which means "Lord have mercy," and the Collect of the Day, which sets the theme and tone for the service this week.

Entrance Hymn 68 Llangloffan





Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People Gods mercy endures for ever. Amen

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.

People Amen.

Kyrie sung by the choir

Missa Brevis II

Denis Bédard

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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**.

Each week we hear four excepts 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10 Andy Gutknecht

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it,

but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,

nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there,

but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15 - Song of Mary Magnificat

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.

Reader A reading from James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

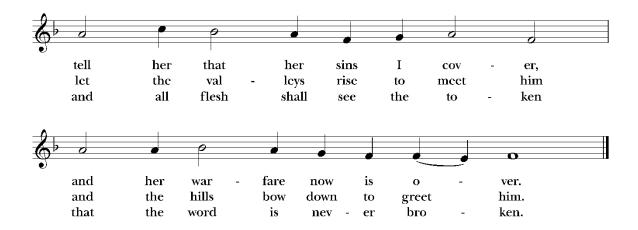
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

Sequence Hymn 67

Psalm 42





The Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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

After a period of silence, please stand for the Creed.

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.

Advent Prayers of the People

Marshall McMain

Each week for the Church, the world, those in need, those who have died, and our loved ones. During Advent, our prayers follow the themes of Advent. These prayers, called the "Prayers of the People," are intended to be prayers from the people gathered together. You will see below each section of prayer an opportunity to add your own prayers, to make these truly the prayers of the people. Please feel comfortable to share your prayers today.

Leader

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, remind us, Lord, that you are always with us, that we might always be eager to fulfill your will and 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 Daniel our Bishop, for John and Rachel our clergy, for our wardens and vestry members, and all our lay leaders. The people gathered offer their prayers for the church.

Leader

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. We pray for our neighbors who do not have a place to sleep and those living in deep poverty, and for those who have been affected by or live in fear of gun violence, especially in our city. The people gathered offer their prayers for the world.

Leader

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 those who have asked for our prayers, especially Charlie, Kardos, Yueh-Han, Joanie, Celine, Will, Becky, Joe, Lanie, Michelle, David & Sam, Nancy, Louise, Laurie, Richard, Shannon, Frank, Brenda, Bentley, the Vitalone-Raccaro family, Sharon, the Roman & Gompers families, Mila & Brandi, David, Toro, Diana, and Maggie. The people gathered offer their prayers for those in need.

Leader

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 life events and give thanks for all the things we enjoy. The people gathered offer their thanksgivings.

Leader

That we might 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. The people pray for those who have died.

Leader

That we might also come to see you face to face.

People

Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

Leader

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

The Confession and Absolution serve as a transition from the Liturgy of the Word to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. As we prepare to receive the holy feast at Christ's table – where all people are equal and welcome – we first publically confess that which separates us from God and our neighbor. The Presider assures us of God's mercy and lovingkindness and the *Peace* is shared amongst the whole assembly as an expression of our reconciliation between God and each other.

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.

You are invited to share with your neighbors a sign of Peace - waving, showing the peace sign, fist/elbow bumps. Following the Peace, the people are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

You might notice a few changes during communion during the season of Advent. There are four different versions of the Great Thanksgiving – some go back to the very beginnings of the Christian church. During Advent this year, we will be using Prayer B. Each season the proper preface (the portion the priest chants at the beginning) changes to draw our attention to seasons changing and the theme of the year. In Advent we highlight the coming of Jesus both at his birth and his second coming – and call us to prepare our hearts and our lives for Him.

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

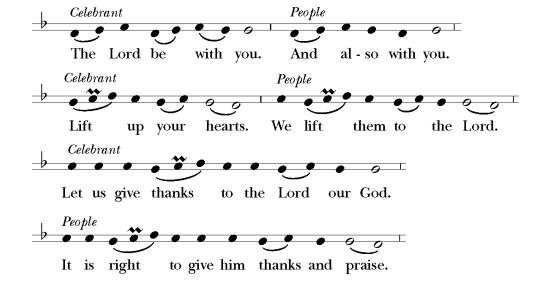
being. Revelation 4:11

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

At the invitation of the Celebrant, the People stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

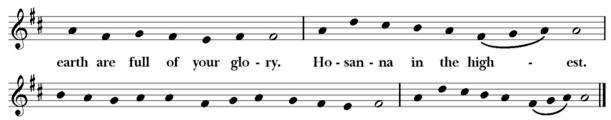


Celebrant

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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

Sanctus S-124





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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All

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.

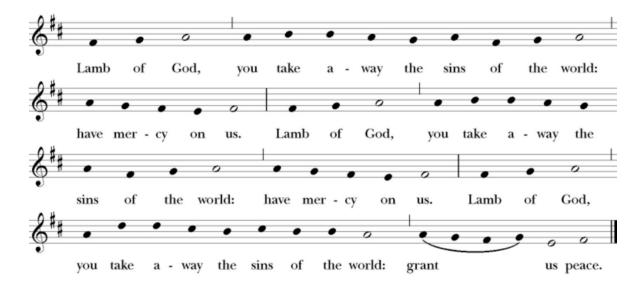
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei S-161



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those not taking communion or joining online today

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 by St. Alphonsus de Liguori (1696-1787),

Distribution of Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please 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. Our healing team will be available in the prayer chapel to pray for you or someone you love during communion.

Communion Hymn 75

Ascension





Please stand as able.

As we prepare to leave this place, nourished by scripture, prayer, and the feast of communion, we say together the Post Communion Prayer, which reminds us that our faith does not start and stop on Sunday mornings. There are two versions of this prayer in our *Book of Common Prayer*. In Advent, we will use the alternate version. By changing our prayers now and then, we keep on our toes and hear the words fresh once more.

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,

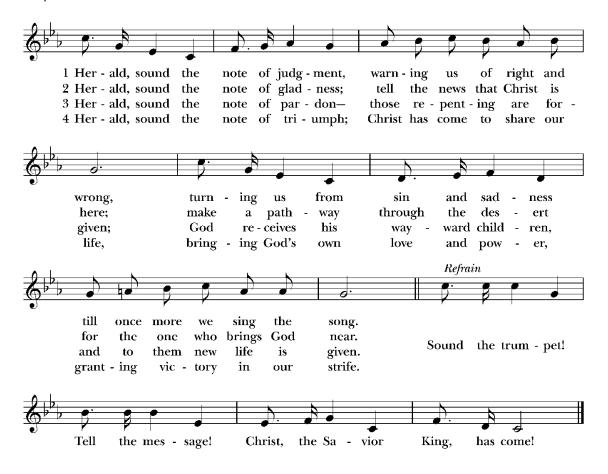
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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 70



The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fuga super: Meine Seele erhebet den Herrn (Magnificat)

J. S. Bach

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2022

December 24 4:00 pm

Family Service & Blessing of the Crèche

December 24 8:00 pm

The Festival of Lessons and Carols

December 25 11:00 am

The Feast of the Incarnation, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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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:	
would like to give \$	as my financial gift for 2023*
I would like to use envelopes when I c	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.

