

# The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 am  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II



WIDE OPEN DOORS  
WIDE OPEN HEARTS

December 18, 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, December 18  | 11:00 am    | Holy Eucharist - <i>'The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>  | Church          |
|  | 12:00 pm    | Refreshments  | Narthex         |
|  | 12:30 pm    | Choristers Rehearsal                                  | Church          |
|  |             | Formation/Education                                   | Parish House    |
|  | 4:30 pm     | Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing                        | Walnut St.      |
| Monday, December 19<br><i>Lilian Trasher, Missionary 1961</i>  | 10:00-3:00  | Church Open for Prayer                                |                 |
|  | 7-9:30 pm   | Choral Arts Society Rehearsal                         | Church          |
| Tuesday, December 20<br><i>Katerina Von Bora, Reformer 1552</i>  | 10:00-3:00  | Church Open for Prayer                                |                 |
|  | 4:30 pm     | Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing                        | Walnut St.      |
|  | 6:30 pm     | Vestry Meeting  | Online          |
| Wednesday, December 21<br><i>Saint Thomas the Apostle</i>  | 10:00 am    | Staff Meeting   | Parish House    |
|  | 11:00-2:00  | Church Open for Prayer                                |                 |
|  | 12:15 pm    | Advent Organ Meditations                              | Church          |
|  | 6:00 pm     | Decorating the Church for Christmas                   | Church          |
| Thursday, December 22<br><i>Henry Budd, Priest 1875</i><br><i>Lottie Moon, Missionary to China, 1912</i> | 10:00-2:00  | Church Open for Prayer                                |                 |
|  |             |   |                 |
| Saturday, December 24  | 4:00 pm     | Family Service & Blessing of the Crèche               | Church          |
|  | 8:00 pm     | The Festival Service of Lessons and Carols            | Church          |
| Sunday, December 25<br><i>Christmas Day</i><br><i>The Feast of the Incarnation,</i>                      | 11:00 am    | Holy Eucharist - <i>'The Feast of the Incarnation</i> | Church          |
|  | 4:30 pm     | Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing                        | Walnut St.      |

**The Church offices will be closed December 26-December 30**

# 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](http://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 [www.htrit.org](http://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 &amp; 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 fourth 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.

Advent Candle Lighting *Psalm 80:3*

Presider: Restore us, O God of hosts

People show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

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 56

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## 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. **Amen.**

**Kyrie** *sung by the choir*

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* 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.**

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.

# THE WORD OF GOD

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*Please be seated for the readings.*

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 7:10-16

*James Otwell*

*Reader*      A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18** *Qui regis Israel*

- 1      Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2      In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3      Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4      O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5      You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6      You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7      Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16     Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17     And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18     Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Reader A reading from the letter to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

Sequence Hymn 54

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

## **The Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25**

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

*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. John 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

Ben Leiby

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 Beth, our diaconal postulant, 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, Romeo, Dan, Jan, Jack & Lynn, 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, and Mila & Brandi. *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 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**

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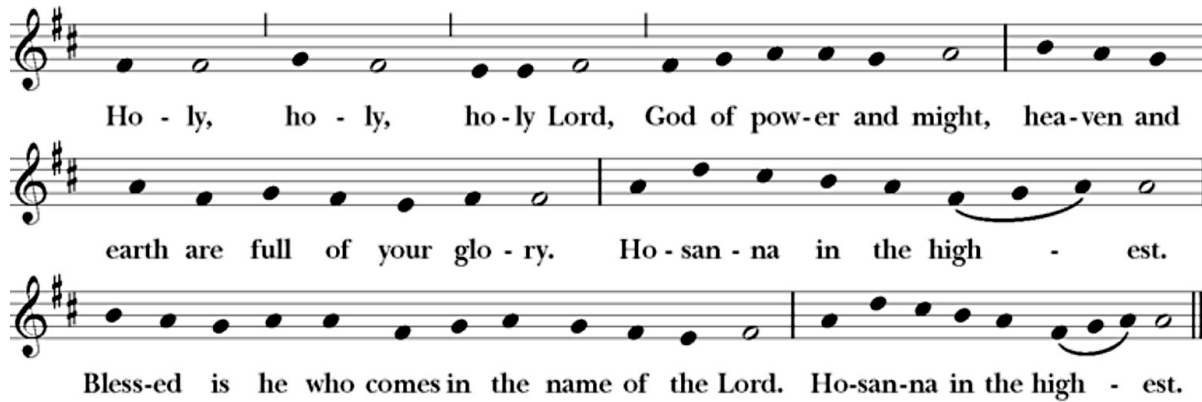
You might notice a few changes during communion during the season of Advent. There are four different versions of the Great Thanksgiving – some go back to the very beginnings of the Christian church. During Advent this year, we will be using Prayer B. Each season the proper preface (the portion the priest 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*



## Sanctus S-124



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:

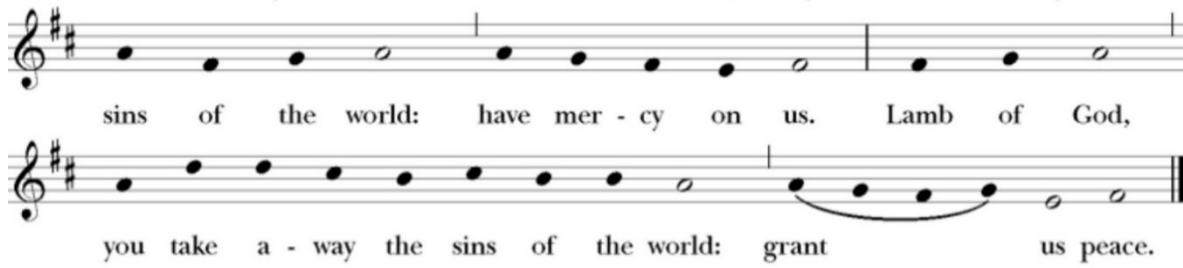
*All* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

#### Agnus Dei S-161



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The notes are simple, using quarter and half notes, with a fermata over the final note of each line.



*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 268**

*Julion*

*Introduction/Interlude*

*Descant*

4 "Mag - ni - fi - cat

|   |                 |      |       |             |               |      |           |      |     |
|---|-----------------|------|-------|-------------|---------------|------|-----------|------|-----|
| 1 | Ye              | who  | claim | the         | faith         | of   | Je - sus, | sing | the |
| 2 | Bless - ed      | were | the   | cho - sen   | peo - ple     | out  | of        |      |     |
| 3 | There - fore    | let  | all   | faith - ful | peo - ple     | sing | the       |      |     |
| 4 | "Mag - ni - fy, | my   | soul, | God's       | great - ness; | in   | my        |      |     |

an - i - ma me - a

won - ders that were done when the love of God the  
whom the Lord did come; bless - ed was the land of  
hon - or of her name; let the Church, in her fore -  
Sa - vior I re - joice; all the a - ges call me

Do - mi - num. Mag -

Fa - ther o - ver sin the vic - tory won, when he  
prom - ise fa - shioned for his earth - ly home; but more  
shad - owed, part in her thanks - giv - ing claim; what Christ's  
bless - ed, in his praise I lift my voice; he has

ni - fi - cat, mag - ni - fi - cat."

made the Vir - gin Ma - ry mo - ther of his on - ly Son.  
bless - ed far the mo - ther, she who bore him in her womb.  
mo - ther sang in glad - ness let Christ's peo - ple sing the same:  
cast down all the might - y, and the low - ly are his choice."

*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 724

*Besançon Carol*



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the  
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed  
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be  
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall  
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may  
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has  
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -  
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
 2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.  
 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.  
 4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.  
 5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

## The Dismissal

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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Ben Leiby, *Intercessor*

Peter Ryker & David Otwell Usher

Martha Lipscomb, *Virtual Greeter*

# CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE 2022

## Christmas Eve Saturday, 12/24

4:00 pm *Family Service & Blessing of the Crèche*

8:00 pm *The Festival of Lessons and Carols*

## Christmas Day, Sunday 12/25

11:00 am *The Nativity of our Lord, Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

## New Year's Day 1/1/2022

11:00 am *The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

## Open Hearts Cafe

*Give back this season and help serve those in need in our neighborhood*

5:00 pm Christmas Day

5:00 pm December 27

5:00 pm New Year's Day

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