

# The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

## The Second Sunday of Advent

11:00 am  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II



WIDE OPEN DOORS  
WIDE OPEN HEARTS

December 4, 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 4 <i>John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760</i>	9:30 am	Family Service – Advent	Church
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist - ` 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Parish House
	12:30 pm	Choristers Rehearsal	Church
		Connections	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Parish House
		Children/Youth Activities	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Parish House
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Monday, December 5 <i>Clement of Alexandria Priest, c. 210</i>	10:00-3:00	Church Open for Prayer	
Tuesday, December 6 <i>Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342</i>	10:00-3:00	Church Open for Prayer	
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Wednesday, December 7 <i>Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397</i>	10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Parish House
	11:00-2:00	Church Open for Prayer	
Thursday, December 8	10:00-2:00	Church Open for Prayer	
	12:00 pm	Clergy/Wardens' Weekly Meeting	online
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# 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 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 Second week of Advent** revolves around John the Baptist. Jesus called John the greatest of the prophets. He was the culmination of the prophetic ministry of Israel and the prophet who pointed to Jesus and say, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

Advent Candle Lighting *Matthew 3:3*

*Presider:* The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

*People* Prepare the way of the Lord

## 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 59

Merton

*Descant*

2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
5 Hon- or, glo- ry, might, and bless- ing to the Fa- ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill- ing voice is sound- ing: “Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;  
2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex- pect- ed, comes with par- don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo- ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon- or, glo- ry, might, and bless- ing to the Fa- ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

### Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* God's 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*

*Mass of the Quiet Hour*

George Oldroyd

### Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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

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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 11:1-10

*Jeannie Welsh*

*Reader*      A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations  
shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19** *Deus, iudicium*

- 1      Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2      That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- 3      That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4      He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5      He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6      He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7      In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18     Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19     And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

**Epistle:** Romans 15:4-13

*Christopher Jungers*

*Reader*      A reading from Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that  
by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have  
hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in  
harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together  
you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

*Please stand as able.*

### Sequence Hymn 76

*Winchester New*

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose



1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 re - fugc, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

**The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

### 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.

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.

## Advent Prayers of the People

Margaret Dowling

*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 (insert prayer list here) *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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### 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

*An Introduction to 'Hark! The Glad Sound'*

Judith Bingham

Hark! The glad sound, the Savior comes -  
Let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song -  
The treasures of his grace enrich the humble poor.

*As the organ introduces the hymn, the People stand and heartily sing:*

1. Hark the glad sound! The Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior prom-ised long;  
2. He comes the pris - oners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's bond-age held;  
3. He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing soul to cure,  
4. Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come shall pro-claim,

let ev - ery heart pre - pare a throne and ev - ery voice a song.  
the gates of brass be - fore him burst, the ir - on fet - ters yield.  
and with the trea - sures of his grace, to'en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
and heaven's e - ter - nal arch - es ring, with thy be - lov - ed name.

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.

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer B

*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 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

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*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 Anthem

*Zion Hears the Watchman Singing*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Zion hears the watchmen singing,  
And all her heart with joy is springing;  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;  
Her dear Friend comes down all glorious,  
The strong in grace, in truth victorious.  
Her Star is risen, her Light is come.  
Now come, O Blessèd One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son:  
Sing Hosanna! O hear the call! Come one, come all,  
And follow to the banquet hall.

*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 65

*Bereden väg för Herran*



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



*Refrain*  
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

### The Dismissal

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

### Postlude

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

Emma Lou Diemer

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Each week our unbelievably talented organists provide voluntaries before (the prelude) and after (the postlude) the service. These are like mini concerts for us – and what a blessing they are. You are invited to stay for a few moments at the end of the service to listen to these musical offerings, as your time allows. Don't forget to thank them, too!

## TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Marshall McMain, *Crucifer*  
Jeannie Welsh & Christopher Jungers, *Lectors*  
Margaret Dowling, *Intercessor*  
Holly Hubbs, *saxophone*  
Peter Ryker, *Usher*  
Jeannie Welsh, *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*  
The Rev. John Gardner, *Rector*  
Donald R. Meineke, *Director of Music*  
Fatimah Lane, *Director of Operations*  
Ella Christy, *Rentals Manager*  
Meg Cooley, *Communications Coordinator*

Dr. Benjamin Leiby, *Associate Organist*  
Demetrius Swinson, *Assistant to the Dir of Operations*  
Daniel Cooper, *Media Coordinator*  
Julie White, *Receptionist & House Staff*  
Dr. Stephen Framil, *Musician-in-Residence*  
Dr. John French, *Organist/Choirmaster emeritus*

### **The Choir of Holy Trinity**

Gail Caruso, Stephanie DeMane, Will Dowling, Carl  
Ellinwood, Brian Felty, Franny Geller, Andrew  
Gutknecht, Alyson Harvey, Kate Nicole Hoffman, Samuel  
Keeler, Thomas Kneeland, John Miles, Titus Muzi, Mike  
O'Bryan, Ellen Peters, & Aimee Pilgermayer

### **Church of the Holy Trinity, Vestry Leadership**

Oscar Gunther & Simson Hui, *Rectors' Co-wardens*  
Michael Uftring & Greg Maughan, *Accounting Co-warden*  
Nancy Rasmussen, *Clerk*;  
Gail Caruso, Sally Griffith, Susan Leidy, Martha  
Lipscomb, & Emily Stromberg, *Vestry*

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**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.

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- 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.

