he Church of the Holy Trinit

The Second Sunday of Advent

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II



December 10, 2023

What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, December 10	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 4:30 pm	Adult Education - Advent 2 Holy Eucharist - The Second Sunday of Advent Refreshments Chorister Rehearsal Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Church Choir Room Walnut St.
Monday, December 11	10:00-3:00 7:00 - 9:30	Church Open Choral Arts Philadelphia Rehearsal	Church
Tuesday, December 12	10:00-3:00 4:30 pm	Church Open Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Wednesday, December 13	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm 6:30 pm	Church Open Advent Organ Meditation December Vestry Meeting	Church Online
Thursday, December 14	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm	Church Open Healing Service	Prayer Chapel
Friday, December 15	7:30 pm	Philadelphia Chamber Music Society Con	cert Church
Saturday, December 16	8:00 am	Concert Rehearsal	Church
Sunday, December 17	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Adult Education Holy Eucharist - The Third Sunday of Advent Refreshments Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing Commonwealth Youth Choirs Concert	Church Church Church Walnut St. Church

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

A few reminders and information for your time with us today

Service: Everything you need to join in the service is in this bulletin. If you have questions or need assistance, please ask one of the ushers (who handed you this bulletin) or a neighbor in your pew.

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 in the back near the service bulletins for those who wish to stay with their families during the service. We also have the "Pew Pen" in the front of the church for those we need a little more space to move around.

Restrooms are located at the front of the church. Walk down the left aisle toward the door with the EXIT sign. Go through the door, and turn left. Men's room is straight ahead, women's to the right. If you prefer a gender neutral bathroom, please ask our ushers to show you where this is.

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.

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: All who are baptized in any Christian tradition are welcome to join us for communion (all ages are welcome). If you prefer a blessing, please let one of the clergy know. We will share the bread and wine at the altar rail at the front of the church. Gluten free wafers are available. If you are unable to come to the front, or prefer to stay in your pew and keep social distance, we will bring communion to you.

More Information? Join us at the Welcome table in the back of the church or 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.

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

Welcome & Parish Notices

Lighting the Advent Wreath - Advent 2

Presider Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,

People since as members of one body you were called to peace.

Presider: Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us

grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the

world. Amen.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn 71

Bristol



Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

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 from Mass of the Quiet Hour

George Oldroyd

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Ieannie Welsh

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her

that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass,

their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,

y to the cities of Judai

"Here is your God!"

See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85 Benedixisti, Domine

- You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, * you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- You have forgiven the iniquity of your people * and blotted out all their sins.
- I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.
- Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- Truth shall spring up from the earth, * and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, * and our land will yield its increase.
- Righteousness shall go before him, * and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gail Caruso

Reader A reading from Second Peter.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader The V

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

Gospel Acclamation

The acclamation is sung once by the cantor and then by all:



Choir: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

All singing: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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.

Prayers of the People, Advent I

Andy Gutknecht

Presider

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, bring your people your most gracious comfort and the strength to be heralds of glad tidings; that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray:

Intercessor

O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths.

People Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

People Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

^{*}The word 'catholic' refers to the universal church and not the Roman Catholic church.

Intercessor 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 Linda, Don, Marie, Catherine, Julia, Emily, Matthew, Jamie, Diana, Steve, David, and Yueh-Ha;

that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

People Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

Intercessor In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice.

We pray for those who rejoice this week; that they might obtain joy and gladness,

and sorrow and sighing might flee away.

People Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

Intercessor In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your Son, to be born of our sister Mary.

And his name was Emmanuel: GOD WITH US. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love

but see no longer.

People Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

Presider O Christ, hear our prayers; and when you come among us baptizing as with fire,

may we, your Church, be ready to meet you and find our home in you. Come

Lord Jesus. Amen.

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

Offertory Sentence

Presider

In the tender compassion of our Gods, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1:78-79.*

If you wish to offer a financial gift to the church, you are invited to do so during the Offertory Anthem. If you prefer to give electronically you can text CHT DONATE to 73256 or use the QR Code on page 3.

Offertory Anthem

O Radiant Dawn

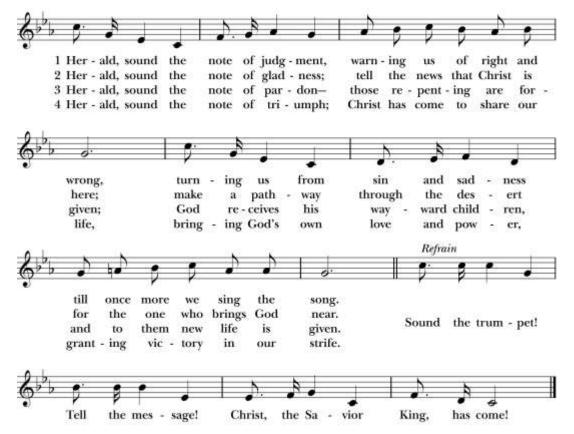
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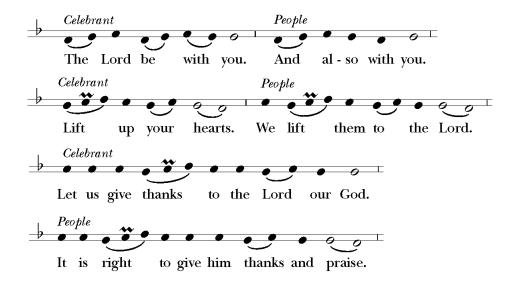
O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Isaiah had prophesied: the people who walked in darkness have seen the great light upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. Amen.

Please stand as able.

Offertory Hymn 70

Herald, Sound





Celebrant

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus from Mass of the Quiet Hour

Oldroyd

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

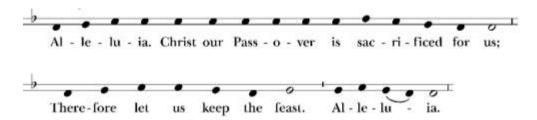
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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

Fraction Anthem S 152



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)ad,

Distribution of Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers to the rail at the front of the church. We will bring communion to those unable to come forward or 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 to offer healing prayers during communion.

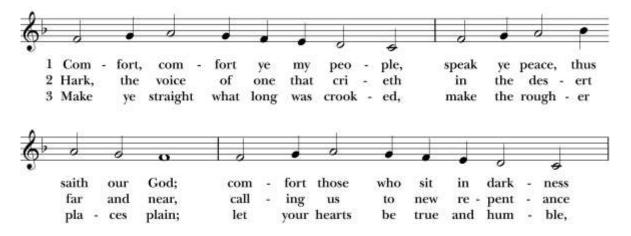
Agnus Dei from Mass of the Quiet Hour

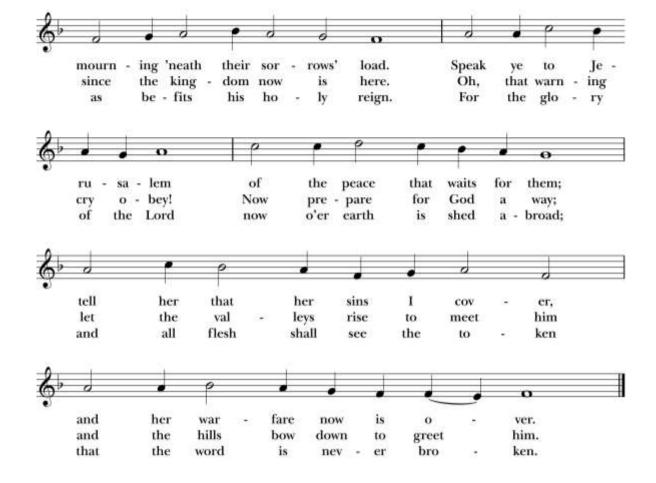
Oldroyd

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Communion Hymn 67

Psalm 42





At the invitation of the Celebrant, please stand as able.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be upon you, the Spirit's outpouring be over you, now and always. Amen.



The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Freu dich sehr Georg Böhm

PARTICIPANTS

Robert Lipscomb, Crucifer
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Boyden Gardner, Streaming
Peg Mertz, Refreshments

Sunday Adult Education at 9:30 am

A look at the Advent readings through the lens of Art.

Dec 10/Advent 2 - Pieter Brueghel the Younger, St. John the Baptist Preaching (1601)

Dec 17/Advent 3 - Anton Raphael Mengs, Saint John the Baptist Preaching (circa 1775)

Dec 24/Advent 4 - John Collier, The Annunciation, (2000)

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you wish to give a memorial or honorary gift and help decorate the church for Christmas you can use the envelope in the back of the church or

TEXT FLOWERS to 73256

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23
9:30am - Noon Help Decorate the Church

Sunday, December 24

11:00 am Holy Eucharist – 4th Sunday of Advent2:00 pm Blessing of the Creche8:00 pm Lessons and Carols

Monday, December 25
10:00 am Holy Eucharist - Christmas Day

Parish Survey

The Congregational Life Committee has put together a brief survey of 11 questions. The results will be used by the Vestry as a way of meeting parishioners' needs better. Paper copies of the survey are in the back of the nave at the Welcome Table.

If you prefer an online form, follow this link: www.tinyurl.com/CHTsurvey

Interested in knowing more or getting involved?

Stop by the Welcome Table in the back of the church and let us know what you're interested in – we want to use YOUR gifts and the skills you want to share. For specifics see below!

if you love to iron or polish silver, join the altar guild! Don -mckenzie2101@aol.com
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if you want to give back to the community - volunteer at Open Hearts
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a44ada72faa8-open#/
if you love this church and want to tell others about it - join us at the Welcome Table!! - Andy
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ADVENT ORGAN MEDITATIONS

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