

HOLY TRINITY

Episcopal Church



The Holy Eucharist

December 5, 2021: The Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m.

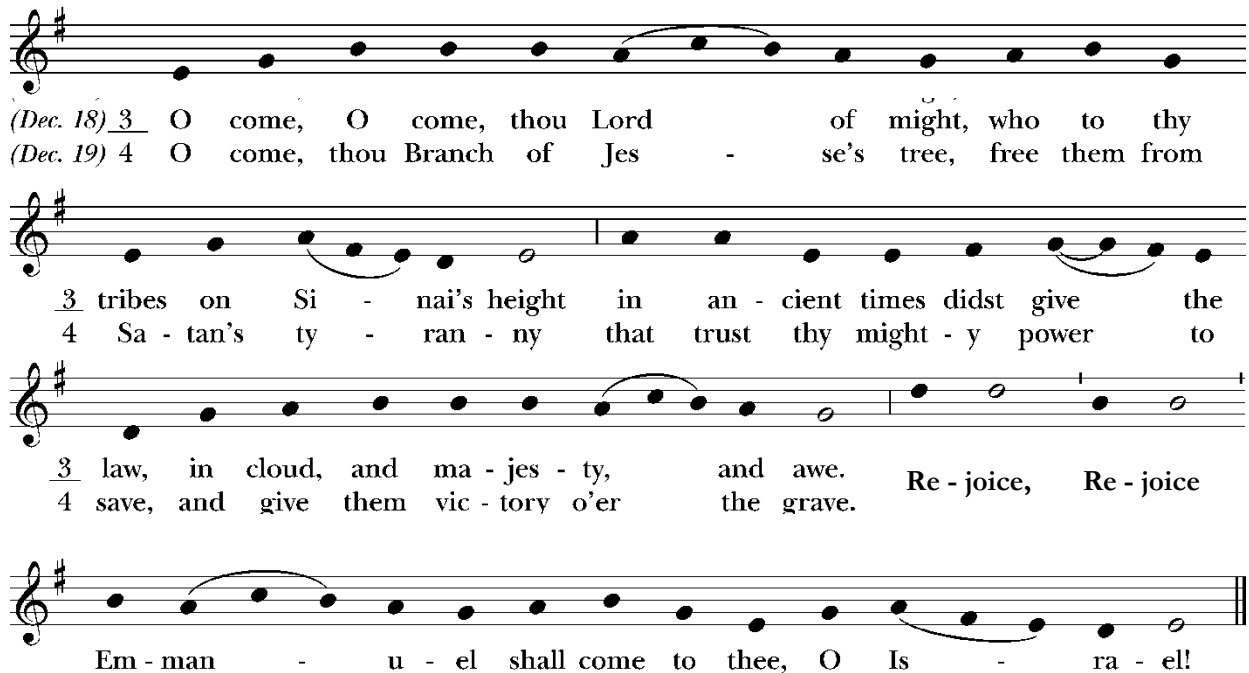
Welcome! The clergy and people of Holy Trinity are glad that you are worshipping with us today. If you are a visitor, we invite you to introduce yourself to one of the clergy following the service or join us for any of our online worship services or activities during the week. If you are looking for a parish home, we hope you will find one here.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Throughout the service, the People make the responses in **bold print**. If you wish, you may make the sign of the cross over yourself wherever + appears.*

INTROIT: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL VV3-4

HYMNAL 56



(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
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
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe. Re - joice, Re - joice
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!



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.



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

Celebrant +Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity and the People respond Amen.

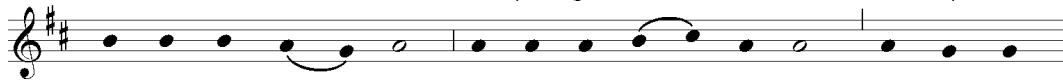
HOLY GOD, HOLY AND MIGHTY, HOLY IMMORTAL



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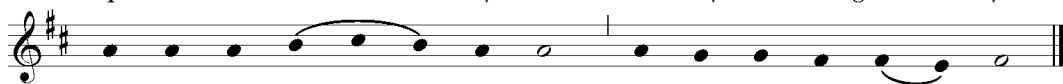
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,



Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy



up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,



Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

All are seated for

THE FIRST READING

BARUCH 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,
'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;

look towards the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

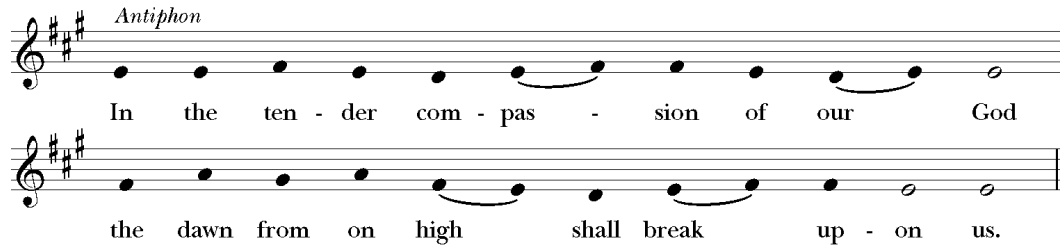
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 16: THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

The choir sings the antiphon and the People repeat it. All sing the antiphon together at the marked places.

Antiphon



In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us. *Antiphon*

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. *Antiphon*

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

The People stand for the

SEQUENCE HYMN: THERE'S A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS CRYING

HYMNAL 75



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a____
2 O____ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
3 but the word of our God____ en - du - reth, the____



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst____ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The____
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
flowers of the field they____ per - ish, like
feed his____ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our____ God____ may go!
na - tions shall____ pass like a dream____ a - way;
lead them, and____ bring them____ safe to his fold.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 3:1-6

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

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

The People are seated for
THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

All stand for the Creed. It is traditional to bow at the underlined words.

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM V

BCP 389

Intercessor In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Andrew our own Bishop, for Daniel our bishop-elect, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, for those who are present and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially... that, being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially... and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer and the People respond Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE PEACE

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel and a period of silent reflection is held.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
People **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.**

The Celebrant pronounces absolution and the People respond Amen.

The People stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

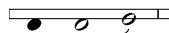
The Celebrant then invokes the Holy Spirit over the bread and wine and the assembly, praying that all may receive the benefits of Christ's work and the renewal of the Holy Spirit. At the following words, the People may make the sign of the cross over themselves:

Celebrant +Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

The Great Thanksgiving concludes

Celebrant ...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.

People



A - men.

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say

People

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The consecrated Bread is broken and a period of silence follows.

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.

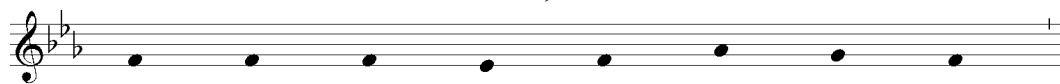
If you are participating in this liturgy from a distance, the Church teaches that the full sacramental benefit of the Eucharist can be received by desire alone. Even in a time of physical separation from the Altar, you are loved and held

by the One who created the world and gave it shape. If you wish, you may use this prayer of spiritual communion to focus your desire.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: REDEEMER OF THE NATIONS, COME

HYMNAL 55



1 Re - deem - er of the na - tions, come;
 2 From hu - man will you do not spring,
 3 You came forth from the e - ter - nal God,
 4 With God the Fa - ther you are one,
 5 Your cra - dle shines with glo - ry's light;
 6 All praise, O un - be - got - ten God,



1 re - veal your - self in vir - gin birth,
 2 but from the Spi - rit of our God;
 3 and you re - turned to that same source.
 4 and one with us in hu - man flesh.
 5 its splen - dor pierc - es all our gloom.
 6 all praise to you, e - ter - nal Word,



1 the birth which a - ges all a - dore,
 2 O Word of God, come; take our flesh
 3 You suf - fered death and har - rowed hell,
 4 Oh, fill our weak and dy - ing frame
 5 Our faith re - flects those ra - diant beams;
 6 all praise, life - giv - ing Spi - rit, praise,



1 a won - drous birth, be - fit - ting God.
 2 and grow as child in Ma - ry's womb.
 3 and reigned once more from God's high throne.
 4 with god - ly strength which nev - er fails.
 5 no night shall o - ver - come it now.
 6 all glo - ry to our God Tri - une.

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After Communion the People stand and the Celebrant leads this prayer

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.

The Celebrant blesses the People.

CLOSING HYMN: PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

HYMNAL 724

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 Celebrant dismisses the People and all respond: Thanks be to God.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; and Andrew, our bishop; for Daniel, our bishop-elect; for the people and clergy of the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, especially in Cange and Bois Joli; for all those who are persecuted for their faith; and for the clergy, staff, and vestry of our parish.

We pray for Joseph, our President; Henry, our governor; and all entrusted with authority and those who influence public opinion; for peace and justice throughout the world, especially in the Holy Land, Haiti, Cuba, South Africa, and Afghanistan; for healthcare workers and other frontline workers; for those affected by natural disasters; for healing for our nation and the courage to work for justice and peace; for all students, faculty, and staff of schools and universities, especially for families with young children.

We pray for all those in any kind of need or trouble, especially Dot and Bill, Violet, Jude, Roy and Charlotte, Frieda Wald, Carolyn Foster, Jasy, Beverly Martineau, Ann and Fred Hoffman, Kate Hindin, Kris, Betty Carter, Tom Maertens, Moira, Scott, Graham, and Ross, Robert Bennett, Andy O'Day, Andrea Walker, Jack Elam, John Gilreath, Carmen Lingle, the Skardon family, Joan Gombar, Maria Stamey, Katie Campbell-Smith, Josh and Brie, Jared, Kathy, Almeta Williams, Stephanie, and all who have COVID and their families.

We pray in thanksgiving for all who are recovering and have recovered from COVID-19, for the COVID vaccine and those who have taken it, and the birthdays of Rebecca Eidson, Tommye Hurst, Graydon Wallace, Mary Bowman, Phoebe McPeak, and Paul Thackham.

We pray for the repose of the souls of all the departed, especially Ben Skardon, Bill Maker, Sallie Wigington, Marilyn Kennedy, and of all who have died from the coronavirus this week.

Please send us your prayers of thanksgiving as well as prayer requests. All names will be listed for three weeks unless a longer time is requested. To add a name to the list, send an email to Serena DuBose at daffydubose@gmail.com. Please consider if you need to speak to someone before adding a name to the list to prevent misunderstandings.