

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

# Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

December 11, 2022: *The Third Sunday of Advent*

10:30 a.m., Rite II

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## Welcome!

We are so glad that you are worshiping with us today. Everything you need to know about this morning's worship is contained in this leaflet; page numbers refer to the blue *Hymnal*, green *Wonder, Love, and Praise*, or red *Book of Common Prayer*, found in your pew. Announcements about upcoming events in our parish community are on your insert; please take it home with you so you can stay up to date!

**If you are a visitor**, we invite you to fill out a yellow welcome card and leave it in the offering plate, and to introduce yourself to one of the priests following the service. If you are looking for a parish home, we hope you will find one here.

**If the Episcopal style of worship is new to you**, we hope that you will follow along with the suggested congregational actions (in italics), ask for help if you need it, and participate as you feel comfortable.

**If you are a family with young children**, we're thrilled that you're here – what you're doing is hard and important work and we want to support you fully. Please know that you and your kids are welcome in church, no matter how loud or quiet you are. We get it; we were kids once too! If your kids need room to move around, please feel free to make use of the play space in the narthex (lobby) to the left as you leave the worship space, or the chapel space to the left of the altar. Your family's creativity, energy, and affection add to our worship experience!

**If you need a restroom**, there is one to the right as you leave the worship space, or across the breezeway in the parish house, to the left. Our ushers would be happy to help you find your way.

**Everyone is welcome here.** Holy Trinity welcomes people of every race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, age, physical and mental ability, national origin, economic station, and political ideology to full participation in the life of our community. God's love flows to and through each of us.

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.*

PRELUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

CHOIR

HYMN: REJOICE! REJOICE BELIEVERS

HYMNAL 68

- 1 Rejoice! rejoice, believers,  
and let your lights appear!  
The evening is advancing,  
and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising,  
and soon he will draw nigh;  
up, watch in expectation!  
at midnight comes the cry.
- 2 See that your lamps are burning,  
replenish them with oil;  
look now for your salvation,  
the end of sin and toil.  
The marriage-feast is waiting,  
the gates wide open stand;  
rise up, ye heirs of glory,  
the Bridegroom is at hand!
- 3 Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, thou Sun so longed for,  
above this darkened sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord, to see

the day of earth's redemption,  
and ever be with thee!

*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.*

TRISAGION

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

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

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated for*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

ISAIAH 35:1-10

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

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

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

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

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

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

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

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

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

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

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;

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

No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

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

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

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand for the*

SEQUENCE HYMN: COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

HYMNAL 66

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
    born to set thy people free;  
    from our fears and sins release us,

let us find our rest in thee.

- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art:  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a king,  
born to reign in us for ever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

**Canticle 15 Page 91, BCP**

**The Song of Mary *Magnificat***

*Luke 1:46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my **Savior**; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly **servant**.

From this day all generations will call me **blessed**: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his **Name**.

He has mercy on those who **fear him** \*  
in every **generation**.

He has shown the strength of his **arm**, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their **conceit**.

He has cast down the mighty from their **thrones**, \*  
and has lifted up the **lowly**.

He has filled the hungry with **good things**, \*  
and the rich he has sent away **empty**.

He has come to the help of his servant **Israel**, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of **mercy**,  
The promise he made to our **fathers**, \*  
to Abraham and his children for **ever**.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spirit**: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen*.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JAMES

JAMES 5:7-10

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

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 11:2-11

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

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

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

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

who will prepare your way before you.’

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

*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.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

We pray especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel our Bishop; and Suz, our priest.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for Joe, our President; Henry, our Governor; and for all who serve in our legislatures and courts

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray especially for

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

We pray especially for the repose of the souls of

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. 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 People may exchange signs of greeting with one another and are then seated.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

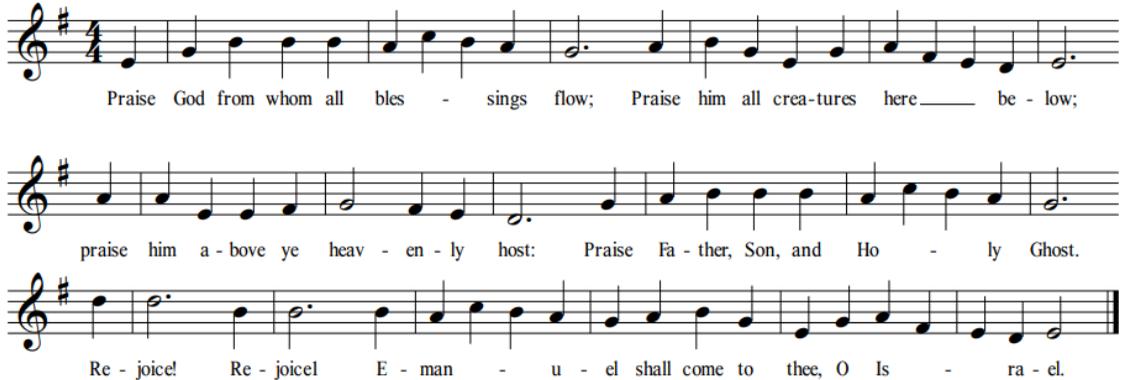
*The Celebrant says a sentence of scripture and the Table is set while a hymn or anthem is sung. When all is ready, the People stand.*

AT THE OFFERTORY

What Sweeter Music

Williams/Somervell

Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here be low;  
praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Re-joice! Re-joice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*The Celebrant give thanks to God the Father and concludes*

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:



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.



Blessed is the one

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na \_\_\_\_\_ in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues, praising God for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ and recalling the events of the Last Supper.*

*Celebrant* Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
*People* **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...

*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:*



- 2 Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail;  
faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.  
I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told;  
what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.
- 3 O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death;  
living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath,  
grant my spirit ever by thy life may live,  
to my taste thy sweetness never-failing give.
- 4 Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold,  
what my soul doth long for, that thy word foretold:  
face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see,  
in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.

*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.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN: TELL OUT, MY SOUL, THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD      HYMNAL 437

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

his mercy sure, from age the same;  
his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

POSTLUDE

VOLUNTARY ON 'WINCHESTER NEW'

CRAIG SELLAR LANG

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

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