

*The Festival Service*

*of*

*Holy Communion*

*Christmas Eve*

*2019*

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*Festival Music*

*at 9:45 p.m.*

*Candlelight Service at 10:30 p.m.*

## *Preservice Music from the Gallery*

*9:45 p.m.*

### ***Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*** 17<sup>th</sup> Century French Carol

Text: *Liturgy of St. James*

Arr. Gustav Holst

paraphrased by Gerard Moultrie (1829 – 1885)

(1874 – 1934)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our  
God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. King of kings, yet  
born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords in human  
vesture, in the Body and the Blood He will give to all the faithful His own  
Self for heavenly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads ins  
vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of  
endless day, That the powers of hell may vanquish as the darkness clears  
a way. At His feet the six winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, Alleluia Lord most High!" Amen.

### ***Hodie Christus natus est***

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

(1562 – 1621)

Today Christ is born. Alleluia. Today the Savior has appeared. Alleluia.  
Today on earth the angels sing; the arch angels rejoice. Noel.  
Today exalt the just saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia.

### ***O Come, O Come Emmanuel***

Arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)

Text: Gregorian chant "*Veni Emmanuel*" and Robert Shaw (1916 – 1999)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine Advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Come, Thou key of David, come, and open our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

## ***Mary Had a Baby***

## **African-American Spiritual**

Arr. William Dawson  
(1899 – 1990)

Holly Holdaway, *mezzo-soprano*

Mary had a Baby, My Lord!

Where was He born? Born in a manger.

Oh, Mary had a Baby born in a manger, Mary had a Baby, My Lord!

What did they call Him? "King Jesus."

Oh, Mary had a baby, He was called "King Jesus," Mary had a Baby, oh yes!

He is called "King Jesus," "Mighty Counselor," "King Emmanuel,"

"Mighty God," "Everlasting Father," "Prince of Peace."

Mary had a Baby, My Lord.

## ***The Procession of Choir and Clergy***

### ***Divinum Mysterium***

c. 13<sup>th</sup> Century Plainsong

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348 – c.410)

“*Of the Father’s Love Begotten,*” tr. H.W. Baker, J.M. Neale

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega: He the source, the ending he. Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace, By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race; And the Babe, the world’s Redeemer, First revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord - Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word. Now he shines, the long expected; Let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be: Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore. Amen.

***Canzona per sonare No. 4*** (c.1608)

Giovanni Gabrielli

from *Canzona per sonare con ogni sorte di stromenti*, Venice (1557 – 1612)

Holy Trinity Brass Ensemble

***I Wonder as I Wander***

Appalachian Carol

Text: *Songs of the Hill-Folk, American Folk Song Series* Arr. John Jacob Niles

(1892 – 1980)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, How Jesus the Savior did come  
for to die. For poor on'ry people like you and like I... I wonder as I  
wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall, With wise men and  
farmers and shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a star's light  
did fall, And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, A star in the sky, or a bird on the  
wing, Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing, He surely could have it,  
'cause he was the King.

***Magnificat***

Arvo Pärt

Text: Luke 1: 46-55

(b. 1935)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;  
For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.  
Behold, from henceforth, I will be called blessed by all generations.  
For the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is His name.  
His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with His arm,  
He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy.  
Accordingly to the promise He made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to His descendants forever.  
My soul magnifies the Lord.

## ***Huron Carol***

Traditional Canadian Carol

Text: St. Jean de Brébeuf (c. 1643), tr. J.E. Middleton

Arr. Sarah Quartel

'Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled,  
That mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead;  
Before their light the stars grew dim, and wand'ring hunters heard the hymn:  
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

Within a lodge if broken bark the tender babe was found,  
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round;  
But as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high:  
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair,  
As was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.  
Chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.  
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

O children of the forest free, O sons of Manitou,  
The Holy Child of earth and heaven is born today for you;  
Come kneel before the radiant boy, who brings you beauty, peace, and joy,  
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

## ***This Endris Night***

from *Three Nativity Carols* (1998)

15th Century English Carol

Arr. Stephen Paulus (1949 – 2014)

Paul Schlossman, *oboe*

Hope Wilk, *harp*

This endris night I saw a sight, a star as bright as day;  
And ever among, a maiden sung, "lullay, by by, lullay."  
This lovely lady sat and sung, and to her child did say:  
"My son, my brother, father, dear, why liest thou in the hay?"  
The child then spake in his talking and to his mother said:  
"Yea, I am known as the heaven king, in crib though I be laid."  
"Now sweet son, since thou art a king, why are thou laid in stall?  
Then why dost not order thy bedding in some great kinges hall?"  
"Mary mother, I am thy child, though I be laid in stall;  
For lords and dukes shall worship me, and so shall kinges all.  
And in thy arm thou hold me warm, and keep me night and day,  
And if I weep and may not sleep, Thou sing, by by, lullay."

***Gaudete*** from *Two Medieval Lyrics*

Text: *Jistebnice* (1420), *Piae Cantiones* (1582)

Steven Sametz

(b. 1954)

Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born of the virgin Mary, rejoice!!

It is now the time of grace that we have desired;  
Let us sing songs of joy, let us give devotion.

God was made man, and nature marvels;  
The world was renewed by Christ who is King.

The closed gate of Ezechiel has been passed through;  
From where the light rises salvation is found.

Therefore let our assembly now sing, sing the Psalms to purify us;  
Let it praise the Lord; greeting to our King.



It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute  
and harp, to the melody of the lyre.  
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at  
the works of your hands I sing for joy. (*Psalm 92*)

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Our congregation has been blessed extraordinarily  
with members and friends whose love of music and  
exceptional generosity make possible the special  
presentation we offer each Christmas Eve.  
Holy Trinity Church wishes to acknowledge and give  
thanks for gifts given in loving memory of:

Elizabeth Lochhaas,  
Jack Grabenstatter  
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth H. Eckhert, Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. James Marion Geiger,  
Helen Geiger, and Ruth H. Geiger

## ***The Service***

**10:30 p.m.**

### ***Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church!***

*Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us. We proclaim ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation to all of God's people; welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We believe that our openness will allow us to grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.*

*We invite our guests as well as members to fill out the blue sheet, found inside your bulletin, and place in the offering plate.*

*Share your story!*

*Check-in, Tweet, post, or send an Instagram about your experience at Holy Trinity.*

*Use #PowerofTrinity to share your Faith in an instant!*

*Find us on Facebook at:*

*Facebook.com/holytrinitybuffalo*

*Facebook.com/BuffaloHTLCMusic*

## **INTRODUCTION**

In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

## **ANTIPHON**

***O Emmanuel***

*from the Great "O" Antiphons*

**Peter Hallock**

**(1924- 2014)**

*Timothy Flynn, cantor*

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver,  
the desire of the nations and their salvation:  
come and save us, O Lord our God.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*



# **WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY**

## **AT THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE**

### **The Christmas Proclamation**

Today, on the eve of the twenty-fifth day of December, unknown ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth and created man and woman in God's own image.

Several thousand years after the flood, when God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant.

Twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah;

Thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt.

Eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the Judges;

One-thousand years from the anointing of David as king;

In the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel.

In the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;

The seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome.

The forty-second year of the reign of Emperor Octavian Augustus;

The whole world being at peace, Jesus Christ, the eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, and nine months having passed since his conception, was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary.

Today is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

## **THE MOTET**

***Still, Still, Still***

Austrian Carol

Text: Marilyn Keith and Alan Bergman

Arr. Norman Luboff (1917 – 1987)

Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, holy star its vigil keeping. Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Saviour's birth. The night is peaceful all around you; close your eyes, let sleep surround you. Sleep, sleep, sleep 'tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.

Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number watch you as you sweetly slumber. Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.

## **THE READING: Isaiah 9:2-7**

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

## **THE GOSPEL PROCESSION**

*Sussex Carol*

Traditional English Carol

Text: Luke Wadding, 1684

Arr. Fraser Wilson

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring:  
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad?  
When from our sin He set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place.  
Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night;  
“Glory to God and peace to men, Now and forevermore. Amen.”

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

<sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" <sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

<sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of Our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Peeling of Tower Bells and Festival Procession**

**Adeste Fidelis** (1989)

Arr. James Bigham, Jr.

HTLC Director of Music 1977 – 2017

***O Come, All Ye Faithful*** “Adeste Fidelis”

**ELW 283**

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels:  
(*Refrain*) O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
2. The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! (*Refrain*)
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest: (*Refrain*)
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the father, now in flesh appearing: (*Refrain*)

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

**THE SERMON**

**The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II**

*(The congregation may stand.)*

## THE HYMN

***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*** “Mendelssohn”

**ELW 270**

Setting by James Biery

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

*Refrain*  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise each child of earth,  
born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 PEACE**

**The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.**

*Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.*

*(The congregation is invited to greet the person(s) around you with a handshake, hug or another appropriate greeting, after which, the congregation may be seated.)*

## THE OFFERING

As part of our outreach into our neighborhood, city and region, Holy Trinity has supported a variety of social ministry agencies throughout the years. This year, we have shared gifts with:

Caribbean Children's Foundation, Lutheran Charities, The Network of Religious Communities, School 17, Niagara Lutheran Health System, LuMin, Voice Buffalo, LCLC, Reconciling Works, Lung & Cystic Fibrosis research and Resurrection Lutheran Church (summer program).

Your generosity at Christmastime helps to support these valuable ministries. Thank you!

## THE ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

*Hodie Christus natus est*

Heinrich Schütz

(1585 – 1672)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*      Aurora DePaul, *soprano*  
Maria Parker, *mezzo-soprano*      Thane Schulz, *tenor*  
Benjamin Lawson, *tenor*      Timothy Flynn, *bass*  
Holy Trinity Brass Ensemble

Today Christ is born. Alleluia. Today the Savior has appeared. Alleluia. Today on earth the angels sing; the arch angels rejoice. Noel. Today exult the just saying Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia.

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

## THE PRAYER AT THE OFFERING

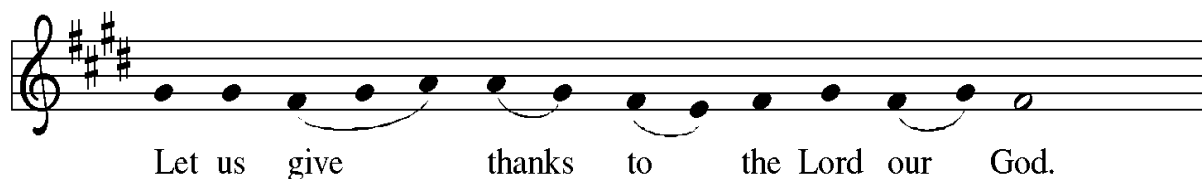
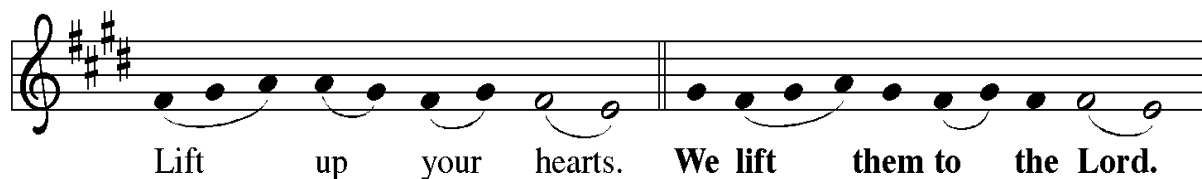
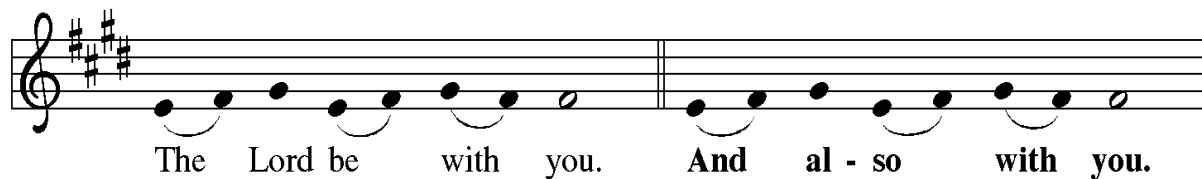
Let us pray together.

**Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**



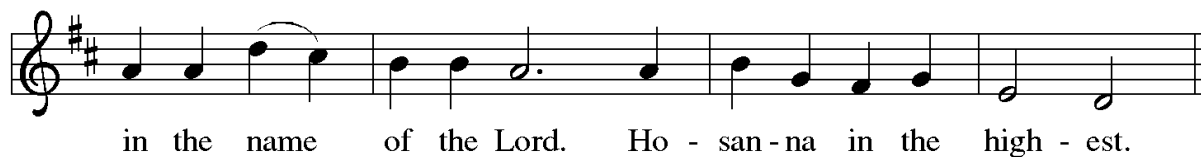
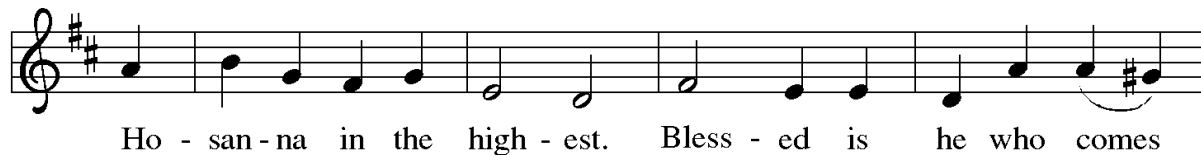
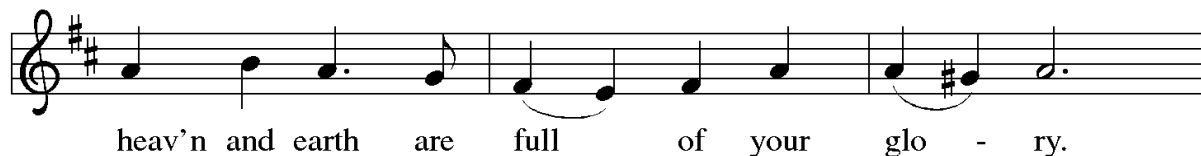
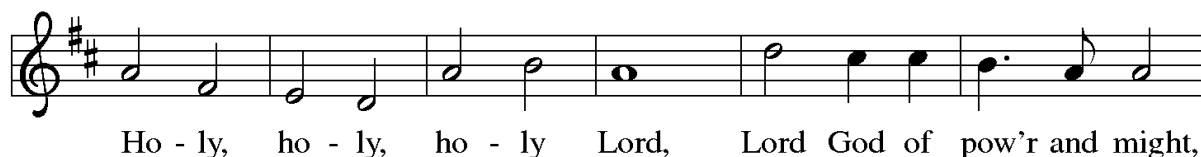
# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



## PREFACE:

It is indeed right ..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

# THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

## *Invitation to Communion*

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Beginning with those seated closest to the altar, you are invited to come forward down the center aisle to the presiding minister. Receiving the wafer in your hand, you are invited to dip or “intinct” the wafer into the chalice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available by simply asking the Pastor as you are served. Adults or children choosing not to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so. Come eat and drink; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTHEMS

### *Interlude from Ceremony of Carols*

Benjamin Britten

(1913 – 1976)

Hope Wilk, *harp*

### *Serenity (O Magnum Mysterium)*

Ola Gjeilo

(b. 1978)

Shannon Levine, *cello*

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger!

Blessed is the virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord, Jesus Christ! Alleluia!

### *Away in a Manger*

J. E. Spilman (1812 – 1896)

Text: Anonymous, 19<sup>th</sup> Century American

Arr. Paul Sjolund

Carolyn Lansom, *mezzo-soprano*

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

Mary Kay Atlas, *soprano*

Julie Tunstall, *flute*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

### *Christ the Appletree*

Stanford Scriven

Text: compiled by Joshua Smith, 1784

(b. 1988)

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green; the trees of nature fruitless be, compar'd with Christ the appletree. This beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see, in Jesus Christ the appletree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought; miss'd of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the appletree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the appletree. I'm weary'd with my former toil; here I will sit and rest a while; under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the appletree.

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

### **THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

### **THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES**

(You may be seated as worship leaders light candles beginning at the aisle. As you light the next candle down the row, please lean the unlit candle to the flame.)

# *O Holy Night*

Adolphe Adam

(1802 – 1856)

Arr. Dudley Buck

(1839 – 1909)

Roger VanDette, *tenor*

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining; it is the night of the dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night divine; O night, O night divine.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand. So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here came the wise men from the Orient land. The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger – in all our trials born to be our friend. He knows our need! He guardeth us from danger. Behold your King! Before the lowly bend! Behold your King; your King, before him bend!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

## **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all. Amen.**

# THE CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

## *Silent Night* “Stille nacht”

ELW 281

1. Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright;  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child,  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar;  
Heavenly hosts sing, “Alleluia.  
Christ, the Saviour, is born!”
3. Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love’s pure light;  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

## THE RESPONSIVE PRAYER

The people who walked in darkness  
**have seen a great light!**

God is with us!

**Emmanuel!**

May the light of Christ, rising in glory  
**dispel the shadows in our hearts and minds.**

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

## THE BENEDICTION

Grace from God's own heart, peace from the † Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

**Amen.**

*(Please extinguish your candles.)*

## THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Joy to the World* "Antioch"

**ELW 267**

Setting by Robert A. Hobby

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| <p>1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!<br/>Let earth receive her king;<br/>let ev'ry heart prepare him room<br/>and heav'n and nature sing,<br/>and heav'n and nature sing,<br/>and heav'n, and heav'n<br/>and nature sing.</p> <p>2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!<br/>Let all their songs employ,<br/>while fields and floods, rocks,<br/>hills, and plains<br/>repeat the sounding joy,<br/>repeat the sounding joy,<br/>repeat, repeat the sounding joy.</p> | <p>3 No more let sin and sorrow grow<br/>nor thorns infest the ground;<br/>he comes to make his blessings<br/>flow<br/>far as the curse is found,<br/>far as the curse is found,<br/>far as, far as the curse is found.</p> <p>4 He rules the world with truth and<br/>grace<br/>and makes the nations prove<br/>the glories of his righteousness<br/>and wonders of his love,<br/>and wonders of his love,<br/>and wonders, wonders of his love.</p> |
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## THE DISMISSAL

Joy to the world, the Lord is come.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Mendelssohn"

Sir David Willcocks  
(1919 – 2015)





***Worship Leaders***

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II – Preacher  
The Rev. Brenda Maynor – Celebrant

***Reader***

Gwen Howard-Mann

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Holy Trinity Chancel Choir  
Christmas 2019

Justin T. Pomietlarz, *conductor* 2003

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| Mary Kay Atlas, <i>soprano</i> 1984  | Michael Blaschke, <i>tenor</i> 2015     |
| Rory Buscaglia, <i>alto</i> 2019     | Cris Campana, <i>soprano</i> 1997       |
| Jennifer Carden, <i>soprano</i> 2019 | Susan Cosentino, <i>alto</i> 2019       |
| Daniel Culross, <i>tenor</i> 2005    | Aurora Deeds, <i>soprano</i> 2010       |
| Colleen Flynn, <i>soprano</i> 2004   | Timothy Flynn, <i>bass</i> 2002         |
| John Georger, <i>bass</i> 2008       | Holly Holdaway, <i>soprano</i> 2005     |
| Emily Kaufmann, <i>soprano</i> 2014  | Shane Keyes, <i>baritone</i> 2017       |
| Carolyn Lansom, <i>alto</i> 2008     | Benjamin Lawson, <i>tenor</i> 2019      |
| Shannon Levine, <i>soprano</i> 2013  | Stefanie Lizauckas, <i>soprano</i> 2005 |
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| Ronald Pellnat, <i>bass</i> 1971     | Kristen Pomietlarz, <i>alto</i> 2017    |
| Anne Schneider, <i>alto</i> 1987     | Thane Schulz, <i>tenor</i> 1996         |
| Julie Tunstall, <i>soprano</i> 2008  | Roger VanDette, <i>tenor</i> 1996       |
| Darold Wobschall, <i>bass</i> 1957   | Jennifer Yap, <i>soprano</i> 1998       |

Each singer in the Chancel Choir makes a devoted personal commitment of time and musicianship to sing in this beloved ensemble. We honor them by recognizing the year in which they first came - sharing their voice, heart and spirit - to sing at Holy Trinity.

Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants who minister in Thy temple.  
Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts,  
and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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## *A Few Announcements*

Our Christmas Day service will be held at 10:30 am in the Chapel.

The Church Office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, December 25 and 26.

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at the completion of the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services. Immediately following the 10:30 meeting, we will be holding a potluck dinner. Please bring your favorite dish to pass and join us for fun and fellowship.

Our community meal ministry/Sue's Supper, will be hosting a free dinner on Wednesday, January 15 at 5:30pm. Please note Sue's Supper has moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. We will hold a brief evening worship following supper. The entire church family is invited to this event for food and fellowship.

Changes to the Church Paper: We will continue to publish our Church Paper every other month. However, **beginning in January 2020**, we will no longer be mailing paper copies without a print subscription. You will have the option of subscribing to a paper edition. The cost would be \$10 per year and you will need to call the church office to sign up for this delivery. You will be able to find the newsletter on our website, or you may sign up to receive it via email. **Please know that copies are always available on the tables at the church or chapel entrance ways or at the church office.** If you would like to sign up electronically, subscribe to your print edition, or if you have any questions about this transition, please call the church office at 716-886-2400.

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