



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent
Celebrating our 141st Anniversary

Holy Communion – 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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!*

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INTRODUCTION

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

VOLUNTARY

O Sapienta and O Oriens from O Antiphon Sequence

Cecila McDowall
(b. 1951)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10:30)

THE ANTIPHON

O Oriens

from the *Great "O" Antiphons*

Peter Hallock

(1924 - 2014)

O Oriens, O Rising Dawn,
Brightness of the light eternal, sun of righteousness:
Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn "Rejoice, Rejoice"

ELW 242

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

Amen.

Let us come before the living God in confession.

You are invited to kneel or sit, as you are able (10:30)

As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,
**we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us.
Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our
sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in
your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant
love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, † Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

While we light the Advent Wreath we sing together:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: ELW 257 vs. 1, 2 & 3

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

O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

The first reading for the Third Sunday of Advent is recorded in Isaiah, the 35th Chapter.

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it 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.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say 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.”

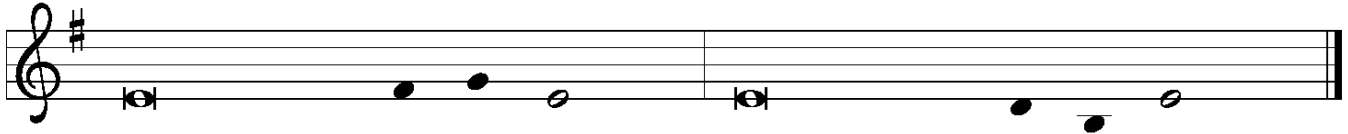
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸A 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.
⁹No 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.
¹⁰And 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146:5-10

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**
who keeps promis- | es forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those
who hunger.

The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those**
who | are bowed down;

the LORD | loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the
way | of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall | reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

The second reading for today is recorded in James, the 5th Chapter.

⁷Be 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. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



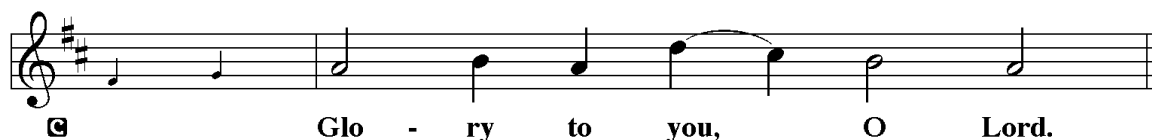
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:46b-55

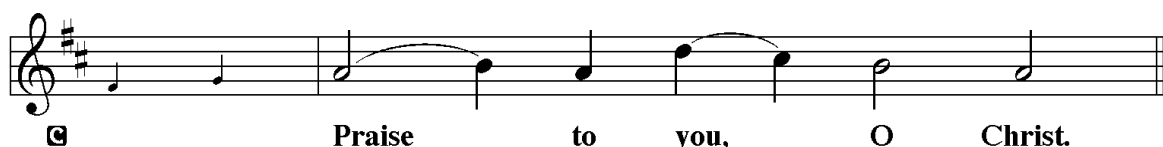
The holy gospel according to Saint Luke



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

^{46b}My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, ⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: ⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name. ⁵⁰You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation. ⁵¹You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit, ⁵²casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly. ⁵³You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the promise of mercy, ⁵⁵the promise made to our forbears, to Abraham and his children forever.

The gospel of the Lord:



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Light Dawns on a Weary World “Temple of Peace”

ELW 726

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Holy God, we rejoice that your promises take on flesh in Jesus. Grant patience to your church awaiting the fulfillment of your reign of justice and peace. Restore in us the hope that we are called to proclaim to the world. Strengthen all communities of faith, including the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Life-giving God, we rejoice that you coax flowers from the desert and water from the wilderness. Send rain to parched fields and sun to flooded plains. Nurture all that lies sleeping under frozen ground. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Almighty God, we rejoice in your authority as Prince of peace. Deliver us from those who wield power through unjust and oppressive ways. Raise up prophets to speak your truth in this and every nation. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, we rejoice that you dwell in human bodies. Renew signs of your joyful presence in people of all shapes, sizes, ages, and abilities. Empower all to embrace their callings and the gifts of your Spirit. We pray for all those we now name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts... . Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Generous God, we rejoice that you create us to praise you. Strengthen the voices and hands of all who prepare to celebrate Christ's birth with music, dancing, and proclamation, in worship and in the community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, watch over all of us, the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Carina and Jacob. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we rejoice that all who die in Christ are raised to new life. We thank you for the lives of those who have prepared the way for us and have now joined the great cloud of witnesses. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

(8:30)

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

Sing Ye a Joyful Song from Biblical Songs Op. 99, No. 10
(Psalm 98:1-8)

Antonín Dvorák
(1841 – 1904)

Timothy Flynn, *bass*

Sing ye a joyful song unto the Lord,
Who hath done marvelous, marvelous things.
Praise the Lord all the earth !
Sing praises, shout and be joyful.
Let the sea roar and all that is therein.
The round world and all they that dwell there.
Lift your voices, floods and tempests.
Mountains, clap your hands for joy.
Let the fields laugh and sing with waving corn,
and let all the trees of the forest be joyful!

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

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!

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

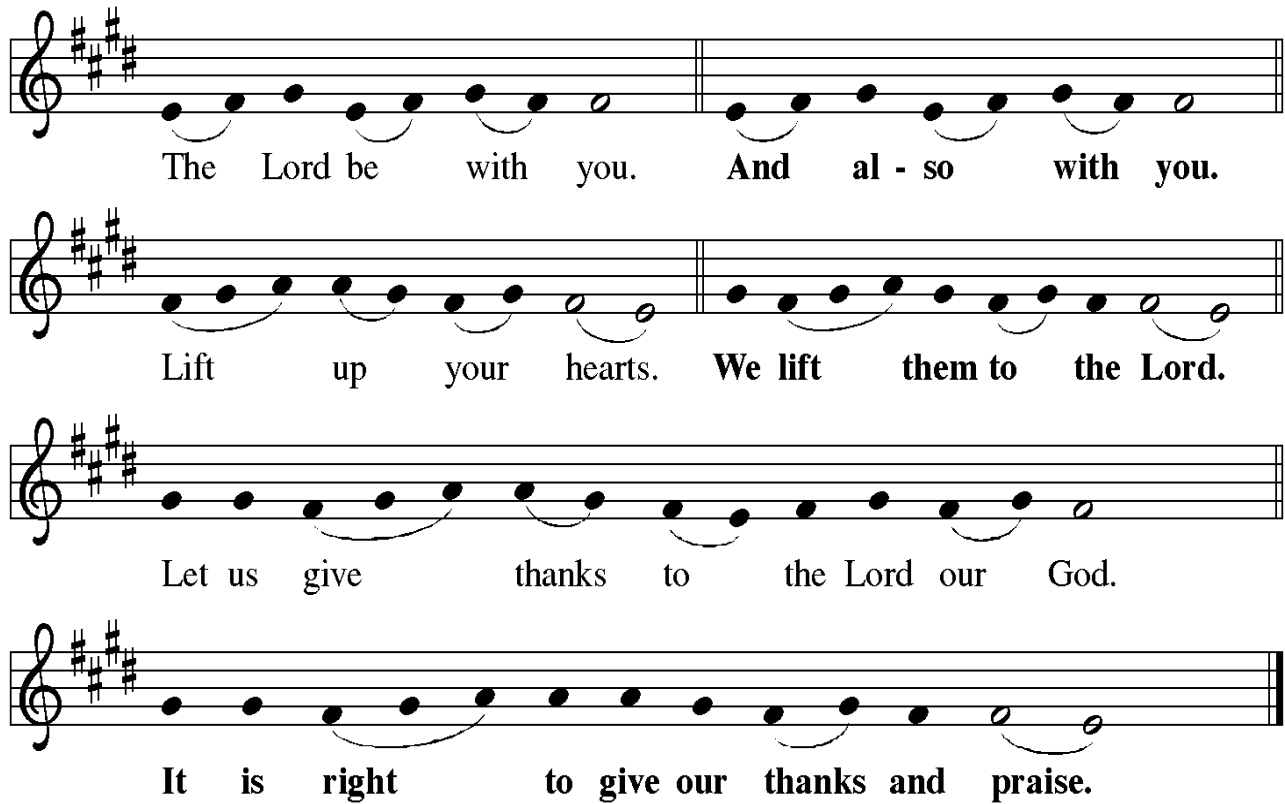
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW 885

“Old Hundredth”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav’nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

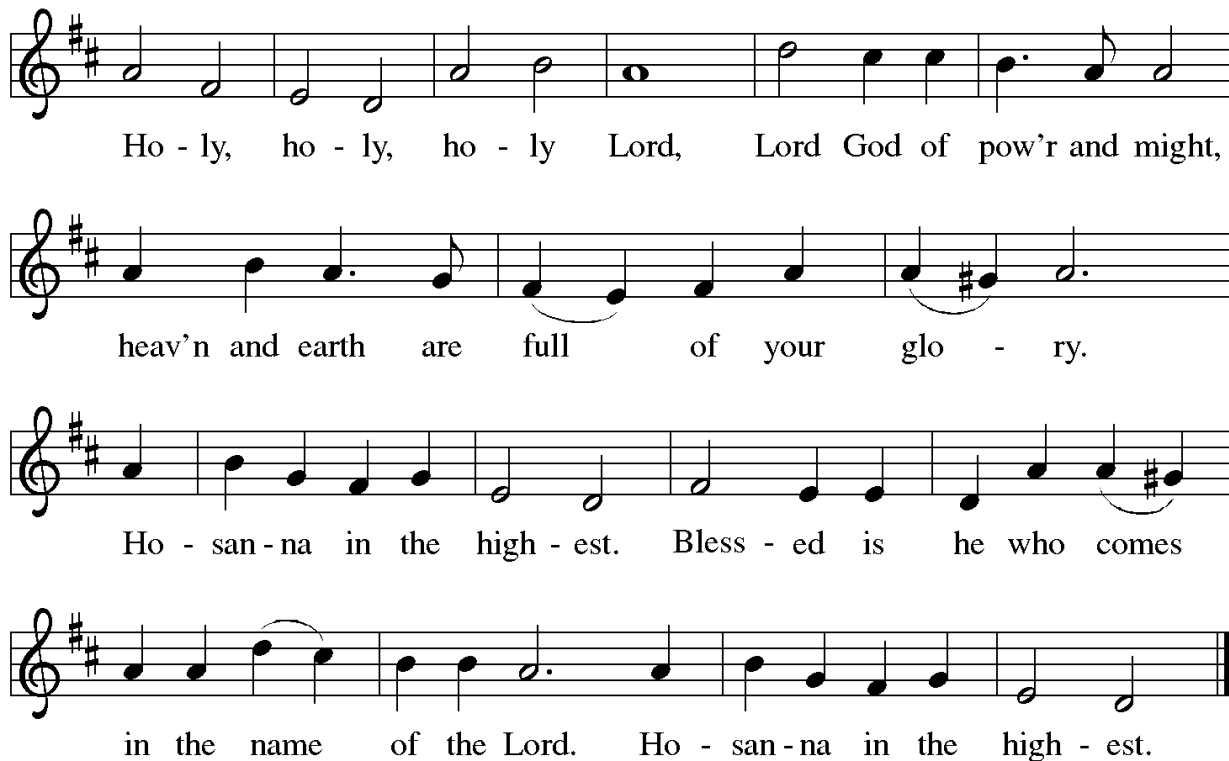
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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.

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.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

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 to the communion rail (or to the presiding minister if the communion rails are not in place) and kneel or stand at the next available place at the rail. 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; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord.

(8:30)

SOLO AT COMMUNION

Ave Maria

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Charles Gounod (1818 – 1893)

Timothy Flynn, *bass*

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women; And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

Magnificat

Luke 1: 46-55

Arvo Pärt

(b. 1935)

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.

Please stand as you are able.

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, whose mercy endures from generation to generation: As Mary set out to visit Elizabeth before she gave birth to her son, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion, that through the body and blood of your Son we may all know the hope of your promised coming in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice. May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom. May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance. The blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry "Puer Nobis"

ELW 249


DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O Clavis David from O Antiphon Sequence

Cecila McDowall
(b. 1951)



*We invite you to join us downstairs in Redeemer Hall
for refreshments and fellowship following the 10:30 Service.
All are welcome.*



Music Notes

This setting of the Magnificat by Arvo Pärt was written in 1989. The piece is in the “tintinnabular” style (Pärt’s self-titled style, imitating the ringing of bells), wherein a melodic voice, operating over diatonic scales, and tintinnabular voice, operating within a triad on the tonic, accompany each other. Tintinnabulation is the most important aspect of Pärt's Magnificat. According to Pärt's biographer and friend Paul Hillier, the Magnificat "displays the tintinnabuli technique at its most supple and refined." Pärt also uses drones; a second-line G in the alto near the end of the piece, as well as the third-space C (on which the soprano solo line always stays) which provides a tonal center for the piece. Hillier says that "many pieces [by Pärt] tend through length and repetition to establish a sense of timelessness or a continual present; the use of drones (which are in a sense a continuous repetition) reinforces this effect."

Arvo Pärt's wife Nora has said of his music, "The concept of tintinnabuli was born from a deeply rooted desire for an extremely reduced sound world which could not be measured, as it were, in kilometres, or even metres, but only in millimetres....By the end the listening attention is utterly focused. At the point after the music has faded away it is particularly remarkable to hear your breath, your heartbeat, the lighting or the air conditioning system, for example."

Structurally, the work can be divided into what Hillier refers to as "verse" and "tutti" sections. The verse sections include one voice (often a soprano solo) which remains constantly on third-space C, as well as a lower, melodic line. The tutti sections make use of either three, four, or six voice parts. The soprano soloist joins in the tutti sections at times. Adapted from: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magnificat_\(P%C3%A4rt\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magnificat_(P%C3%A4rt))



Day “Buy” Day Thanksgivings

December 22 In Loving Memory of Nick Campana, on what would've been his 86th birthday. Sadly missed by wife Cris, sons Shane and Sean and 7 grandchildren.

December 31 The first day of retirement for Heidi Kunz. Now we will be together 24/7/365. (Prayers requested). From her husband Earl.

Now you can honor special events and special people in your life!
Send us a Day Buy Day Form with a check made payable to Holy Trinity for \$25 for each event you wish to honor. Proceeds will go toward the Education Committee and help sponsor the Confirmation Camp for youth here at Holy Trinity.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, December 15, 2019 – Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Forum (FR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (FI)
- 1:00 p.m. HT Play (CH)
- 2:30 p.m. Worship to Go at Wedgewood

MONDAY, December 16, 2019

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Christmas Party (FR)
- 11:00 a.m. Christmas basket assembly (RH)

TUESDAY, December 17, 2019

- 6:30 p.m. Community Music School Rehearsal (CH)

WEDNESDAY, December 18, 2019

- 5:00 p.m. Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus (MC)
- 5:30 p.m. Sue's Supper (RH)
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Worship (RH)
- 7:30 p.m. HT Play (CH)

THURSDAY, December 19, 2019

- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MR)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

FRIDAY, December 20, 2019

- 11:00 a.m. Poinsettia delivery

SATURDAY, December 21, 2019

- 9:00 a.m. Poinsettia set-up
- 11:00 a.m. Christmas Dress Rehearsal (MC)
- LYO Christmas Party and Overnight

SUNDAY, December 22, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/chapel choir (CH)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (FI)

CH = Mansperger Chapel
FR = Fellowship Room
MR = Music Room
SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room
FI = Fireside Room/Library
PS = Pastor's Study
SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room
MC = Main Church
RH = Redeemer Hall
YR = Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY FORUM: Today join our own Dr. Roy Clare for the Annual Christmas Sing-a-long. Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

THE H.T. PLAYERS are back with a new theater production called “The Mystery of The Manger Bed” directed by Marty Bauer. The play will be staged in a style known as “reader’s theater” where the emphasis is put on the beauty of words and storytelling. **Performances will be today at 1:00pm and Wednesday, December 18 at 7:30pm in the Chapel.** Admission for these performances is a free-will offering at the door. Proceeds will benefit the LYO Mission fund to help cover the costs of the National Gathering and other mission events.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Once again the congregation is being asked to contribute toward the purchase of poinsettias which will be placed in the chancel for Christmas. Flowers are \$10 each and may be given in memory or honor of someone. Order forms are available in the entrance ways.

HOLIDAY BASKETS: The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee will once again be collecting food and cash donations for our holiday baskets. All non-perishable food items will be used for the baskets. Cash donations to help provide gift certificates and can be sent to the church office and designated “holiday baskets”. The Committee will be preparing the baskets on Monday, December 16 following Bible Study at 11:00am. All are welcome. Thank you for your donations.

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.

ANGEL/MITTEN TREE: Don't miss the opportunity to spread Christmas cheer and warmth to the children of Buffalo PS 17 this season! You have 2 options:

In the area just outside the Sanctuary, you'll find the Holy Trinity Angel Tree. Here you'll choose a child's name along with a list of needs and gift ideas. **Place your gifts under the HT Angel Tree by today** and we'll do the rest!

Another option is placing an item on one of the Holy Trinity Mitten Trees. These will be located right outside the church office, and the chapel, to receive brand new hats, mittens, and warm accessories for the children. Our partnership with Public School 17 ensures a cozy and bright holiday for dozens of underprivileged kids, and an unbelievable feeling of warmth for you. Thank You!

OUR COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY/SUE'S SUPPER, will be hosting a free dinner on Wednesday, December 18 at 5:30pm. **Please note Sue's Supper has moved to the 3rd 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.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS - Gifts that grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives. ELCA Good Gifts, from goats to water wells, school uniforms to food for refugees, make great alternatives to traditional Christmas gifts. In addition to ELCA Good Gifts, Holy Trinity has added ornaments to support The Burrito Project and Sue's Supper. Choose from more than 50 charitable gifts to give in honor of loved ones. Please visit the Good Gifts tree, located in the Fireside Room, to "shop" for your gift. Choose your ornament and then visit www.elca.org/goodgifts to purchase your gift. See either Pastor Miller or Pastor Maynor with questions.

GIVE + APP: Introducing the Give+ App, a new way to share your offering without cash or checks. Simply go to the App Store on your phone or tablet and search and install "GivePlus Church". Click on "Find Churches Near Me" and select Holy Trinity. You can click on Give Now for a one time gift or create your own account. Follow instructions to complete your gift. Detailed instructions can be found on the table in the entrance way. Look for the Give + Church flyer.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Holy Trinity has an electronic option for making regular offerings or a one-time donation. If you would like to sign up, please fill out the forms located on the tables in the narthex and return to the office. Please call the church office with questions.



2019 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Chapel Choir
10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Chancel Choir

CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:30 p.m. Family Service
9:45 p.m. Preservice music
10:30 p.m. Festival candlelight service of Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:30 a.m. Christmas service (Chapel)

At 8:30 a.m. the worship assistant is Ethan MacDonald. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Roger Draper. Communion assistant is Susan Bundt. Ushers are Dave and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Uli MacDonald. Lay reader is Clyde Terry. Altar guilds are Claire Carmer and Doreen Griebel. Greeters are Ruth Schmidt and Gary and Kathy Szakmary. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan (captain), Ryon Fleming, Herb Hough, Charmaine Kaltrider, Kurt and Mary Kaufmann, Joe and Martha Kryszczuk and Juan Perez. Communion Assistants are Jim Dunnigan, Helen Wright, Morgan Leiser and Alex Rojek. Worship Assistants are Alex Rojek, Delayne Pace, Robert Mann, Sean Mann, Justin Rojek, Sofia Atlas, Tim Yap, Saniyah Gilchrist and Morgan Leiser. Collection counters are Jim Dunnigan and Tom Johnson.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of my father David Ray Rice and in celebration of what would be his 83rd birthday by Pastor Brenda Maynor; and In Loving Memory of W. Dana Jones and Elizabeth Jones by Kevin, Helen, Ann Marie and Randi Jones.

Council member Thedralyn Bradley will be at the Entrance Way to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Carina Culross and Jacob Brown.

The flag flying on the flagpole has been dedicated In Memory of Ken James by Gail and John Camilleri.



Stewardship Thought of the Day

*Let us remember the poor, and not forget kindness to strangers;
above all, let us love God with all our soul, and might,
and our neighbor as ourselves. Athanasius of Alexandria*

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