

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Offering Companionship along the Way

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Prelude Organ Improvisation on Stuttgart

Opening Hymn 66 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Candle Lighting Hymn 56 vss. 1, 2 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni. veni Emmanuel

THE WORD OF GOD

Pastor Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Holy God: Trisagion Hymnal S 102

Alexander Archangelsky

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

Psalm 122 Plainsong, Mode 1.7

1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

- 2 Now our feet are standing * within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, * the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, * the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: * "May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, * I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, * I will seek to do you good."

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Gradual Hymn 454 Jesus came, adored by angels

Lowry

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 24:36-44

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

Sermon The Rev. Heidi Truax

A time of Silent Reflection

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for all peoples throughout the world, especially the people of Ukraine and all here in the US who have been victims of gun violence.

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all those in religious orders, for lay and ordained ministers, and all the holy people of God;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We give thanks at all times for the blessings of our lives. We lift up our thanksgivings (we leave time for people to say silently or aloud the things for which they are grateful.) Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

On our parish cycle of prayer we pray today for Randy Orzano and Gretchen Hachmeister, for Tom Ragan, for Biz Rogers and for their families;

That we may serve and love them, and one another, as Christ loves us.

Have compassion on those who suffer, especially (we read from the list and leave time for other names to be added.) We pray for all who are afflicted with any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all those who have died, especially those who we name (we read from the list and leave time for other names to be added.) Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for all the saints, those we love in this world, and in the next; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 60 Creator of the stars of night

Conditor alme siderum

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

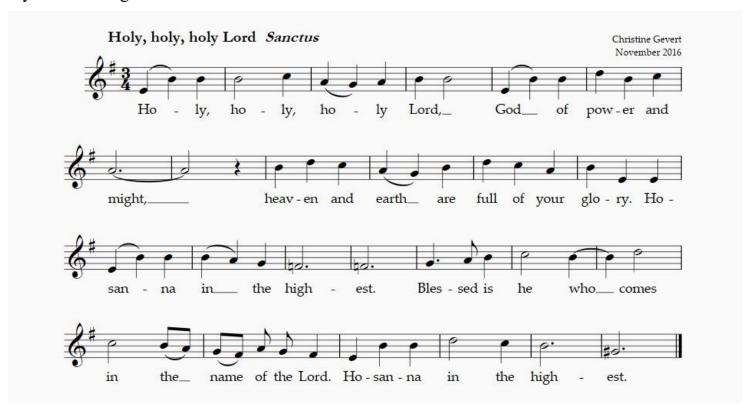
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

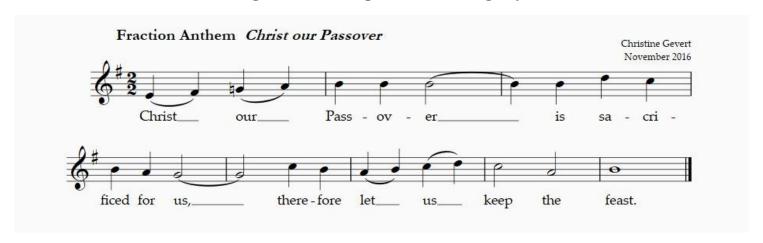
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



Distribution of Holy Communion at floor level

We offer wine and grape juice, blessed

Communion Hymn 313 Let thy Blood in mercy poured

Jesus, meine Zuversicht

Postcommunion Prayer

Lord, we watch, we wait, we look, we long for you. Dispel the clouds and darkness and awaken us to your glory, that we may walk in your light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

God, whom we expect and await, God who is ever with us; Draw you to his love, draw you to his light, draw you to himself. And the blessing. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Final Hymn 68 Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

The Dismissal

Postlude Improvisation on tune *Llangloffan*

The greens on the altar this season are given by Fran Colombo, Fred and Sally Harris, and by Eleanore Boyse, who gives them in the memory of her sister, Jacqueline Kuhn.

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director: Christine Gevert
Minister of Communion: Theresa Kenny
Lector: David Booth Beers

Epistoler: Tom Schindler Intercessor: Linda Lloyd Altar Guild: Mike Cuoco Advent Greens: Theresa Kenny

> Counter: John Lloyd Usher: Alan Swide Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

Nov. 28—30 Pastor Heidi on retreat

Saturday, Dec. 3 5:00 PM Christmas tree lighting with carols and John Lloyd's famous doughnuts

Sunday, Dec. 11 12 Noon Vestry meeting

4:00 PM Crescendo Holiday Concert Resonet in Laudibus

Sunday, Dec. 18 Trinity Christmas Pageant *The Worried Wiseman*

Saturday, Dec. 24 4:00 PM Christmas eve service

6:30 PM Misa de Nochebuena

Sunday, Dec. 25 no 8 AM service

10:30 AM Christmas Day service

Thurs., Dec. 29 5:30 PM Crescendo Concert Story of Hope in the voice of the New World

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Mondays 7:00 PM Crescendo Rehearsal

Tuesdays 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous in Walker Hall

Wednesdays Services at Noble Horizons, Geer Nursing, Geer Lodge

6:00 PM on first and last Wednesday of the month, Women's AA in Walker Hall

Thursdays 1:00 PM Bible Study on Zoom

Saturdays 9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office

Please remember that we are filming this service and wait to have private conversations until after you have left the nave.

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