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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Holy Eucharist

December 15, 2024, at 8:00am and 10:30am



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Welcome to Trinity!

Trinity is an open and affirming congregation, where we believe every person is created in God's image and all creation is sacred. Our deep values are **Diversity** and **Inclusion**, **Community**, **Engaging our Neighbors**, and **Sacred Place, Holy Space**.

*The 10:30am service is being broadcast and recorded. By attending, you consent to your likeness and voice being broadcast, recorded, and published on the Internet and telephone broadcast system.*

Whether you are joining us in person or livestream, we are so glad you are here to worship with us on this holy day.

*We acknowledge that we worship on the unceded ancestral land of the Duwamish People past and present, the first people of Seattle, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe, to whom we pay Real Rent.*

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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**PRELUDE** Es ist ein Ros' entsprunge

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

### WELCOME

*Please rise as you are able.*

### HYMN & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (10:30)

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel



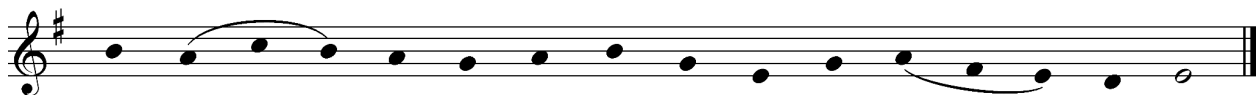
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.*

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*Hymnal 1982 #56*

*Presider* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People* **You come to your people and set them free.**

# TRISAGION

(8:00)

*Spoken 3 times*

**Holy God.**

**Holy and Mighty.**

**Holy Immortal One.**

**Have mercy upon us.**

(10:30)

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

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

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

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

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

- mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Enriching Our Music 1 #34*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

*Please be seated.*

### READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSE

## The First Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 12:2-6

*Refrain*

I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the  
 Lord, who's my sure de - fense and my friend.

Surely, it is God who **saves me**; \*  
 I will trust in him and not be **afraid**  
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure **defense**, \*  
 and he will be my **Savior**. *Refrain*

Therefore you shall draw water with **rejoicing** \*  
 from the springs of **salvation**.  
 And on that day you shall **say**, \*  
 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his **Name**; *Refrain*

Make his deeds known among the **peoples**; \*  
 see that they remember that his Name is **exalted**.  
 Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great **things**, \*  
 and this is known in all the **world**. *Refrain*

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your **joy**, \*  
 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of **Israel**.  
 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. Refrain*

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*Wonder, Love, and Praise #881*

**READING FROM THE EPISTLES**

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able.*

**HYMN (10:30)**

Watchman, tell us of the night

Aberystwyth

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise  
2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -  
3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo - ry -  
scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its  
dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray  
course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone  
are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;

aught of joy or hope fore - tell? Trav-eler, yes; it  
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav-eler, a - ges  
 hie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav-eler, lo! the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.  
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.  
 Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

*Two groups may sing antiphonally, alternating by sentences.*  
 Words: John Bowring (1792-1872). Music: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry (1841-1903).

*Hymnal 1982 #640*

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:7-18

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

### Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we

do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of our Savior.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Mr. John Terauds

*A brief period of silence follows the Sermon.*

*Please rise as you are able.*

**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,  
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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Submit your prayer request here: <https://rb.gy/erserv>*

*Prayer leader*

Kindred in Christ, may God strengthen our hearts in holiness. Trusting in God, let us pray, "O come, o come, Emmanuel; be our hope and our salvation."

God our hope, increase in us love for one another that we may abound in your love. We pray for Christians around the world, for every member of our Trinity community, for the people and ministries, for military and health care chaplains, our postulants Nathan and Tina, our rector Sabeth, our bishop Phil, and presiding bishop Sean. Keep your Church on the path of love and faithfulness. *Silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

**Be our hope and our salvation.**

God our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. We pray for the Duwamish people, for the women of WHEEL, and for all whose work centers the voices and experience of marginalized people. May all the world know your peace and safety. *Silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

**Be our hope and our salvation.**

God our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. Give us eyes to see you, wisdom to prepare for you, and faith to trust in you. *Silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

**Be our hope and our salvation.**

God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored: bring the people of this city and region, nation and world together in a spirit of love and respect. We remember with gratitude the many blessings of our lives, and the blessings we name now with our lips or in our hearts. *Silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

**Be our hope and our salvation.**

God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and suffering, the anxious and grieving. We pray for...and those we name now with our lips or in our hearts. *Silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

**Be our hope and our salvation.**

God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. May we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with your saints. We remember... and those we name now with our lips or in our hearts. *Silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

**Be our hope and our salvation.**

*Presider*

God of all peoples, nations, and languages, who is and who was and who is to come, hear the prayers we offer this day and enable us to serve you as faithful priests in your kingdom; through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence.*

God of all mercy, **we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.**

### **PEACE**

His judgment is not vengeance, and eye for an eye; his peace is not false, a veil for injustice; he comes to break the spear, to silence the guns and still our warring souls. May the peace of Christ rule our world and heal our hearts.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.*

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## **LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

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*Please be seated while the table is prepared.*

### **OFFERTORY**

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. (*Psalm 96:8*)

*You may make an offering at any time, before, during or after the conclusion of the service using our “Virtual offering Plate”*  
(<https://onrealm.org/TrinitySeattle/give/now>).



*To contribute via text: Text MYTPC \$25 (or any amount) to the phone number 73256. You'll receive a text message in response with your next steps. Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel. Privacy Policy: <https://legal.acst.com/privacy-policy> Terms of Service: <https://legal.acst.com/terms-service-use>*

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

Rejoice in the Lord alway

Anon

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice.

Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

*Please rise as you are able as the monetary offerings are brought to the altar*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

**And also 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.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

*(8:00)*

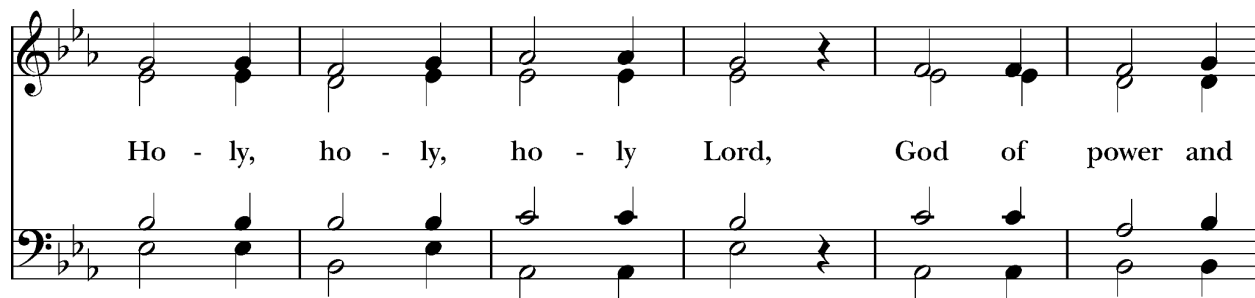
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

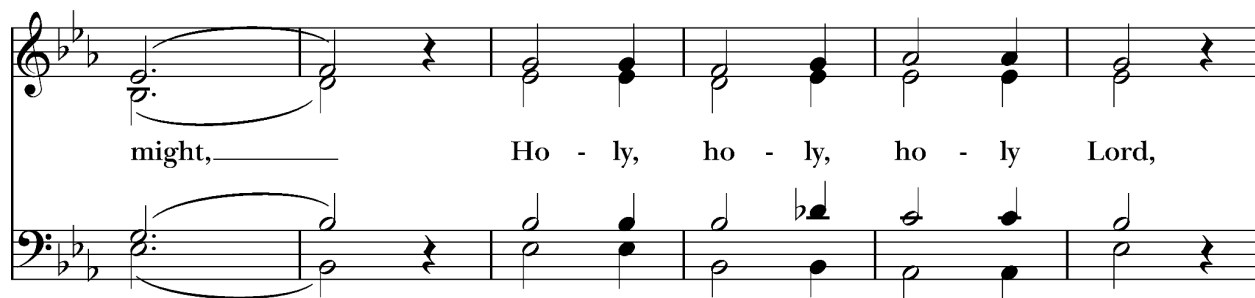
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

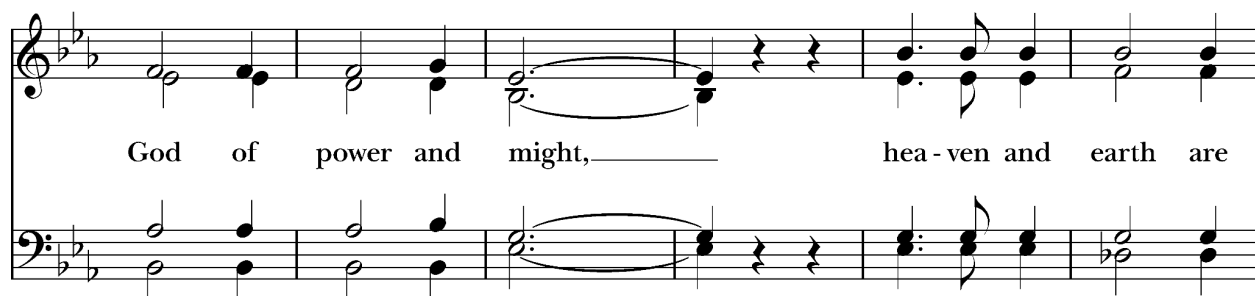
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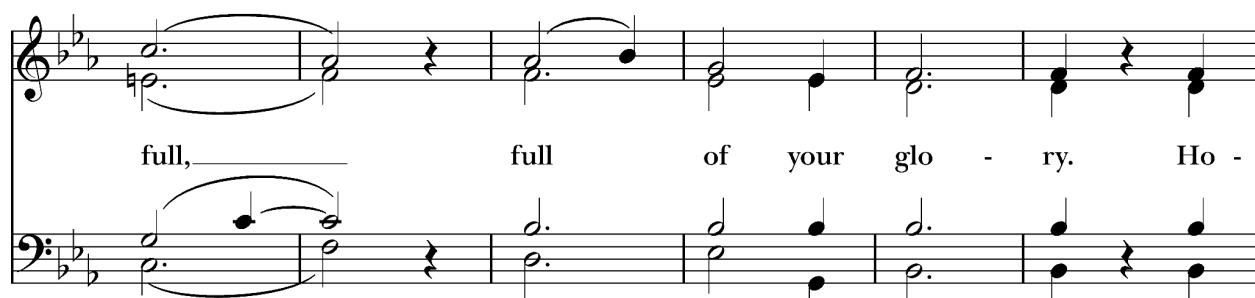
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



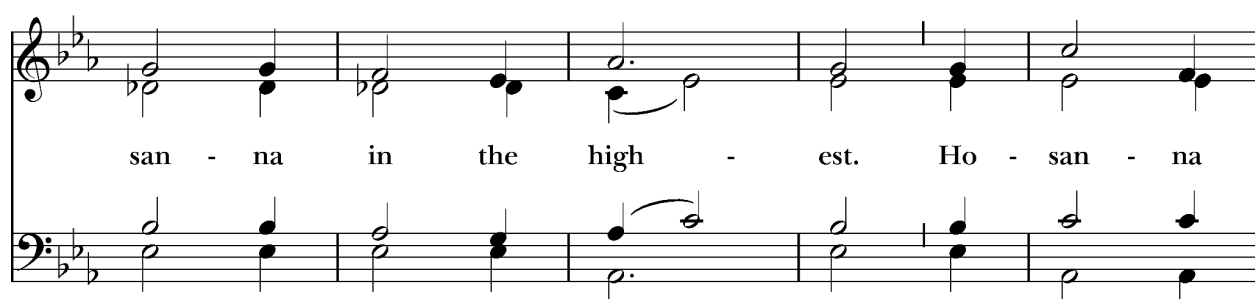
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

*Hymnal 1982 #S-130*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM

(8:00)

Jesus, Lamb of God: **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins: **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world: **give us your peace.**

(10:30)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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*Hymnal 1982 #S-164*



**For those participating remotely at 10:30am**, please join us in spiritual communion by praying from wherever you are:

O Christ, I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

## **INVITATION AND COMMUNION**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

*All who seek God are welcome at Christ's Table.*

- *Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask for one at the time of communion.*
- *Hold out your hand to receive the bread and then eat.*
- *Guide the chalice of wine to your mouth and then drink. Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not available at this time.*
- *To receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest.*
- *If you need communion brought to you at your seat, please notify an usher.*

## **COMMUNION ANTHEM**

Comfort, comfort ye my people

arr. Obenza

Comfort, comfort ye my people,  
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God.  
Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
Of the peace that waits for them,  
Tell her that her sins I cover,  
And her warfare now is over.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vestry Person of the Week

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Eternal God, we thank you that in Christ you give yourself into our hands: may we who have tasted life proclaim the coming feast when many will come from east and west, from north and south to greet the Lord of all; we ask this in his name. Amen.**

## BLESSING

May the God who brings heaven close to earth give truth to our judgment and flame to our longing that our hearts might be ready to be born again in love; and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## HYMN (10:30)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist cry

Hyfrydol

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

*Hymnal 1982 #76*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace and prepare the way of the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

JS Bach

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### MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

*8:00AM*

Acolyte: Marshall Bilderback

Lector: Michael Regis

Intercessor: John Terauds

Eucharistic Minister: Marshall Bilderback

Usher: Mary Johnstone

Vestry Person of the Week: Bill Harmon

Preacher: John Terauds

Presider: the Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons

*10:30AM*

Acolyte: Austin Matthews

Lectors: Carl McNabb, De Lise Hartzell

Intercessor: Marvin Taylor

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Johnson-Garnett,

Marvin Taylor

Ushers: Julien Goulet, Lauren Sharma

Organist: James Middaugh

Music Director: Markdavin Obenza

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## TRINITY CHIMES: NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

#### **Advent Resources For You to Take With You**

On the table at the back of the sanctuary you'll find Advent wreaths, Advent candle sets, Advent calendars, and devotional materials. Please take whatever may be useful to you as you prepare a place for God to come again into the world.

#### **Coffee Hour**

*TODAY, after both services*

Please join us in the Parish Hall (across the courtyard) for coffee and conversation.

#### **Community Lunch + Today's Community Conversation**

*TODAY, at 11:45AM in the Parish Hall*

Every 3rd Sunday of the month we host a FREE hot meal for our community and neighbors. All hungry humans are invited to eat! Today we are hosting an important community conversation and we encourage you to attend.

### **Vestry Meeting**

*TODAY, at 12:30PM in the Upstairs Vestry Room and on Zoom.*

*<https://tinyurl.com/TrinityVestry>*

All regular Vestry (leadership council) meetings are open to the congregation.

### **Evergreen Ensemble Christmas Concert**

*TODAY, 3:00PM in the Sanctuary*

Come hear iconic Christmas classics from composers like Morten Lauridsen, Norman Luboff, and John Gardner, and newer works from Ola Gjeilo, Sarah Quartel, Jessica French, and more! Tickets/info: [www.evergreenensemble.com](http://www.evergreenensemble.com).

### **Beautiful Individuals AA Meeting**

*Sundays at 7:00PM in the Trinity Library*

An AA meeting specifically for women, trans, and non-binary individuals.

### **Christmas Flower Dedications - *Print Deadline 12/17; Gifts welcome at all times***

*Tuesday, December 17 at 9:00AM*

Honor someone special by sponsoring Christmas flowers and greens. **Give online** (<https://onrealm.org/TrinitySeattle/-/form/give/now>) by selecting "Flowers Donations" from the fund list. **Give by check** to "Trinity Parish Church" with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. Gifts of any amount are welcome. Dedication messages can be sent to [office@trinityseattle.org](mailto:office@trinityseattle.org) by 12/17 at 9AM.

### **TANBIR AA Meeting**

*Thursdays at 8:00PM in the Trinity Library*

The Trans And Non-Binary In Recovery AA group is an open meeting.

### **Blue Christmas Service**

*Friday, December 20 at 7:00PM (in person only)*

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### **Radiance: An American Christmas**

*Friday, December 20 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall*

Ring in the holidays with Radiance's annual performance of early American music from Appalachia and New England. Rousing shapenote tunes and lively Shaker songs bring the cheer of Christmas to life. Tickets/info: [www.radiance.org](http://www.radiance.org).

### **Pre-Christmas Polishing Party with the Altar Guild**

*Saturday, December 21 at 9:00AM to Noon in the Sanctuary*

Join the altar guild in polishing all the shiny things in preparation for Christmas!

### **WHEEL/Women in Black Solstice Vigil**

*Saturday, December 21*

*at 4:21PM (Victor Steinbrueck Park, Western Ave & Virginia St)*

*at 5:00-6:00PM (Westlake Park, 4th Ave & Pine St)*

December 21, the Winter Solstice, is the longest night of the year, and it is National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day. WHEEL/Women in Black invite all people to join the annual Solstice Vigil to honor and remember all who've died outside, in public, or by violence this year. A sunset candle-lighting ritual and reading-of-names at the Tree of Life (Western/Virginia) is followed by an hour-long silent vigil from 5-6PM at Westlake Park (4th/Pine). *All are welcome*; we'll gather together for food and fellowship after the vigil!

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Greening the Church for Christmas**

*Monday, December 23 at 11:00AM to 1:00PM in the Sanctuary*

Come help decorate the church for Christmas with greens and light the Christmas trees. All ages welcome.

***See Our SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES on the Last Page of this Bulletin***

### **Church Office Closed for Winter Holiday Break**

*December 25 - January 5*

The church office will be closed over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

***Reminder! We will have ONE Service on Sunday, December 29 at 10:30am***

## **Ungreening the Church**

*Sunday, January 5 after the 10:30AM service*

On the 12th Day of Christmas, many hands will make tasks go quickly as we take down the Christmas greens, trees, and other Christmas decorations and store them away for another year. All ages welcome.

## **Bookmarks!**

*Sunday, January 5, at 12:15PM in the Trinity Library*

Bookmarks! is currently reading Barbara Kingsolver's *The Poisonwood Bible*. The book is set in Africa in the 1950's-1960's. How do we as people of faith interact with others? All are welcome to join us for our discussion on January 5!

## **Memorial Service for Neil Jacques (9/3/1934 - 6/16/2024)**

*Saturday, January 11, at 3:00PM in the Sanctuary*

Neil Malcolm Jacques passed away earlier this year on Father's Day. A memorial service has now been scheduled for January 11, 2025 at 3:00pm here at Trinity.

## **Compline (1st Thursdays)**

*Thursday, February 6 at 8:15PM to 8:45PM in the Sanctuary*

The Trinity Choir leads us in this brief, restful service at the end of the day.

After a holiday break, the Compline series resumes in February: 2/6, 3/6, 4/3

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Please Consider a Year-end Gift to Trinity**

*Will you consider celebrating Trinity's commitment to providing a safe and welcoming place for all people by making a year-end gift?* To ensure your gift is processed in 2024, please be sure to note the following **IRS deadlines**:

- **BY MAIL:** Any checks mailed to Trinity must be **POSTMARKED** by the USPS **by Tuesday, December 31** to be counted toward your 2024 giving records. (*We encourage you to mail them even earlier, in case of potential USPS delays.*) Trinity's address is 609 8th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104.
- **ONLINE:** Any online contributions made through Realm or at <https://onrealm.org/TrinitySeattle/give/now> must also be completed **by Tuesday, December 31**. Again, *we highly encourage you* to make your gifts earlier in order to account for processing times and to avoid any technology or other glitches that could result in missing the deadline.
- **IN PERSON:** *The church office is closed the week between Christmas and New Year's.* Any contributions that you would like to make in-person should be brought with you to church and placed **in the offering plate on or before Sunday morning, December 29 at 10:30am** (reminder: there is no 8:00am service on 12/29).

**Trinity must strictly adhere to these IRS deadlines** for crediting year-end gifts, so we are unable to make any exceptions if you miss the deadline. As always, THANK YOU for your gifts to Trinity.

### **Welcome to Our New Organist - James Middaugh**

James took the organ bench as a guest on December 1, and officially began as Organist on December 3. He started playing the organ in middle school, and hasn't stopped since. James, welcome to Trinity!

### **Christmas Tree Shopper Needed IMMEDIATELY**

Can you spare 90 minutes to help bring Christmas cheer into our worship space? Shopper needed to procure and deliver two 7'-8' Christmas trees to Trinity. If you can assist to put them in our stands, that's a bonus! If you can help, contact Sabeth+ or [office@trinityseattle.org](mailto:office@trinityseattle.org) / 206.624.5337. Reimbursement is available.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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### **Christmas Eve for All Ages**

*Tuesday, December 24 at 3:00PM (in person only)*

Favorite carols, the Christmas story, and Holy Eucharist – all in about an hour.

### **Christmas Eve Carols**

Tuesday, December 24 at 9:00PM

The Trinity Choir leads a concert/sing along before the 9:30 Christmas Eve service.

### **Traditional Christmas Eve Service**

*Tuesday, December 24 at 9:30PM*

Candles, carols, Trinity Choir, and Holy Eucharist.

### **Christmas Day**

*Wednesday, December 25 at 10:30AM (in person only)*

Holy Eucharist with Christmas hymns.

### **First Sunday after Christmas**

*Sunday, December 29 at 10:30AM*

We gather for ONE SERVICE on the First Sunday after Christmas. The 8:00AM service resumes its normal schedule the following week.

### **Second Sunday after Christmas**

*Sunday, January 5 at 8:00AM and 10:30AM*

It's the 12th Day of Christmas - and you never know what kind of fun we might be having on the eve of the Epiphany.