

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

Third Sunday of Advent



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9:30 a.m. Mass

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Order of Worship is based upon:
Book of Common Prayer 1979

Welcome to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

We are glad you are worshiping with us today, and would like you to feel comfortable. If you are a guest, you may have some questions about our worship services. We have included some frequently asked questions in the hope of addressing any concerns you may have. If your question does not appear below, feel free to ask our usher, or Fr. Jerry.

- **I am not Episcopalian. May I receive Holy Communion?** All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Communion. If you are physically unable to come to the altar rail, simply inform our usher, and the Sacrament will be brought to you. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, but would like to receive a blessing, come forward to the altar rail and cross your arms across your chest. We'll know what to do.
- **Can I choose to receive Holy Communion without partaking in both kinds (Body and Blood)?** Yes, we believe that receiving either the Body or Blood alone grants the recipient the fullness of the Sacrament. Covid-19 restrictions have limited the reception of Holy Communion to the Body of Christ only at this time.
- **How do I know whether to sit, stand, or kneel?** The bulletin in hand provides guidance throughout the service. However, if you have a different posture of reverence, or are unable to assume the posture shown in the bulletin, you are welcome to sit, kneel, or stand, whichever is most comfortable and reverent for you. Relax and participate in a manner that best speaks to you.
- **Can I bring my children into church?** YES! By all means, please do! They are members of the Body of Christ, only smaller. We have totes and toys available in the back of the church. They can play in the aisle, or in the pew with you.
- **Suppose my child is disruptive?** We welcome disruptive children! There is no need to take them out. However, if you are uncomfortable keeping them in church during worship, feel free to take them to our fellowship hall. Our usher can guide you.

Pastoral Emergency:

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Jerry at 262.339.7956. If you feel that your issue is urgent, then it is! Call!

If you wish to contact the Holy Trinity office, please call: 920.324.5700, or email:

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The Preparation Rites

The Celebrant will invite all to stand as able

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:

He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation.

A member of the congregation lights the first candle.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Opening Hymn

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

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 forever.

People Amen.

The Service of the Word

Be seated

First Lesson

A Reading from 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9

All recite together

The First Song of Isaiah Ecce Deus
Isaiah 12:2-6

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.

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;

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.

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.

Epistle

A Reading from 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand

Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:7-18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People 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.

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

Sermon

Ann Bullis

Ann will invite all to be seated

Nicene Creed

The Celebrant will invite all to stand

All 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

Form VI – P 392

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Reader For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who *are* alone.

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Matthew, our Bishop, and

For all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader For what else shall we pray.

Silence

People may offer their own petitions.

Reader Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Reader For what shall we be thankful.
Silence
People may offer their own thanksgivings

Reader We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence

Reader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

Celebrant Let us pray for those who have celebrated or will be celebrating a birthday.

The Celebrant continues

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant as he/she begins another year. Grant that he/she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Celebrant Let pray for those who have celebrated or will be celebrating an anniversary.

The Celebrant continues

O God, you teach us through the example of Jesus that love is the fulfilment of the Law; help those couples celebrating anniversaries to persevere in love, to grow in mutual understanding, and to deepen their trust in each other; that in wisdom, patience and courage, their life together may be a source of happiness to all with whom they share it. AMEN!

Celebrant To all of you celebrating milestones: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you to guide and protect you and all those you love, today and always!

People Amen.

The Confession of Sin

All kneel

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

All 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.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Be seated during announcements

The Service of the Altar

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Celebrant will invite all to stand

Sursum Corda

Eucharistic Prayer A – P 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Canon of the Mass

The Celebrant says

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

People AMEN.

Communion

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take way the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Invitation

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All may be seated

The Concluding Rites

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All stand

All Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The Celebrant says:

The Blessing of God Almighty; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn and Recessional

As the closing hymn is sung, the candles at the altar will be extinguished. The Celebrant and Acolyte will recess to the back of the church.

Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the People

Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!
All Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Trinity News and Events

- Monday – Bible/Book Study – We are discussing the book *Making Room* by Ed Robb. All are welcome, invite friends, be open. If you wish to join this group, please contact Ann Bullis at pkumom2@gmail.com to get your link into this amazing experience. All sessions begin at 6:00pm and end at 7:00pm.
- Wednesday - Evening Prayer – Please join us on Wednesday Evenings at 6:00pm for Evening Prayer. It is a time of prayer, discussion, and fellowship.
- Christmas Eve Worship – Holy Trinity will celebrate the Birth of our Lord on Friday, December 24th at 4:30pm. Candlelit service with a special Children’s Message. Invite family and friends! All are welcome!
- December 25 – Christmas Dinner: The Wesley Center in Waupun will again be serving a home-cooked meal for anyone who has no plans for Christmas. To allow for COVID concerns, they will serve buffet style and seating will be spaced for safety. They will serve at 11:30am and 12:45 pm. **Please make your reservation, indicating which time slot you prefer, by calling 920.928.3310.** There is no charge for the dinner.
- **Pastoral Emergencies** – If you have an urgent need for pastoral care, please call or text Fr. Jerry at 262.339.7956. If you are not sure whether you should call, please feel free to call!