

# Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

## Fourth Sunday of Advent



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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.
- **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!

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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 all candles.*

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.

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. 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*

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*People*          Amen.

### **The Service of the Word**

*Be seated*

#### **First Lesson**

A Reading from Micah 5:2-5a.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

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

### **Psalm 80:1-7**

*All recite together*

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

### **Epistle**

A Reading from Hebrews 10:5-10.

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;  
in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

*All stand*

### **Gospel Lesson**

Luke 1:39-55

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

*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

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,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

### **Sermon**

**Fr. Jerry**

*The Celebrant 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

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*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 away 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 always.

*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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Vestry Meeting. The Vestry will meet at 11:00am on Monday, January 10, 2022. All are invited to attend. Details to follow.
- **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!