



*The Triumph of Christianity Over Paganism, Gustave Dore, 1868*

*The First Sunday of Advent*  
November 28, 2021, at 8am  
Holy Eucharist Rite I

Welcome to Holy Trinity! We are overjoyed that you have joined us this morning. We hope that you have been warmly welcomed to our church and that you will experience worship that is both beautifully timeless and relevant to your life today. In short, we hope that you encounter Jesus at Holy Trinity.

If there is any way that we can serve you or pray for you, or any questions we can answer, please don't hesitate to let me or Rev. D.J. know, and we will do our best! Our phone number and email addresses are at the bottom of page 3.

Again, a very warm welcome to you. It is truly our privilege to worship with you today.

In Christ,



The Rev. Rutger-Jan (R-J) Heijmen

Advent Meditation Booklets

"The Fullness of Time" by Henri J.M. Nouwen  
is now available in the back of the church.

Thanksgiving

We will hold a Thanksgiving Day Service on  
Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10am.

Christmas Schedule

**Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

4:00pm Family Holy Eucharist

8:15pm Pre-Service Music

9:00pm - Festival Holy Eucharist

**Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am Holy Eucharist

Christmas Eve Orchestra 2021

As the Christmas Season approaches, preparations are being made for our Christmas Eve Orchestra. This year we would like to use 21 instrumentalists, at a cost of approximately \$250.00 per player. **If you would like to sponsor an orchestra member:**

- Make checks payable to Holy Trinity Church with "Christmas Eve Orchestra" in the memo.
- Place your contribution in an envelope marked: "Christmas Eve Orchestra".
- Clearly print your name and your loved one's name on the envelope, or indicate "in thanksgiving for blessings received".
- Place the envelope in the Sunday offering or mail it to the Church Office: 211 Trinity Place, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

The names of the sponsors and memorials/thanksgivings will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Donations of any amount are both welcomed and encouraged! Deadline for the bulletin is Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### Additional Parking

Parking is available every Sunday in the Philips Point Garage West. To enter the garage from Holy Trinity, go South on Chase, right on Lakeview, and immediately turn right into the entrance of the garage. Take the time stamp dispensed at the entrance and park. To exit the garage, you will need to pick up a voucher at the back of the church by the soundboard and utilize the voucher as payment.

### Weekday Worship & Fellowship Opportunities

- **Tuesday Parish Choir Rehearsal** with Mace Graham in-person and via Zoom at 7pm. Contact Mace for more information - [musichtc@aol.com](mailto:musichtc@aol.com)
- **Wednesday Stitches:** 12pm -1pm - The women's group will meet inside the Office Parlor (first floor of the office building to the right of the church) and via Zoom.
- **Wednesday Vespers:** 6pm, 30-minute Evening Prayer service in-person & via Zoom. Contact D.J. for more information - [dj@holytrinitywpb.org](mailto:dj@holytrinitywpb.org).
- **Thursday Men's Group:** 8am - 9am - The group will meet both in-person in the Parlor (first floor of the office building to the right of the church) and via Zoom. Contact R-J for more information at [rj@holytrinitywpb.org](mailto:rj@holytrinitywpb.org).
- **Thursday Morning Prayer:** 10am, 30-minute Morning Prayer service in-person & via Zoom. Contact D.J. for more information - [dj@holytrinitywpb.org](mailto:dj@holytrinitywpb.org).

### Sunday School Each Week

#### Where in the World is Sunday School?

Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers up to three years old/or fully potty trained. The church nursery is located on the first floor of the Christian Education Building in the first classroom on the right: "Blue Doors" please follow the signs or ask an usher for assistance.

Sunday School for elementary-aged children begins each week in the church until the Children's Homily, at which time the children follow the cross in procession to their classrooms. Children in Pre-K – lower elementary currently meet in the Parish Hall, and the upper elementary class meet in the library. The children receive a yummy snack, while enjoying playtime, Bible stories, music, and arts and crafts. Contact Elizabeth Brown at [elizabeth@holytrinitywpb.org](mailto:elizabeth@holytrinitywpb.org) to volunteer.

Youth from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join Rev. D.J. after the 10am service in the office parlor located in the two-story building on the east side of the church property.

#### The Children's Nook

The Children's Nook is in the back of the church and has a child friendly activity table for parents and young children to enjoy during the service when needed. In addition, we now offer the church parlor with live stream service as a quiet location for parents to enjoy. Ask any of our ushers for directions.

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## The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Reader: (Lighting the first candle) We light this candle, O God, and ask your blessing upon us: Come down to dwell with us, Lord Jesus. Open hearts to receive you.

**People: Come down to dwell with us, Lord Jesus. Open our hearts to receive you.**

Reader: Let us offer thanks for the hope we have as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Direct our way to you, Lord God. Increase the love in our hearts, that we may abound in love for one another and for all persons. Come, thou long expected Jesus.

**People: Know that the kingdom of God is near.**

Reader: O Lord Jesus, the light of all who love you and the light of the world, help us to make ready for your coming by preparing room for you in our hearts. The promises of God are promises of hope: "For surely I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

**People: O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek. To those who fall, how kind thou art, how good to those who seek!**

## The Placing of the Figurines in the Creche

The Word of God (*please stand*)

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

**People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

*(Please kneel)*

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *(please be seated)*

Jeremiah 33:14-16

*Jeremiah spoke of God's love for humankind at a time when the citizens of Jerusalem had suffered great adversity. He has predicted that the city will be rebuilt. Now he foretells that the line of kings of which David was the founder will continue.*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Lector        The Word of the Lord.

People        Thanks be to God.

Psalms 25:1-9

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

*Paul has heard of the persecution of Christians living in Thessalonika. He has sent Timothy to comfort them in their adversity. Timothy has returned with news of the steadfastness of their love for Christ and for one another, and also for him as he faces persecution.*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Lector        The Word of the Lord.

People        Thanks be to God.

*(please stand)*

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

People        Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.  
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. R-J Heijmen

The Nicene Creed (*please stand*)

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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.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men:

Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Peter, our Diocesan Bishop, Father R-J, Father D.J., and all the clergy and people that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe our President, Ron our Governor, the members of Congress, and those serving in our judicial system, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those on our parish prayer list for whom prayers have been requested: John Braxton, Karen Friia, Barry Lawson, Lee Bowman, Gail McGrath, Regina Simmons, Julian Davies, Cathy Lewis, Euphemia Herah, Karina, Ethel Kinsella, Marge Scully, Poppy Ann Bailey, Pat Johnson, Linda O'Donnell, the McManus family, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially June Spencer, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

*Silence*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin & Absolution

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Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.  
Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16



Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(please kneel)*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ushers will release the congregation by pew to come forward for Communion.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

If you are not baptized, or do not wish to take Communion for any other reason, we invite you to come to the rail and cross your arms to receive a blessing from the priest.

If you would like to be baptized, please let R-J or D.J. know!

Due to the bishop's COVID-19 protocol, we are only distributing consecrated bread.

The Communion

Post Communion Prayer *(please kneel)*

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing & Dismissal *(please stand)*

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.