



The Voice in the Desert, James Tissot (1836-1902)

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021 at 10am
Holy Eucharist Rite II

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

Flower Guild

Holy Trinity Flower Guild would like to extend their sincere thanks to our parish family for your financial support. Christmas flower donor envelopes are provided in the pews. Your continued support provides funds to purchase the fresh flowers and greens for Christmas services. The 2022 weekly Altar donor calendar is now posted in the front entrance adjacent to the greeter podium.

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24th

4:00pm Family Holy Eucharist

8:15pm Pre-Service Music

9:00pm - Festival Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25th

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 20 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 14th, 2021.

Marathon is next Sunday!

The Palm Beaches Marathon is the morning of Sunday, December 12th. Flagler Drive will be closed between Manatee Lagoon and Southern Blvd. Please plan your travel route ahead, and leave plenty of time to navigate traffic. Thank you!

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
- **Wednesday Stitchers:** 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.
- **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.
- **Thursday Morning Prayer:** 10am, 30-minute Morning Prayer service in-person & via Zoom. Contact D.J. for more information - 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 to volunteer.

Youth from 6th to 12th 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 Introit "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" Eleanor Daley

The Processional "Prepare the Way, O Zion" Hymnal 65

The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Reader: We light these candles, O God, and ask your blessing upon us as we prepare for Jesus' coming. May we be as "those who dream," may our mouths be filled with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy.

People: **The Lord has done great things for us and we are glad indeed.**

Reader: Our prayer this season is that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent. And may we be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

People: **Fill our hearts with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ.**

Reader: Visit, we pray O Lord, this community of faith and our extended families. Pour your love into us that we may love more fully all those whom you love. Help us to be understanding of the needs of others, as you understand the needs of all people and sent your Son to redeem us.

People: **The prophets promised that the coming Messiah would bring the presence and peace of God: "His Name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Amen.**

The Leeds Family places the figurines in the Creche

The Word of God Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

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

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

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

The Kyrie

Veni, veni, Emmanuel



The Collect of the Day

BCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. (*please kneel*)

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(All children 5th grade and under are invited up to the chancel steps)

Children's Homily

The Rev. R-J Heijmen

Children's Hymn "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" Hymnal 73
Verse 1

The Lessons (*please be seated*)

A reading from the prophet Malachi (3:1-4)

Malachi is a book of prophecy directed to the priests in the Temple. Priests have replaced kings as those closest to God on earth, but the priesthood is corrupt. The prophet speaks in God's name.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 16 (Luke 1: 68-79)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians (1:3-11)

In the verses following the salutation of the letter, Paul thanks God for the Christians at Philippi, for sharing in the community of faith ever since their conversion. He expresses confidence that God will complete, at the end of the era, the transformation to godliness already begun in them.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

The Gospel Procession "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Hymnal 56
Verse 3 before the Gospel & Verse 4 after the Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. R-J Heijmen

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.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Peter, our Bishop, for R-J and D.J, our priests, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joe our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially John Braxton, Karen Friia, Barry Lawson, Lee Bowman, Pat Johnson, Georgie Whittaker, Regina Simmons, Julian Davies, Cathy Lewis, Euphemia Herah, Karina, Marge Scully, Poppy Ann Bailey, Linda O'Donnell, Glenn Stephanos, Robbie Turner, and the McManus family, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Alexander Snapp, in whose memory the High Altar Candles are given, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

(Silence)

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

Confession of Sin & Absolution

BCP 360

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

The Peace *(please stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Announcements & Offertory

Please mail your tithes & offerings to Holy Trinity at
211 Trinity Place, WPB, FL 33401
or give online at holytrinitywpb.org/contributions

The Offertory Anthem

“Comfort, Comfort, O My People”

Claude Goudime (1514-1572)

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Text by Johannes Olearius, 1611-1684

The Doxology “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal 380, Vs. 3

The Holy Communion *(please stand)*

BCP 367

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.

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 company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might,

7 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - - - est. Bless-

13 ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

(please kneel)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,



And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever.



And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

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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

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

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.

At this time, the children in Sunday school will return to their families
for the remainder of the service.

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

The Communion Hymn "Humbly I Adore Thee" Hymnal 314

Music during Communion

"There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying" Hymnal 75
"O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light" Hymnal 64

The Post Communion Anthem "Every Valley" Patti Drennan

"Every valley shall be exalted,
Every mountain and hill made low,
The crooked straight and the rough places plain;
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
And all flesh shall see it together,
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken it."

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing *(please stand)*

The Closing Hymn

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

Hymnal 76

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

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