

The Triumph of Christianity Over Paganism, Gustave Dore, 1868

The First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 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

Advent Meditation Booklets

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

Flower Guild

Holy Trinity Flower Guild would like to extend their sincere thanks to our parish family for your continued support. Your financial gift provides our ministry with the monetary support to purchase Christmas Greens and fresh flowers for Christmas Services.

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 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 14th, 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
- **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.
- **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 Processional “Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending” Hymnal 58

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 McMullen Family places the Figurines in the Creche

The Word of God

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

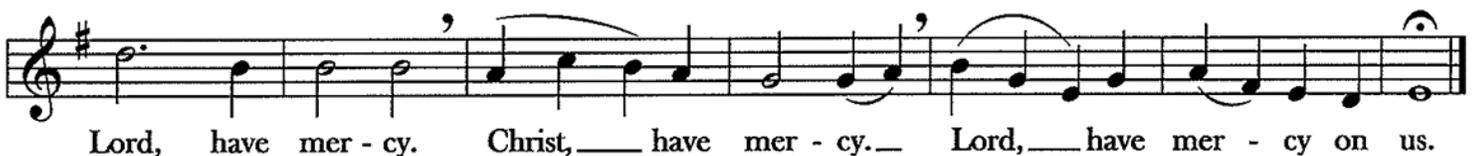
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. *(please kneel)*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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. D.J. Griffin

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

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.**

Psalm 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)

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.

The Prayers of the People, Form I *(please kneel)*

BCP 383

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, Gail McGrath, Regina Simmons, Julian Davies, Cathy Lewis, Euphemia Herah, Karina, Ethel Kinsella, Marge Scully, Poppy Ann Bailey, Pat Johnson, Linda O'Donnell, 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, especially June Spencer, and for all the departed, 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.

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,

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur - rec - tion, -
5 We a - wait his com - - - ing in glo - ry;

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.

A - men. A - - - men. — A - - - - men

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 "Once He Came in Blessing" Hymnal 53

Music during Communion "Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us"
Tune: *Wachet auf*
Johann Sebastian Bach

"Singing Songs of Expectation" Hymnal 527

The Post Communion Anthem "My Lord, What a Morning"
Traditional spiritual
Based on "*Behold the awful trumpet sounds*"

Post Communion Prayer *(please kneel)*

BCP 366

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 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Hymnal 66

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

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