



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

*The Second Sunday of Advent*  
December 5, 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

#### 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](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 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 our love may we abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that we may approve what is excellent, and may 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, 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 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 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)*

Merciful God, who sent thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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)*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 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, 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, 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 Alexander Snapp, in whose memory the High Altar Candles are given, 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

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

The Peace *(please stand)*

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And with thy spirit.

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](http://holytrinitywpb.org/contributions)

**The Offertory Hymn** “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry” **Hymnal 76**

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

The Holy Communion *(please stand)* **BCP 333**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And with thy spirit.

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People** It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy 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 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.