

Liturgy at  
**Holy Trinity**  
Lutheran Church

December 9, 2018 + 9am and 11am

Second Sunday of Advent, Year C



*Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Lord Jesus as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of the Lord and assist all flesh in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."*

## Prelude

Melismata  
Variations  
Richard Proulx  
(1937-2010)

Help Us Create **SACRED SPACE** by powering down

Please do not use cell phones and other electronic devices.

The ringing of the *meditation bowl* calls us to silence, centering and reflection as we prepare for worship.

As you pass the *baptismal font* upon entering or leaving the church, and/or on the way to communion, you may *dip your hand in the water* and *make the sign of the cross*. This is an ancient body prayer to remember you are a baptized child of God. Simply touch your forehead to chest, then your left to right shoulder.

# GATHERING

## Confession and Forgiveness

All may *make the sign of the cross*, the sign that is marked at baptism, where indicated by the +.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God, our light and our salvation.  
**Amen.**

Let us prepare for Christ's coming by turning from our sin and seeking God's tender mercy and compassion.

*Kneel. A period of silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
We confess that we have sinned against you,  
and against our sisters, brothers, and siblings.  
Our words and deeds have not proclaimed  
your reign of justice and truth.  
We have failed to watch and pray  
for the signs of your advent among us.  
Forgive our sin, and come quickly to save us. Amen.

In the advent of Christ the dawn from high  
breaks upon us with light and healing.  
Through Jesus Christ, God looks with favor on you, +  
and forgives you all your sin.  
**Amen.**

*Turn to face the Advent Wreath.*

Sung in harmony.

1 - high voices (sopranos/altos)

2 - low voices (tenors/basses)

3 - All



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Chris - te e - le - i - son.

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light  
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.  
Kindle within us the fire of your Spirit,  
that we may be light shining in the darkness.  
Enlighten us with your grace  
that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord  
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.  
Amen.

*Turn to face the cross* as it enters; you may bow as the cross passes, honoring the mystery of our salvation.

*Our liturgy is multi-sensory* and shows the significance of our bodies and all of God's creation. Used in many religions, the sweet smell of **incense** represents the rising of our prayers and the aroma of Christ spreading in procession throughout the world. We honor (cense) the primary symbols of the liturgy: the people, font, ambo (lectern), book of scriptures, cross, and table (altar).

## #249 On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

*During the greeting the presiding minister and assembly bow toward one another. We learn from Eastern cultures the deep significance of a bow as a sign of mutuality and the presence of Christ among us.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
And also with you.

## Kyrie

The English translation of the Greek sung here is "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy."

## Blessing of the Advent Wreath

## Gathering Hymn

## Greeting

# Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... Amen.

~ be seated ~

## WORD

### First Reading

| Malachi 3:1-4

*The passage from Malachi is chosen as an example of the religious expectation that a messenger would urge the people to prepare for the messiah. Christians hear Malachi's messenger, like the voice of John the Baptist, speaking also to us, calling us to keep the covenant of our baptism and to purify our lives from sin.*

### Canticle: Song of Zechariah

| Setting: Carolyn Jennings

*The cantor sings the refrain and the assembly repeats. The cantor and assembly chant alternating verses.*

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Refrain:



Tone:



<sup>68</sup>Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,  
you have come to your people and | set them free.

<sup>69</sup>You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,  
born of the house of your | servant David.      *Refrain*

<sup>70</sup>Through your holy prophets,  
you promised of old to save us | from our enemies,  
<sup>71</sup>from the hands of | all who hate us,

<sup>72</sup>to show mercy | to our forebears,  
and to remember your | holy covenant.

<sup>73</sup>This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:  
<sup>74</sup>to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,



The gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

*Alleluia... (sung as above)*

*~be seated~*

## Sermon

## Silence

Following the sermon there is a time of silence for reflection and quiet meditation. Our liturgy is not only made up of words, gestures and music, but also moments of silence.

*~stand~*

## Hymn of the Day

#264 *Prepare the Royal Highway*

## Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

Let us pray:

Come, Lord Jesus.

## Peace

The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*~ be seated ~*

# MEAL

## Setting the Table

A special welcome to newcomers! We invite you to fill out the yellow slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate when you come up for communion or as you depart.

We thank you for your generous support of Holy Trinity. We seek to **do church differently** as we address racial justice, climate change, and take stands for the rights and dignity of all people created in the image of God. Most of our congregation gives online and you can set up one-time or recurring donations at [giving.htchicago.org](http://giving.htchicago.org).

*This week's loose offering is designated for the The Night Ministry. Checks and envelope offerings support Holy Trinity's overall ministry unless designated otherwise. Offerings may be put in the plate on the way to communion.*

## Offertory Hymn

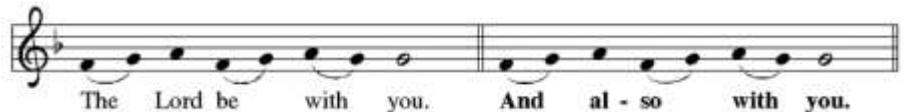
*~stand~*

#256 *Comfort, Comfort You My People*

## Great Thanksgiving

The thanksgiving includes the following:

| Dialogue



[6]

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Choir, then all*  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

*Choir*  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

*All*  
Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

*Choir*  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*All*  
Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Music: *Missa Emmanuel*, Richard Proulx (b. 1937) © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.

| Preface

| Holy, Holy

*This ancient song is the musical climax of the liturgy and uses texts from Isaiah and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. At the words "blessed is he who comes," some make the sign of the cross as a connection to our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection.*

*Thanksgiving at the Table*

Hoping beyond hope, we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*The responses during the Thanksgiving at the Table echo the presiding minister.*

... All praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, here and now and until the end of time.

Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer*

*As a sign of openness to the divine presence, you may join the presider in praying the Our Father with the ancient gesture of extended hands.*

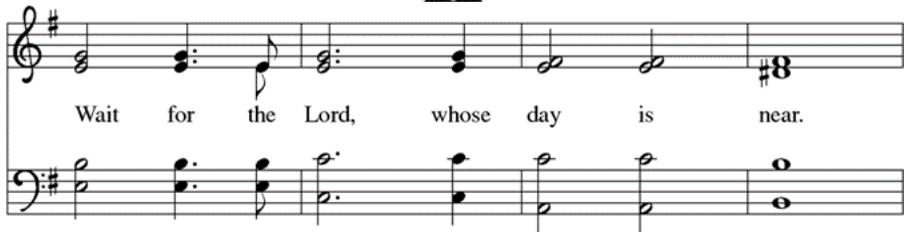


Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.



*Breaking of the Bread*

*Please remain standing.*



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Tune: Jacques Berthier, © with text, 1984, Les Presses de Talzé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. Text: John 6; adapt. by Robert J. Batastini

~ be seated ~

**All are welcome** at Christ's table, including children. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received either by drinking from the (silver) common cup, or by saving the bread and dipping it in the second (glass) cup. Gluten-free wafers are available from the presiding minister. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing, keeping your hands folded over your chest. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone.

Holy Trinity's radical welcome is also an **invitation to baptism** and a deeper connection to community. If you are not baptized, please speak to one of the pastors to learn more about the process of adult baptism.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God; speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem; and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

(Isaiah 40:1-3)

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

(Isaiah 40:4)



~ stand ~

Let us pray. *brief silence*  
...Amen.

## Communion

## Communion Anthem

*Comfort Ye My  
People and Every  
Valley Shall be  
Exalted*

George F. Händel  
(1685-1759)

## Silence

## Prayer

## Blessing

# SENDING

*Having heard the word and shared the eucharist, we are sent to live our baptism through words and deeds, making known the love of Christ, and working for justice and peace in our families, communities, and world.*

*Turn to face the cross as it recesses, you may **bow** as it passes, honoring the mystery of our salvation.*

## Sending Hymn

#250 *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

## Sending

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

*On Jordan's Bank  
the Baptist's Cry*  
Walter L. Pelz (b.  
1926)

*Following the liturgy, several things happen simultaneously: some folks **greet one another** and converse; others listen to the **organ postlude**; and others move to the front of the sanctuary for **refreshments and social time**.*



# ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

PRESIDING MINISTER-----	(9am) Pr. Craig Mueller; (11am) Pr. Michelle Sevig
PREACHING MINISTER-----	Vicar Noah Herren
CANTOR-----	Frank Blackman
ORGANIST-----	John Weit
ASSISTING MINISTER-----	(9am) Betzy Cisneros; (11am) Vicar Noah Herren
INCENSE-----	(9am) Sheldon Krieger; (11am) Troy Medlin
CRUCIFER-----	(9am) Micah Cisneros; (11am) Steven Roets
SACRISTAN-----	(9am) Sheldon Krieger; (11am) Ernest Vasseur
COMMUNION ASSISTANT-----	(9am) Megan White, Andrea Schaller (11am) Julie Sevig, Ginger Devaney
MEDITATION BELL-----	(9am) James Perez; (11am) Erik Friend
READERS-----	(9am) Christian Cisneros, Daniel Schleis; (11am) Peder Sevig, Kerry Fleming
INTERCESSIONS-----	(9am) Colleen Hanna; (11am) Erika Robeck
ACOLYTE TORCHBEARERS-----	(9am) Kyla Cisneros, Evelyn Stang; (11am) Annika Sevig, Oliver Sevig
ALTAR PREPARATION-----	(9am) Rich Campbell; (11am) Lila Fredenburg
WELCOME HOSPITALITY-----	(9am) Emily Mongan; Bob and Lisa Reiff (11am) Martin Collerd; Kelly and Michael Johnson
BREAD-----	Erin Miesner
COFFEE HOSPITALITY-----	Beth Stewart, Denise Mineck

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Walk the Labyrinth by Candlelight

Monday, December 10, 6pm-8:30pm

HTLakeview, Passavant Hall (upstairs)

Drop in anytime for some meditative, quiet reflection on your Advent journey.

### Giving Tree

The giving tree is back and this year the goal that Holy Trinity has set is to purchase one hundred and fifty **\$25 Target gift cards** to benefit the guests of the South Loop Community Table! We will have 150 tags on the tree, so please take as many as you are able to purchase.

**Just be sure to let us know how many tags you take on the form next to the tree.** You can also make a donation online at [giving.htchicago.org](http://giving.htchicago.org) and we'll buy the gift card(s) for you! These cards will need to be back to church by the **morning of December 23.**

### Book Group Christmas Dinner December 17

Eat, Drink, Read. Our annual festive Christmas dinner will be Monday, December 17 at 6:30 PM at Tutto Fresco, 2901 N Ashland. We'll be discussing Agatha Christie's classic mystery, *Murder on the Orient Express*. Please join us, even if you don't have time to read the book!

# CHRISTMAS AT HTLAKEVIEW

## 4:30pm Family Christmas Eve Liturgy Monday, December 24

Service of the Word (no communion) especially for families with children. Includes the Christmas story with beloved carols. Children will help lead the service.

## 10pm Christ Mass + Monday, December 24 (music begins at 9:45pm)

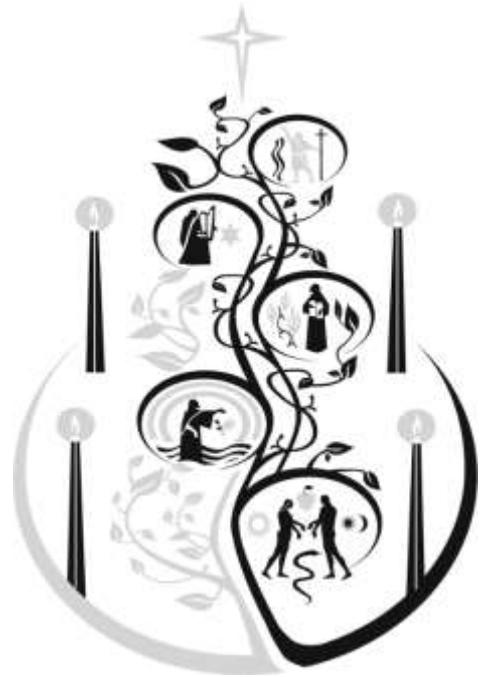
The Christ Mass-the principal Christmas service-is both solemn and joyful. Pre-service music begins at 9:45. Music by the Holy Trinity choir.

## 10am Christmas Day Liturgy Tuesday, December 25

Festive Christmas morning liturgy in a quiet, intimate setting. Hymns and readings celebrate God with us in the Word made flesh.

## 9am Epiphany Festival + Sunday, January 6

We invite everyone to attend at 9:00am for the annual Epiphany Festival with beloved carols, two choirs, and the procession of the Magi. An HTF favorite liturgy you will not want to miss! Followed by refreshments (Three Kings Cake) in Passavant Hall.



## DECEMBER: A MONTH FOR GENEROSITY

**Consider a special year-end gift** to Holy Trinity.

It has been a wonderful year and we are **grateful for vibrant ministries** of worship, music, service, children's programs, spiritual formation, and outreach.

Holy Trinity depends on strong December offerings.  
Your gift will help assure a strong start to 2019.

Most people **give online ([giving.htchicago.org](http://giving.htchicago.org))** but we still have an offering basket available! **Either way, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**The Word Became Flesh**  
 A Festival of Music for Advent and Christmas  
**TODAY at 4pm**

The Holy Trinity Choir,  
 Children's Choir, and Orchestra  
 Free Admission

*Lasagna Dinner to Follow  
 Fundraiser for Youth Ministries  
 Suggested Donation:  
 \$10 or \$25 per family.*

## **Additional Advent/Christmas Events and Information**

**Saturday, December 15**

+ 6pm - Cookies and Carols Potluck Event Following 5pm Worship (*HTLoop*)

**Thursday, December 20**

+ 7pm - Blue Christmas/Longest Night Service (*HTLoop*)

**Fourth Sunday of Advent + Saturday/Sunday, December 23**

+ Normal Weekend Schedule, *No Sunday School*

**Christmas Eve + Monday, December 24**

+ 4:30pm - Family Christmas Eve Liturgy (*HTLoop*)

+ 8pm - Grace Episcopal's Christmas Eve Liturgy (*HTLoop*)

**First Sunday of Christmas + Saturday/Sunday, December 29/30**

+ Normal Weekend Schedule - 5pm Saturday at *HTLoop*; 9am and 11am on Sunday at *HTLakeview*

+ *No Sunday School*

**Epiphany + Saturday, January 5**

+ 5pm - Epiphany Festival Eucharist at *HTLoop*

# NEWCOMER OR FIRST TIME? WELCOME!

- + **Whoever you are**, wherever you're from, whatever the color of your skin, whomever you love or marry, or whatever your feelings about religion or spirituality, you are welcome here.
- + **If the rituals and practices** of our liturgy are new to you, please participate as you feel comfortable and are able.
- + Please fill out a **yellow slip in the pew rack** and place it in the offering basket.
- + **More information** on Holy Trinity, Lutheranism, worship practices, marriage and baptisms at the welcome table.
  - Upcoming baptism dates: January 13, 2019
- + **To families with small children**: We are glad you are here! If your child needs a break from the service, feel free to walk to the narthex/back of the church. **Nursery**: open 8:45am – 12:15pm Use the garden entrance on Addison; nursery is inside the door. **Special children's materials** are on a rack at the back of the church.
- + **Sunday School for children ages 4-12**: Children age 4- 12 are invited to join us for Sunday school each week. We begin promptly at 10am. Children age 4 through grade 2 meet upstairs in Passavant Hall. Children grades 3-6 meet in the Spiritual Life Center. Contact Pastor Sevig (msevig@htchicago.org) if you have any questions.
- + **Offerings**: We rely on the generosity of members and friends to support the programs, staff, building, and ministries of Holy Trinity and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. A large number of the congregation gives their offerings online. You can also **donate online** at [giving.htchicago.org](http://giving.htchicago.org). We still have an offering basket available during worship as well! We appreciate your contributions of time, talent, and financial support!
- + **Photos and Social Media**: As worship services and most Holy Trinity gatherings are public events, please know that your presence here means that you may be included in photos or videos that may be posted on HTLC social media. If you do not wish to be in photographs or videos, or if you do not want photos of your children used, please complete the form at [media.htchicago.org](http://media.htchicago.org). HTLC social media administrators will make every effort to not include them in HTLC social media.

## DO YOU CONSIDER HOLY TRINITY YOUR CHURCH HOME?

Register by filling out the yellow slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or register online at [holytrinitychicago.org/register](http://holytrinitychicago.org/register).

You will receive our e-newsletter.

# SPONSOR POINSETTIAS & GREENS



Sponsor the greens and poinsettias that will decorate our church at Christmas in honor or in memory of a friend or relative. Please make a check or envelope earmarked "Christmas Greens" in the amount of \$20 - \$100:

Donations can also be made online at our giving website, [giving.htchicago.org](http://giving.htchicago.org).



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All donations must be received by **Sunday, December 16** in order to publish names and dedications in Christmas bulletins.



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### **Purpose Statement**

Open to the Mystery...  
Connect, Strengthen, and Serve with Joy!

### **Guiding Principles**

Act with courage  
Be radically inclusive  
Cultivate empowering relationships  
Delight in God's beauty  
Engage With Intention



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

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