

Liturgy at
Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

December 16, 2018 + 9am and 11am

Third Sunday of Advent, Year C



The presence of the Lord “in your midst” in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the Lord in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one “more powerful” than John, even with his winnowing fork in his hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

Prelude

Three Preludes on
*Savior of the
Nations, Come*
Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Andreas Nikolaus
Vetter (1666-1734)

Paul Manz (1919-
2009)

*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 victory wreath
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
Strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory.
Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need.
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).

#263 Savior of the Nations Come

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.

Let us pray... **Amen.**

~ be seated ~

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

WORD

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

The passage from Zephaniah broadens the way of Christ to include not only the judgment of which John the Baptist speaks but also the bliss of covenant love. Lutherans can say that it is as if Luke provides the "law" for this day and Zephaniah the "gospel." For Christians, Christ is the King who gives victory and sings over the church with joy.

Canticle: First Song of Isaiah

Paraphrase: Carl Daw

The assembly sings the canticle together.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

1. Sure - ly it is God who saves me;
2. Make God's deeds known to the peo - ples;

I shall trust and have no fear. For the Lord de-fends and
tell out God's ex - alt - ed Name. Praisethe Lord, who has done

shields me and God's sav - ing help is near. So re -
great things; and whose works God's might pro - claim. Zi-on,

joice as you draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's liv - ing
lift your voice in sing - ing; for with you has come to

spring; In the day of your de - liv' - rance, thank the
dwell, in your ver - y midst, the great and Ho - ly

Lord, God's mer - cies sing.
One of Is - ra - el.

Text: Carl Daw, ©1982 Hope Publishing Company, alt.
Music: COLLEGE OF PREACHERS, Arthur Rhea, ©1985 Church Publishing, Inc.

Perhaps Paul's blessing of peace is what many Christians need to hear during these pre-Christmas weeks, a peace that comes from being in Christ. In today's word and sacrament, we experience that the Lord is near.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Stand to welcome the gospel as Christ—the Word of God—as it is proclaimed among us in this place and time. Turn to face the book as the gospel is read in the midst of the assembly, a sign of Christ among us.



Verse: I am sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your way before you. (Matt. 11:10)

Alleluia...

To ready ourselves for Christ, Luke calls us to repent, bear good fruit, share with the needy, be honest, and live in contentment. Soon the infant Christ will come with the Holy Spirit and fire. And this is (v. 18) “good news,” especially to the poor and dispossessed. However, the contentment that Luke urges on the Christian community in the Roman Empire may strike some contemporary persons as anachronistic quietism. Yet charity and honesty are still bedrocks of Christian ethics.

The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Alleluia...(sung as above)

~be seated~

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~

#241 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Second Reading

| Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Acclamation

| Setting: John
Ferguson

The choir/cantor sings the Alleluia and the assembly repeats. The choir/cantor sings the verse.

Gospel

| Luke 3:7-18

As the gospel is announced, you may trace a small cross on your forehead, lips and breast, a prayer that the Word may dwell in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts.

Sermon

Silence

Hymn of the Day

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

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

After each petition:
Let us pray:
Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

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

Great Thanksgiving

The thanksgiving includes the following:

| Dialogue

~stand~

#247 Come, Thou, O Prince of Peace

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff contains: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff contains: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff contains: "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.

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.

Preface

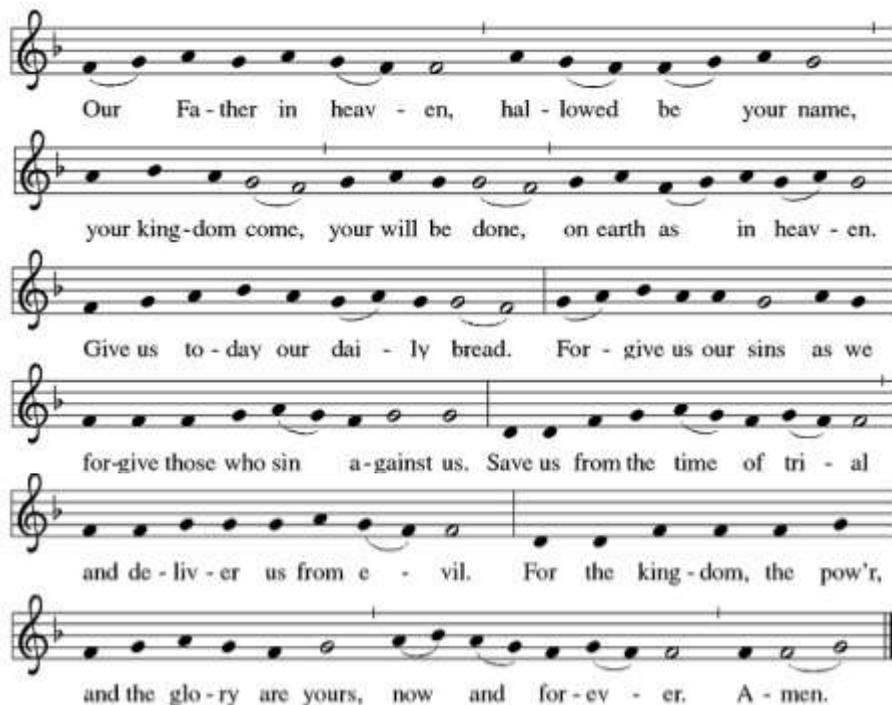
Holy, Holy

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

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 Taizé, 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.*

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
(Isaiah 40:5)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee. He is the righteous Savior, and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.
(Zechariah 9:9, 10)



~ stand~

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

Communion

(9am)

Communion Anthem

And the Glory of the Lord

George F. Händel
(1685-1759)

(11am)

Communion Anthem

Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion

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

#244 *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*

Sending

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

Postlude

(9am)

Fling Wide the Door
Klaus Uwe Ludwig
(b. 1943)

(11am)

*Rejoice, Rejoice
Believers*
Margrethe
Hokanson
(1883-1975)

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-----	Pr. Michelle Sevig
PREACHING MINISTER-----	Pr. Craig Mueller
MINISTER OF MUSIC-----	David Brackley
ORGANIST (11am)-----	John Weit
CANTOR (11am)-----	Kari Balck
ASSISTING MINISTER-----	(9am) Patty Erickson; (11am) Vicar Noah Herren
INCENSE-----	(9am) Megan White; (11am) Molly Beran
CRUCIFER-----	(9am) Jake Johnson; (11am) Beau Surratt
SACRISTAN-----	(9am) Megan White; (11am) Julie Sevig
COMMUNION ASSISTANT-----	(9am) Martin Modahl, Mary Bucklin (11am) Ann Sanders, Patrick Ashby
MEDITATION BELL-----	(9am) Phyllis Geistlinger; (11am) Anne Hulslander
READERS-----	(9am) Mark Avery, Lisa Snyder; (11am) Erik Friend, Joel Cruz
INTERCESSIONS-----	(9am) Vicar Noah Herren; (11am) Melissa Ashby
ACOLYTE TORCHBEARERS-----	(9am) Eden Duffy, Austin Johnson; (11am) Grady Donnell, Bob Vaus
ALTAR PREPARATION-----	(9am) Amy Avery; (11am) Anne Hulslander
WELCOME HOSPITALITY-----	(9am) Emily Pizzimenti, Andy Snyder, Peter Wong (11am) Norm Kaiser, Kim Vaus, Lyn Vaus
BREAD-----	Ann Sanders
COFFEE HOSPITALITY-----	Ed Beach, Karol Weigelt

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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 TOMORROW

Monday, December 17 at 6:30 PM at Tutto Fresco, 2901 N Ashland.
Book: Agatha Christie's classic mystery, *Murder on the Orient Express*.

Volunteer in the New Year

- + Help cook and serve a meal for **The Crib Shelter on January 12.** Contact Ken Duckmann ((justducky514@yahoo.com, 773-551-2573) with questions.
- + Volunteer at the **Lakeview Pantry on January 24.** Contact James Perez (ord_james@hotmail.com) with questions.

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)

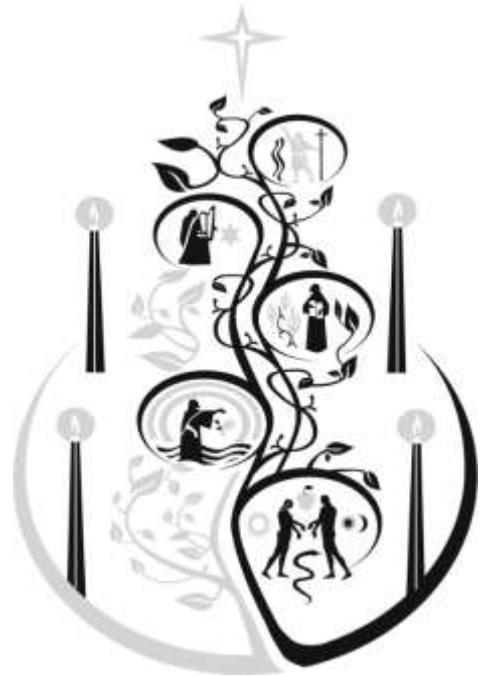
The Christ Mass-the principal Christmas service-is both solemn and joyful. Pre-service music begins at 9:45. Music by the Holy Trinity choir.

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)** but we still have an offering basket available! **Either way, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



The holidays can be a tough time for some of us. If that includes you, please join us for a Blue Christmas service where we will hold space for the pain and sadness that often accompany the holidays. The service will take place on December 20 at 7pm at Grace Place. 637 S. Dearborn.

Additional Advent/Christmas Events and Information Not Included Above

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. 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. 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.

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.



Donor's name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

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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