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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist

December 8, 2024, at 8:00am and 10:30am



Welcome to Trinity!

Trinity is an open and affirming congregation, where we believe every person is created in God's image and all creation is sacred. Our deep values are **Diversity** and **Inclusion**, **Community**, **Engaging our Neighbors**, and **Sacred Place, Holy Space**.

The 10:30am service is being broadcast and recorded. By attending, you consent to your likeness and voice being broadcast, recorded, and published on the Internet and telephone broadcast system.

Whether you are joining us in person or livestream, we are so glad you are here to worship with us on this holy day.

We acknowledge that we worship on the unceded ancestral land of the Duwamish People past and present, the first people of Seattle, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe, to whom we pay Real Rent.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE (10:30)

“Schmücke dick, o liebe Seele” Op 67, Nr 34

Max Reger (1873-1916)

WELCOME

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN (10:30)

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken




and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

Hymnal 1982 #66

LIGHTING ADVENT WREATH (10:30)


Veni, veni Emmanuel




$\frac{3}{4}$ O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from



$\frac{3}{4}$ tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to



$\frac{3}{4}$ law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

Hymnal 1982 #56

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

TRISAGION

(8:00)

Spoken 3 times

Holy God.

Holy and Mighty.

Holy Immortal One.

Have mercy upon us.

(10:30)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -

- mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -

- mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us. _____

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated.

READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

The Song of Zechariah



- 1 Blessed be the Lord¹ God of¹ Israel, *
 - for he hath¹ visited and re¹ deemed his¹ people;
 - 2 And hath raised up a mighty sal¹ vation¹ for us *
 - in the¹ house of his¹ servant¹ David,
 - 3 As he spake by the mouth of his¹ holy¹ prophets, *
 - which have¹ been since the¹ world be¹ gan:
 - 4 That we should be¹ saved from our¹ enemies, *
 - and from the¹ hand of¹ all that¹ hate us;
 - 5 To perform the mercy¹ promised to our¹ forefathers, *
 - and to re¹ member his¹ holy¹ covenant;
 - 6 To perform the oath which he sware to our¹ forefather¹ Abraham, *
 - that¹ he would¹ give¹ us,
 - 7 That we being delivered out of the¹ hand of our¹ enemies *
 - might¹ serve him with¹ out¹ fear,
 - 8 In holiness and¹ righteousness be¹ fore him, *
 - ¹ all the¹ days of our¹ life.
 - 9 And thou, child, shalt be called the¹ prophet of the¹ Highest, *
 - for thou shalt go before the face of the¹ Lord to pre¹ pare his¹ ways;
 - 10 To give knowledge of salvation¹ unto his¹ people *
 - for the re¹ mission¹ of their¹ sins,
 - 11 Through the tender¹ mercy of our¹ God, *
 - whereby the dayspring from on¹ high hath¹ visited¹ us;
 - 12 To give light to them that sit in darkness
 - and in the¹ shadow of¹ death, *
 - and to guide our¹ feet into the¹ way of¹ peace.
- Glory to the Father, and¹ to the¹ Son, *
- and¹ to the¹ Holy¹ Spirit:
- As it was in the be¹ ginning, is¹ now, *
- and¹ will be for¹ ever. A¹ men.

Music: Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901).

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Philippians 1:3-11

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN (10:30)

All you who love Jerusalem

Edmonton

1 All you who love Je - ru - sa - lem, be
2 For God has said, my peace will flow, and
3 Her gen - tle arms will cra - dle you, as

glad and share her cheer. All you who mourn for
tre - sures of the earth. Like banks of wa - ters
mo - ther com - forts child. Your heart will sing as

her sad state will have no cause for fear.
past their fill, her com - fort will pour forth.
you grow strong, like grass - es in the wild.

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Music: Edmonton, from *Harmonica Sacra*, ca. 1760.

Wonder, Love, and Praise #157

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:1-6

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.'"

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev'd Sabeth Fitzgibbons

A brief period of silence follows the Sermon.

Please rise as you are able.

NICENE CREED

**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, was incarnate of the
Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Submit your prayer request here: <https://rb.gy/erserv>

Prayer leader

Kindred in Christ, may God strengthen our hearts in holiness. Trusting in God, let us pray, “O come, o come, Emmanuel; be our hope and our salvation.”

God our hope, increase in us love for one another that we may abound in your love. We pray for Christians around the world, for every member of our Trinity community, for the people and ministries, for military and health care chaplains, our postulants Nathan and Tina, our rector Sabeth, our bishop Phil, and presiding bishop Sean. Keep your Church on the path of love and faithfulness. *Silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. We pray for the Duwamish people, for the women of WHEEL, and for all whose work centers the voices and experience of marginalized people. May all the world know your peace and safety. *Silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. Give us eyes to see you, wisdom to prepare for you, and faith to trust in you. *Silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored: bring the people of this city and region, nation and world together in a spirit of love and respect. We remember with gratitude the many blessings of our lives, and the blessings we name now with our lips or in our hearts. *Silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and suffering, the anxious and grieving. We pray for...and those we name now with our lips or in our hearts. *Silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. May we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with your saints. We remember... and those we name now with our lips or in our hearts. *Silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

Presider

God of all peoples, nations, and languages, who is and who was and who is to come, hear the prayers we offer this day and enable us to serve you as faithful priests in your kingdom; through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence.*

God of all mercy, **we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.**

PEACE

His judgment is not vengeance, and eye for an eye; his peace is not false, a veil for injustice; he comes to break the spear, to silence the guns and still our warring souls. May the peace of Christ rule our world and heal our hearts.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Please be seated while the table is prepared.

OFFERTORY

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. (*Psalm 96:8*)

You may make an offering at any time, before, during or after the conclusion of the service using our “Virtual offering Plate”
(<https://onrealm.org/TrinitySeattle/give/now>).



To contribute via text: Text MYTPC \$25 (or any amount) to the phone number 73256. You'll receive a text message in response with your next steps. Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel. Privacy Policy: <https://legal.acst.com/privacy-policy> Terms of Service: <https://legal.acst.com/terms-service-use>

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Wise

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted and ev'ry mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough places shall be made plain.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

And the voice said cry, (What shall I cry?) all flesh is grass, and the goodliness thereof is as a flower that is in the field.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of the Lord shall stand fast forever.

O Zion, that bringeth glad tidings, get thee up into the mountains.

O Jerusalem, that bringeth glad tidings lift up thy voice with strength and say unto Judah, "behold thy God".

Please rise as you are able as the monetary offerings are brought to the altar

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love.

Accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

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.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

(8:00)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(10:30)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Hymnal 1982 #S-130

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

(8:00)

Jesus, Lamb of God: **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins: **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world: **give us your peace.**

(10:30)

The musical score for the Fraction Anthem is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), indicating G major. The time signature is not explicitly shown but appears to be 4/4 based on the notation. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



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Hymnal 1982 #S-164

For those participating remotely at 10:30am, please join us in spiritual communion by praying from wherever you are:

O Christ, I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

INVITATION AND COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

All who seek God are welcome at Christ's Table.

- *Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask for one at the time of communion.*
- *Hold out your hand to receive the bread and then eat.*
- *Guide the chalice of wine to your mouth and then drink. Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not available at this time.*
- *To receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest.*
- *If you need communion brought to you at your seat, please notify an usher.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Agnus Dei from *Mass for Four Voices*

Byrd

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Person of the Week

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, we thank you that in Christ you give yourself into our hands: may we who have tasted life proclaim the coming feast when many will come from east and west, from north and south to greet the Lord of all; we ask this in his name. Amen.

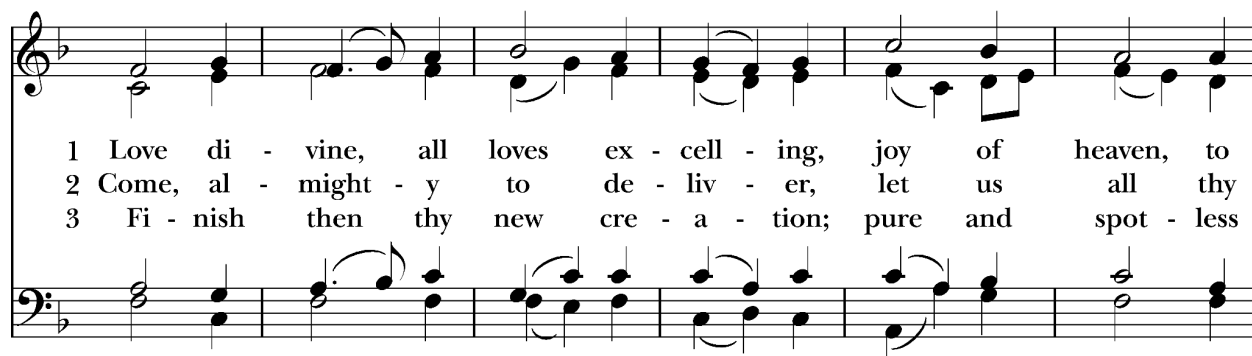
BLESSING

May the God who brings heaven close to earth give truth to our judgment and flame to our longing that our hearts might be ready to be born again in love; and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

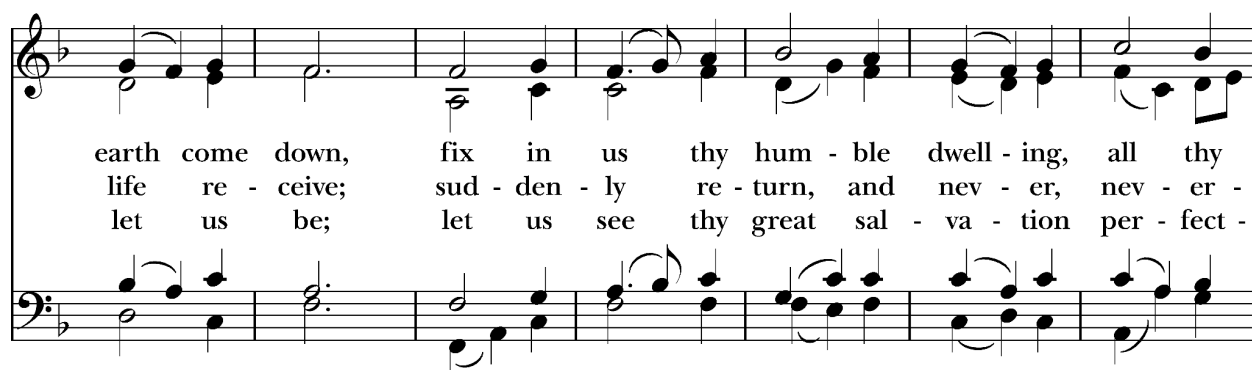
HYMN (10:30)

Love divine, all loves excelling

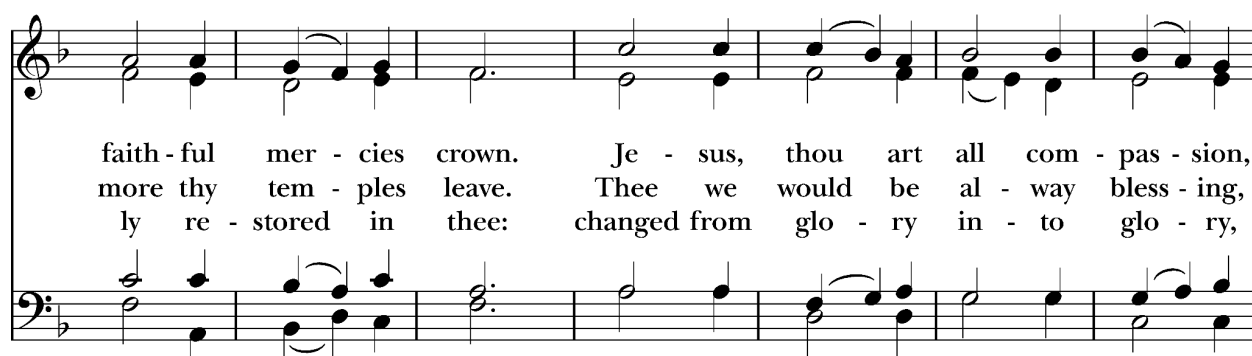
Hyfrydol



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

Hymnal 1982 #657

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and prepare the way of the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

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MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

8:00AM

Acolyte: Ronald Johnson

Lector: Pam Peterson

Intercessor: Melissa Wood

Eucharistic Minister: Ronald Johnson

Usher: Betsy Severtsen

Vestry Person of the Week: Betsy Severtsen

Presider & Preacher: the Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons

10:30AM

Acolyte: Joshua Sheppard

Lectors: Eugene Webb, Sarah Unbehaun

Intercessor: Marilyn Scott-Knutson

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Johnson-Garnett,

Leslie Bourgoin

Ushers: Dick Willy, Mahalia Kahsay

Organist: James Middaugh

Music Director: Markdavin Obenza

TRINITY CHIMES: NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Advent Resources For You to Take With You

On the table at the back of the sanctuary you'll find Advent wreaths, Advent candle sets, Advent calendars, and devotional materials. Feel free to take whatever may be useful to you as you prepare a place for God to come again into the world.

Coffee Hour

TODAY, after both services

Please join us in the Parish Hall (across the courtyard) for coffee and conversation after the service.

Canceled: Civil Discourse Training

Our Adult Formation series, Make Me an Instrument of Peace Civil Discourse class has been canceled. If you are interested in leading this course using a prepared video + discussion questions format, contact Sabeth+.

Wellspring Ensemble: Seeking

TODAY, 3:20PM Pre-concert Lecture, 4:00PM Concert in the Sanctuary

This afternoon Wellspring Ensemble, joined by organist Sunghee Kim, presents Seeking, a concert exploring the journey of connection, belonging, and inner peace. More info and tickets at www.wellspringensemble.org.

Beautiful Individuals AA Meeting

Sundays at 7:00PM in the Trinity Library

An AA meeting specifically for women, trans, and non-binary individuals.

TANBIR AA Meeting

Thursdays at 8:00PM in the Trinity Library

The Trans And Non-Binary In Recovery AA group is an open meeting.

Carols with Ancora Choir

Friday, December 13 at 7:30PM in the Sanctuary

An evening of Christmas carols featuring Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* and the world premiere of *Celebration of Carols* by Pacific Northwest composer, conductor, and teacher Christopher McCafferty, accompanied by

harpist Jared Parsons. The evening ends with Katherine Dienes' stirring setting of *Silent Night* as we dim the lights to enjoy the sounds of Ancora, our faces illuminated in the soft glow of candlelight! Tickets/info: www.ancorachoir.org.

Memorial Service for Frank Greenman (10/30/1947-11/26/2024)

Saturday, December 14 at 10:30AM in the Sanctuary

Frank Greenman started attending Trinity in 2022 after retiring and relocating to Seattle. He died on November 26 after a short hospitalization, surrounded by his daughters and wife. All are invited to celebrate Frank's life in worship and at a reception after the service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Lunch

Sunday, December 15 at 11:45AM in the Parish Hall

Every 3rd Sunday of the month we host a FREE hot meal for our community and neighbors. All hungry humans are invited to eat!

Vestry Meeting

Sunday, December 15, at 12:30PM in the Upstairs Vestry Room and on Zoom.

All regular Vestry (leadership council) meetings are open to the congregation.

Evergreen Ensemble Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 15 at 3:00PM in the Sanctuary

Evergreen Ensemble presents their first Christmas concert. Come hear iconic choral Christmas classics from composers like Morten Lauridsen, Norman Luboff, and John Gardner, as well as newer works from Ola Gjeilo, Sarah Quartel, Jessica French, and many more! Tickets/info at www.evergreenensemble.com.

Christmas Flower Dedications - *Print Deadline*

Tuesday, December 17 at 9:00AM

Honor someone special by sponsoring Christmas flowers and greens.

Contributions of any amount are welcome.

Give online (<https://onrealm.org/TrinitySeattle/-/form/give/now>) by selecting "Flowers Donations" from the fund list. Give by check to "Trinity Parish Church" with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. ***Dedication messages can be sent to office@trinityseattle.org by 12/17 at 9AM.*** Donations accepted at all times.

Blue Christmas Service

Friday, December 20 at 7:00PM (in person only)

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Radiance: An American Christmas

Friday, December 20 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall

Ring in the holidays with Radiance's annual performance of early American music from Appalachia and New England. Powerful, rousing shapenote tunes and lively Shaker songs bring the cheer of Christmas to life. These uniquely American music traditions are part of a vibrant cultural heritage, passed down through oral traditions, singing schools, and community practice. Join Radiance for this festive, joyful celebration! Tickets/info at www.radiance.org.

Polishing Party

Saturday, December 21 at 9:00AM to Noon in the Sanctuary

Join the altar guild for a pre-Christmas gathering to polish all the shiny things and prepare for Christmas.

WHEEL/Women in Black Solstice Vigil

Saturday, December 21

at 4:21PM (Victor Steinbrueck Park, Western Ave & Virginia St)

at 5:00-6:00PM (Westlake Park, 4th Ave & Pine St)

December 21, the Winter Solstice, is the longest night of the year, and it is National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day. WHEEL/Women in Black invite all people to join the annual Solstice Vigil to honor and remember all who've died outside, in public, or by violence this year. A sunset candle-lighting ritual and reading-of-names at the Tree of Life (Western/Virginia) is followed by an hour-long silent vigil from 5-6PM at Westlake Park (4th/Pine). All are welcome; we'll gather together for food and fellowship after the vigil!

Greening the Church for Christmas

Monday, December 23 at 11:00AM to 1:00PM in the Sanctuary

Come help decorate the church for Christmas with greens and light the Christmas trees. All ages welcome.

Church Office Closed for Winter Holiday Break

December 25 - January 5

The church office will be closed over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Ungreening the Church

Sunday, January 5 after the 10:30AM service

On the 12th Day of Christmas, many hands will make tasks go quickly as we take down the Christmas greens, trees, and other Christmas decorations and store them away for another year. All ages welcome.

Bookmarks!

Sunday, January 5, at 12:15PM in the Trinity Library

Bookmarks! is currently reading Barbara Kingsolver's *The Poisonwood Bible*. The book is set in Africa in the 1950's-1960's. How do we as people of faith interact with others? All are welcome to join us for our discussion on January 5!

Compline (1st Thursdays)

Thursday, February 6 at 8:15PM to 8:45PM in the Sanctuary

The Trinity Choir leads us in this brief, restful service at the end of the day.

After a holiday break, the Compline series resumes in February: 2/6, 3/6, 4/3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Our New Organist - James Middaugh

James took the organ bench as a guest on December 1, and officially began as Organist on December 3. He started playing the organ in middle school, and hasn't stopped since. James, welcome to Trinity!

Christmas Tree Shopper Needed IMMEDIATELY

Can you spare 90 minutes to help bring Christmas cheer into our worship space? Shopper needed to procure and deliver two 7'-8' Christmas trees to Trinity. Time and date are flexible, though sooner is better. If you can assist to put them in our stands, that's a bonus! Contact office@trinityseattle.org / 206.624.5337 if you can help and to find out about reimbursement.

Please Consider a Year-end Gift to Trinity

Will you consider celebrating Trinity's commitment to providing a safe and welcoming place for all people by making a year-end gift? To ensure your gift is processed in 2024, please be sure to note the following **IRS deadlines**:

- **BY MAIL:** Any checks mailed to Trinity must be **POSTMARKED by the USPS by Tuesday, December 31** to be counted toward your 2024 giving records. (*We encourage you to mail them even earlier, in case of potential USPS delays.*) Trinity's address is 609 8th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104.
- **ONLINE:** Any online contributions made through Realm or at <https://onrealm.org/TrinitySeattle/give/now> must also be completed **by Tuesday, December 31**. Again, *we highly encourage you* to make your gifts earlier in order to account for processing times and to avoid any technology or other glitches that could result in missing the deadline.
- **IN PERSON:** *The church office is closed the week between Christmas and New Year's.* Any contributions that you would like to make in-person should be brought with you to church and placed **in the offering plate on or before Sunday morning, December 29 at 10:30am** (reminder: there is no 8:00am service on 12/29).

Trinity must strictly adhere to these IRS deadlines for crediting year-end gifts, so we are unable to make any exceptions if you miss the deadline. As always, THANK YOU for your gifts to Trinity.

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Christmas Eve for All Ages

Tuesday, December 24 at 3:00PM (in person only)

Favorite carols, the Christmas story, and Holy Eucharist – all in about an hour.

Christmas Eve Carols

Tuesday, December 24 at 9:00PM

The Trinity Choir leads a concert/sing along before the 9:30 Christmas Eve service.

Traditional Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24 at 9:30PM

Candles, carols, Trinity Choir, and Holy Eucharist.

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25 at 10:30AM (in person only)

Holy Eucharist with Christmas hymns.

First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 29 at 10:30AM

We gather for ONE SERVICE on the First Sunday after Christmas. The 8:00AM service resumes its normal schedule the following week.

Second Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, January 5 at 8:00AM and 10:30AM

It's the 12th Day of Christmas - and you never know what kind of fun we might be having on the eve of the Epiphany.