



December 15, 2024
10:00 am

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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We are blessed that you
have joined us today.

Notes on worship:

BOLD type = people of God =You

Regular type = leader

Italic type = directions or explanations

Introduction to the Day



Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."

WELCOME

We are delighted that you are here with us in person and online! If you have a church home at present but are prevented from joining with them because of the Coronavirus, we say Welcome to you for the present. **If you do not have a church home, please consider Holy Trinity to be yours!** If Pastor Analyse or the Prayer Team can provide any care for you at presence please reach out in person or at pastoranalyse@holytrinitybellerose.org or the church office at office@holytrinitybellerose.org.

~Please stand as you are able~

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **☩** one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned.

We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned.

We plead: come to us.

Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth:

it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through **☩** Christ Jesus,
whose day draws near.

~Please be seated~

Lighting of the Advent Wreath + Joy

Today we light the candle of joy. This year we have prayed for joy. This year we have prayed in joy: For the sounds of children in worship. Today we pray for those for whom joy is difficult this time of year. Today we pray with joy. We know God is with us in moments of joy and sadness. We know God is with us.

Amen.

Light the third candle.

~Please stand as you are able~

WREATH LIGHTING HYMN

ELW #257 vs 1-3

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom
captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile
here until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to
you, O Israel.**

**2. Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.**

Refrain

**3. Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse,
free**

**your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.**

Refrain

GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Emmanuel

W&P #36

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
his name is called Emmanuel.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING Micah 5:2-5a NRSV

The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem. (Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.) This king will restore Israel and bring peace. New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.

The first reading is from Micah beginning at the 5th chapter.

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time

when she who is in labor has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,

in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great

to the ends of the earth;

^{5a} and he shall be the one of peace.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55 NRSV

We will now read responsively from Luke.

^{46b} My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
⁴⁷ my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

**⁴⁸ for you, Lord, have looked with favor on
your lowly servant. From this day all
generations will call me blessed:**

⁴⁹ you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.

**⁵⁰ You have mercy on those who fear you,
from generation to generation.**

⁵¹ You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit,

**⁵² casting down the mighty from their
thrones and lifting up the lowly.**

⁵³ You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ **You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the promise of mercy,**
⁵⁵ the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.

SECOND READING Hebrews:10:5-10 NRSV
The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ's coming. Through obedient acceptance of God's will, Christ allows his own body to become the greatest sacrifice of all, one through which we are made a holy people.

The second reading is from Hebrews beginning at the 10th chapter.

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’

(in the scroll of the book it is written of me). ”

⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able~

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW 262

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1:39-45 NRSV
Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke beginning at the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

~Please be seated~

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Pastor Analyse Triolo Lewis

~Please stand as you are able~

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #723 vs. 1-3
Canticle of the Turning

**1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's
plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be
blest.
Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws
near,
and the world is about to turn.**

**2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of
the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to
flight,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain***

**3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress
tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain***

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith saying the words of the 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; 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.**

**~Please remain standing as you desire,
otherwise please be seated~**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

God our uniter, increase communication and cooperation in our relationships with those of other traditions and religions. Root your church in the radical message of your incarnation, and enable us to pursue your justice in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God our creator, we praise you for the beauty that surrounds us. Awaken in us a renewed sense of care for the wildlife in our communities Central Park, Prospect Park, Flushing Meadows, Brooklyn Bridge Park, Fort Tryon Park, Riverside Park, the High Line, and all other natural spaces in the Metropolitan New York area. Form us into faithful stewards of what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God our sovereign, Mary proclaims a new way of life that lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things. Nurture in local governments and municipalities a desire to care for all who are overlooked and ignored. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God our beacon, as the northern hemisphere begins its slow turn toward more daylight, remind us that even in the deepest nights, you are there. Comfort the lonely and bereaved. Hold closely the frightened, anxious, depressed, and ill *especially Bob Sarro, Janice Rajgopaul, Susan Henyan, Eugene Calamari, Loren Nouza, Ed Unz, Peter Stiefel, Ruth Loomis, Betsy Sommerlatte, Lorcan Nouza, Heather Chittum, Osmin Chittum, and Biaggio Santanastasio.* Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God our guide, shepherd the leadership of this congregation. Bless the council and staff in discerning future ministry and open their hearts to the voices of the community. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God our example, this world cries out for true justice. Guide legislatures, judges, and lawyers in actions steeped in love and restoration.

Increase the desire to advocate for all who are confronted with discrimination and oppression based on race, gender, sexuality, class, or age.

Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God our life, you remember the promises you have made to your people. In gratitude for those who have died, we praise you for your faithfulness throughout history. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

~Please be seated~

OFFERING

~Please stand as you are able~

OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW 247 V. 2 & 4

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

2 Come now, O God of love, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

4 Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

~Please stand as you are able~

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,
you made the whole world,
even the farthest stars,
and you draw near to feed us.

We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.

Strengthen us with this food
that we may live in expectation
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord 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.

PREFACE

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might; Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.
By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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, forever and ever. Amen

~Please be seated~

COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Table. We receive communion in the form of a wafer and a small cup of wine or grape juice. Please tell the ushers if you need the bread and wine brought to you. If you are not yet receiving communion, or do not wish to receive today, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Follow the usher's directions.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God feeds us with tender mercy.
Come to the table.

~Please stand as you are able~

TABLE BLESSING & COMMUNION PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Let us pray.

Generous God,
we thank you for the gift of life,
for the bread of salvation.

We thank you for coming among us,
for leading us into peace.

We thank you for showering us with mercy,
for sending us into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us
as we feed the hungry in your name.

Amen.

~Please be seated~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Please stand as you are able~

BLESSING

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
☩ bless and keep you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 843

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

**1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.**

2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word; praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

DISMISSAL

What is our Mission? **Welcoming all to grow in faith; living Christ's message of serving and loving neighbors near and far.**

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.

***Thank you for worshipping
with us today.***

We are blessed by your presence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

IN PERSON SERVICES every Sunday Live and via Facebook Live @ 10:00 am. You don't have to belong to Facebook to watch. Video will also be available on our interactive bulletin at: holytrinitybellerose.wordpress.com.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting: January 13th @ 7:30 pm.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Our Advent Bible Study *More Than Words* will begin **Monday, December 2nd**. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Books are \$15.

PIANO FUNDRAISER

Holy Trinity has a new Grand Piano! If you would like to donate towards the cost of paying it off, and invest in Holy Trinity's music ministry please put your donation in a "Keys of Grace" envelope, located periodically in your bulletin and on the table in the narthex.

HOLY TRINITY'S CENTENNIAL

Holy Trinity turns 100 in 2026! If you would like to be on the planning committee to organize celebrations throughout the year, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

WOMEN'S GROUP CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Women's Group Christmas Dinner will be on **Wednesday, December 18th, at 6:00pm** at Salvatore's of Elmont.

CHURCH MERCHANDISE

We have a webstore! As a certified non-profit Holy Trinity receives money back for every item purchased. Purchase Holy Trinity shirts, hats, mugs etc. by visiting

<https://www.bonfire.com/store/holy-trinity-lutheran-church-merch/>

YOUTH GROUP

The youth meet twice a month on the first and third Saturday's from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for 2 - 8 grades and 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm for 9th grade and up. Contact Diane Gilroy for more information.

ALTAR GUILD

Looking for volunteers to help Denice, Joe, & Pastor Analyse with Altar Guild responsibilities.

WOMEN'S GROUP

This group is women getting together to discuss relevant topics and books, spend time uplifting and supporting each other. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm. All are welcome. Any questions contact Carol Robinson or Denice Watkins.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All positions available. Learn a new skill. The video camera is really user friendly. See Pastor Analyse for additional information.

YOGA PRACTICE

Yoga, Thursdays, at 7 pm in the Friendship Hall. One hour for only \$10. Contact Carol Robinson, 917-208-7340, for additional information.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree in the Narthex has some new foliage! As we give thanks for all that we have this month help us also give to ***Midnight Run*** up an ornament from the tree and help those in need celebrate the holidays.

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

9 Laura Stiefel

13 Jean Klarman

16 Ruth Nouza

16 Rebecca Knoetig

29 Tiffany & Don Hanratty

30 Carol & Tony Albasini

30 Nancy Aragona

2024 Advent & Christmas Schedule

Fri., Dec. 20th + Blue Christmas
At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
7:00 pm

Tues., Dec. 24th + Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
8:00 pm



Sun., Dec. 22nd + Christmas Pageant
10:00 am during Worship

Sun., Dec. 29th + Lessons & Carols
10:00 am during Worship.

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