

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

November 27, 2022

Celebrant: The Rev. Andrea Polvino

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Processional ‘O come, O come, Emmanuel’ *Veni, veni, Emmanuel* **Hymnal 56, v 1, 2, 7, 8**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Kyrie eleison ‘Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison’ David Hurd Hymnal S86

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that

in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum*

I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.

For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:11-14

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of

darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People* ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence ‘Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding’ Merton Hymnal 59, v 1, 3, 4

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding: “Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;
“Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day.”

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, comes to pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven;

so when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,
may he with his mercy shield us, and with words of love draw near.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord. *People* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

SERMON

The Rev. Andrea Polvino

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form II

BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Andy Jeff, Hector, and Kai our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Ricky, Shirley, Ashley, Chance, Chris, Vicki W., Elizabeth, Elham, Alice, Cassandra, Lyn, Wanda, Jan and those on our prayer list.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially ____].
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & CELEBRATIONS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offertory 'People, Look East. The Time is Near' *Besançon Carol*, arr. John Hooker

The Holy Trinity Choir and the Congregation of the Parish

Please join the choir in singing throughout this carol welcoming Advent and Christmas, and please stand as you are able before the final verse.

People, look East. The time is near to the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look East and sing today: Love the guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:

give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flow'r may flourish.

People, look East and sing today: Love the rose is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard your nest that must be filled.

Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen.

People, look East and sing today: Love the bird is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,

shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.

People, look East and sing today: Love the star is on the way.

Please stand...

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look East and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of

everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus “Holy, holy, holy Lord” David Hurd Hymnal S124

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People ***We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People ***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

THE FRACTION

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God 'Agnus Dei' David Hurd Hymnal S161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

If you wish to intinct please come forward first. Those wishing to drink from the common cup, come forward last. All others are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. Cross your arms across your chest to indicate a blessing.

Communion 'Creator of the stars of night' *Conditor alme siderum* Hymnal 60

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.
In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe,
you came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty.
When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright,
not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.
At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
all things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;
defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People ***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

BLESSING

PROCESSIONAL INTO THE WORLD

'Come, thou long-expected Jesus' *Stuttgart*

Hymnal 66

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nations, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Holy Trinity seeks to love and serve,

People **welcoming all!**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Advent and Christmas Services

Longest Night

Wednesday, December 21, 7:30p

Longest night service is a time and space during this time of joy and celebration for those who might be finding it difficult to feel joy and/or celebration in their wounded souls. We welcome you to this mellow Advent service where we can acknowledge those people, pets or things we have lost that are heavy on our hearts.

Christmas Eve

December 24, 4p and 8p

The 4:00pm service will feature the Holy Trinity Children's Choir.

Celebrant: The Rev. James Morgan

The 8:00pm Candlelight service ends with the congregation lighting candles while singing "Silent Night"

Celebrant: The Rev. Andrea Polvino

Prior to the 8:00pm service, beginning at 7:30p,
the Holy Trinity Choir will lead the congregation in singing Christmas Carols.

Christmas Day

December 25, 8am

Morning Prayer

Officiant: Shauna Correia

ASSISTIVE LISTENING AVAILABLE—DEVICES ARE IN THE NARTHEX

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thank you to all who have turned in a 2023 pledge card.** If you have not yet done so, please complete one ASAP. You can pledge online via the website, or find a pledge card in the Narthex.
- **A CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will sing at the Christmas Eve service at 4 p.m. Calling all children - age 4 through 8th grade...there will be 3 practices in the Choir Room - after church until (10:50-11:20) THREE Sundays - Dec. 4th - 11th - 18th. Together we will choose a special name for our choir!! All are welcome - questions or comments - please contact Gail Roe, 281.221.0210 or gail.h.roe@gmail
- **Saturday, December 3rd, 6 - 7p** Holy Trinity will be participating in the **Gator Bayou Lighted Christmas Boat Parade**. This fun, free, family boat parade begins at 6:00 p.m. at Tropical Gardens (Gum Bayou) and will travel west to the 646 bridge. Holy Trinity will serve hot chocolate and possibly lead Christmas Carols while waiting for the boats to pass by the launch ramp next door. If you would like to help make and serve hot chocolate, contact Christina Brummer.
- **Christmas Parade Participants Needed!** Holy Trinity will be participating in the Annual Rotary Christmas Parade on **Thursday, December 8th**. We are looking for any youth or adults who would like to ride or walk on/with our float. Please let Vicki Terrell know you would like to participate by December 4th. We are also looking for candy donations and volunteers to help decorate the trailer. Let Vicki know if you would like to help at vicki.terrell@hotmail.com
- **Gospel of John will NOT MEET** on November 28, resuming on December 5.
- There will be an **Advent Bible study** after church December 4, 11, 18, and on January 8. This study will be based on the book "Light of the World" by Amy – Jill Levine a world renowned scholar of New Testament and Jewish studies. She provides a unique perspective on the well-known stories of Advent. A paperback version is available from Amazon at \$9.49 per copy and a Kindle edition at \$7.52. Nick has four copies of the paperback available at cost.
- **Empty Stockings are available for pickup in the Narthex.** Please take one or two and follow the instructions on the stocking. Gifts should be returned no later than December 4th. We will be providing a toy, an outfit and 'stuffer toys' for some 250 children in Dickinson ISD. Sorting and prep for distribution of gifts will be done Dec 5 - 8. Distribution Day is Saturday, December 10 If you would like to help or have any questions, contact Helene (832-540-0694)
- **Blessing Bag Project continues.** Pick up a bag from the narthex and have it ready in your car for when you find a brother/sister in need.

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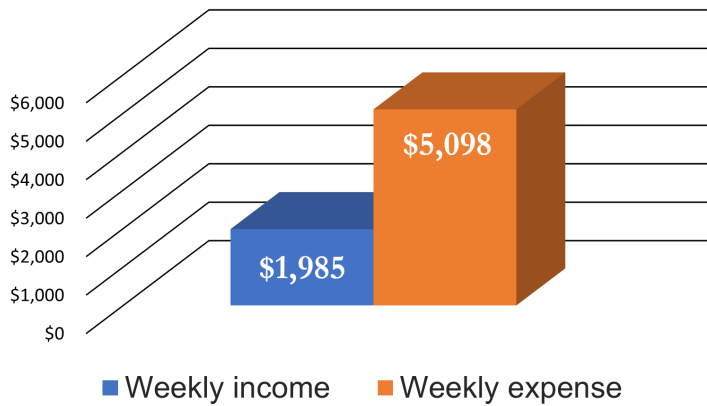
Please keep the following in prayer:

Ricky, Shirley, Ashley, Chance, Chris, Vicki W., Elizabeth, Elham, Alice, Cassandra, Lyn, Wanda, Jan, Kim, Emerlyn, Tim, Debbie, Robert, Janis, John, Diane E. and Ellen.
Military and First Responders: Cole, James, Rob, RE, Michael, Peyton and Jessica
and all staff at local schools, hospitals, clinics and nursing homes.

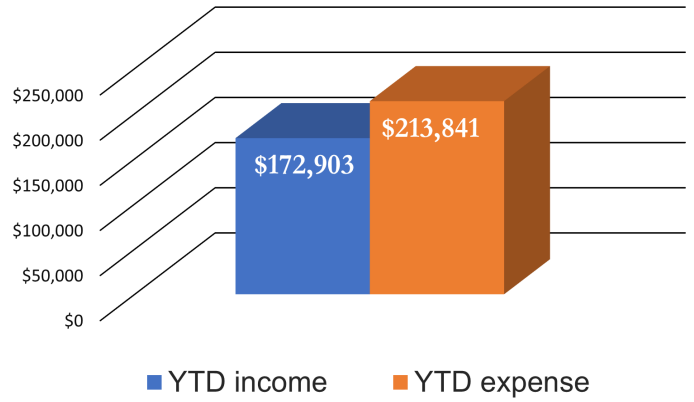
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Altar flowers are given to the glory of God

Weekly Snapshot



Year to Date (October)



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