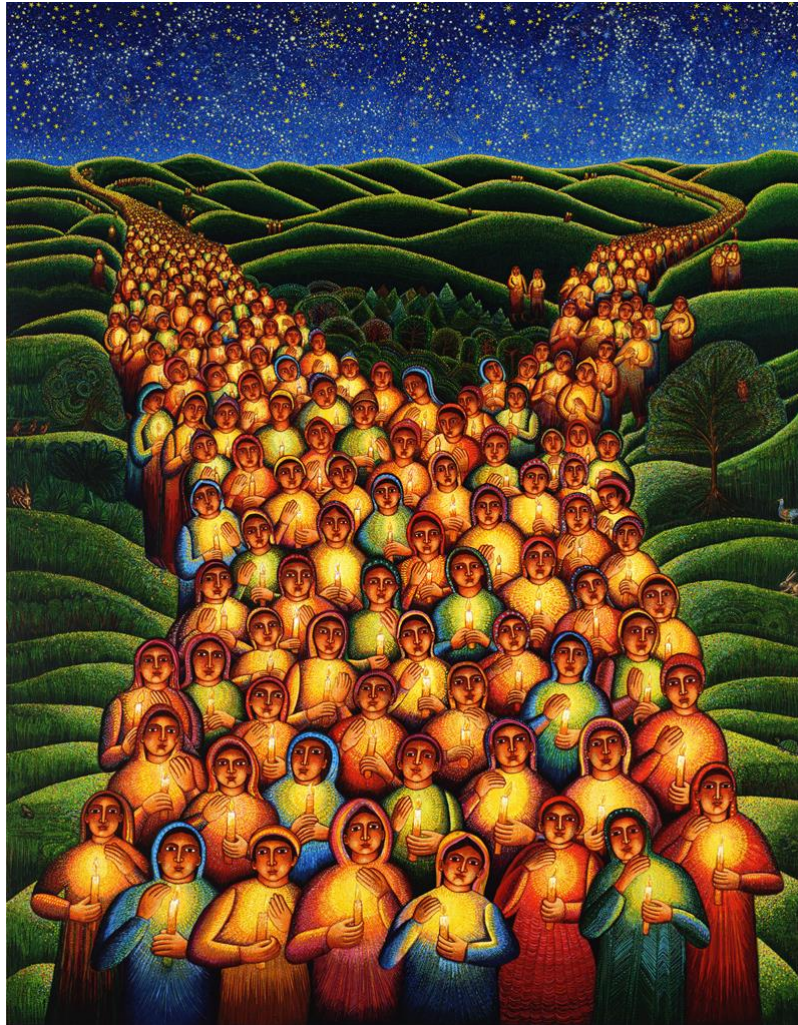




# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT HOLY EUCHARIST



DECEMBER 8, 2024

10:00am

# ✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

PRELUDE

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*  
(Ken Stoops, organ)

Raymond Haan

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Applegate

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

*Pasek and Paul from Dear Evan Hansen*

*Even when the dark comes crashing through / When you need a friend to carry you  
When you're broken on the ground / You will be found  
So let the sun come streaming in / You'll reach up and rise again  
Lift your head and look around / You will be found*

*Celebrant:*

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

*People:*

**In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

OPENING HYMN

*People, look East*

WLP #724

*All rise.*



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
 2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.  
 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.  
 4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.  
 5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). Music: *Besançon Carol*, harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944).

Trinity Kids are now invited to join their teachers in the rear of the church for Sunday School in the Clubhouse!

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

**People:** You come to your people and set them free.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest:* God be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Priest:* 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.**

### THE FIRST READING

MALACHI 3:1-4

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## CANTICLE 16

Enriching Our Worship

All join in to sing the refrain. The choir will offer the verses.

### REFRAIN

God's Love God's Love God's Love is ev - er last - ting.

### REFRAIN

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.  
You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.  
Through your holy prophets you promised of old to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us, To show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham,  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship you without fear,  
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

### REFRAIN

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,  
To give God's people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

### REFRAIN

## THE SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

*Reader:* A reading from Philippians.

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.

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE

*Thy Word is a Lamp*

*Augsburg Hymns for Worship*

*All are invited to join.*

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

*When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're right there beside me,  
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near, please be with me 'til the end*

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

## THE GOSPEL

LUKE 3:1-6

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

*People:* **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."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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 of 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 worshipped 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Emily Williams Guffey*

- Leader* Creator of the stars of night, which keep watch when our own faith is dim: Awaken hope and kindle our longing for your return. Lord, in your mercy
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free: Release us from our sins and fears, that we may live in your light and truth. Lord, in your mercy
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* O come, Desire of nations: bind in one the hearts of humankind. Dissolve our sad divisions, and strengthen us to work for peace. Lord, in your mercy
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Comfort all who sit in the darkness of illness, grief, or distress, especially those we now name: *(all are invited to offer, aloud or silently, names of those in need.)* Speak to them your peace, which passes all understanding. Lord, in your mercy
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Welcome into your glory those we love but see no longer, especially those we now name: *(all are invited to offer, aloud or silently, names of those who have died.)* May light perpetual shine upon them, bright as sun and moon together. Lord, in your mercy
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* With the angels who announce your coming with shouts of joy, let us name the blessings of our lives: *(all are invited to offer, aloud or silently, prayers of thanksgiving.)* You have lifted up our lowliness in many marvelous ways. Lord, in your mercy
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Celebrant* Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign, one God for ever and ever.
- People* **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins to God.

**People:** 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.

*Priest:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERTORY INVITATION

*Loose offerings (cash or checks) can be placed in the Offertory Plate when it is passed.*

*To give online, use the attached QR code or visit [www.trinitytoledo.org/online-giving/](http://www.trinitytoledo.org/online-giving/), choose GIVE NOW and today's date. You can also **text** the word "Give" to 419-OMG-LOVE (419-664-5683) to make your weekly offering.*



## OFFERTORY

*Hills and Valleys*  
(Trinity Choir)

Tauren Wells, Chuck Butler  
and Jonathan Smith, arr. Cliff Duren



# ✠ THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE ✠

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Eucharistic Prayer B (Expansive Language Version)*

*Celebrant:* God 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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 with 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

*The Sound of My People by Roger Holland III*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san -  
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na, ho-san -  
na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Ho-san -  
na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your people; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE FRACTION: BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the people of God; holy food for holy people.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated until you are invited to come forward to receive communion. We offer both bread and **non-alcoholic wine** at the time of communion. **BREAD**- please extend your hands to receive a piece of bread (or ask for a gluten-free cracker) **WINE**- we ask that you drink from the chalice as it is offered to you. Please let an usher know if you would like the bread/wine brought to you and if you would like a gluten free option.

## COMMUNION SONG

*Ev'ry Valley Shall Be Exalted*  
(Steven Sloan, tenor and Grace Mauk, piano)

George Frideric Handel  
from *Messiah*

## COMMUNION SONG

*Prepare ye the way*

LEVAS #11

Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord.

Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord.

1.-4. Final ending Fine

1. Make straight in the  
 2. Fill ev - 'ry  
 3. Go up to a  
 4. Say to all

1.-4. Final ending Fine

D.S.

1. des - ert a high - way for our God.  
 2. val - ley, bring all moun - tains low.  
 3. moun - tain and shout with a loud voice.  
 4. pco - ple, here is your God.

D.S.

Words: Isaiah 40:3-4,9. Music: James E. Moore, Jr.

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please rise.)*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## A Prayer for Transition

Jolene Miller

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Loving God, you traveled with your people out of Egypt and to the Promised Land. We thank you for your presence as we've traveled through our transition. Grant us patience as the Search Committee continues to discern with priests and is guided by the Holy Spirit to identify our next rector. We hold the Search Committee, our Vestry, and our community before you in prayer, and we pray with thanksgiving for all the priests who have offered their gifts in the process. May we live into the hope and promise of the search, as you lead our new rector to us, and us to them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Benediction

*Crowded Table*

The Highwomen

*I want a house with a crowded table  
And a place by the fire for everyone  
Let us take on the world while we're young and able  
And bring us back together when the day is done  
And bring us back together when the day is done*

## Blessing

## Sending Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*The Hymnal 1982 #657  
Please see next page for music.*

## Dismissal

*Deacon:* Go in peace to and serve our Loving, Liberating, Life-Giving God!

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - mighty - 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

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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





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