



4th Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021



Welcome to Trinity Church

We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community centred in the good news of Jesus. We invite you to join us for worship and to take up your place with us on our journey. We'd be glad of your presence and grateful for your company!

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Trinity Community Worship † 9:30 am

Gathering

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Gospel	Luke 1:39-45
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Peace	
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Meal

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Blessing	
Dismissal	<i>Go in peace. Christ is near.</i>
	Thanks be to God
Postlude	Savior of the Nations, Come – <i>Andreas Nikolaus Vetter</i>

Serving Today

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Tanya Varner
Assisting Minister:	Janice Ritz
Greeter:	Carol Merner
Ushers:	Dave Mello and Bill Laight
Musicians:	Jamie Courtney, Keith Thompson, Handbell Quartet
Technology:	Rick Ritz

We acknowledge that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the Neutral, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga peoples.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

**In your Son, Emmanuel,
you have shown us your light
and saved us from the power of sin.**

All four candles on the advent wreath are lit.

Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

**Increase our longing for your presence,
that at the celebration of your Son's birth
his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst,
for he is our light and our salvation.**

Blessed be God forever.

Amen.

Gathering Song..... O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

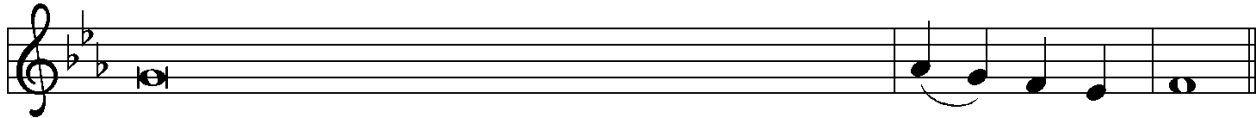
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



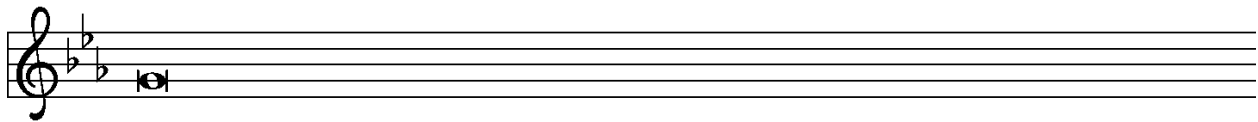
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



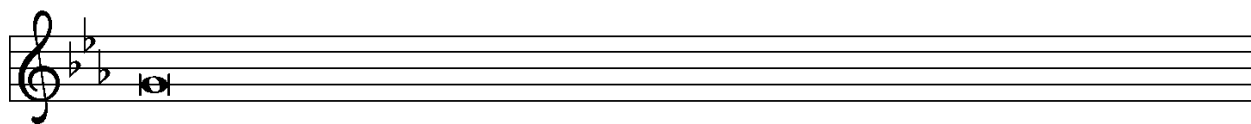
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Hymn of the Day.....Unexpected and Mysterious



1 Un - ex - pect - ed and mys - te - rious is the gen - tle
 2 In a mo - men - tar - y meet - ing of e - ter - ni -
 3 We are called to pon - der mys - t'ry and a - wait the



word of grace. Ev - er - lov - ing and sus - tain -
 ty and time, Mar - y learned that she would car -
 com - ing Christ, to em - bod - y God's com - pas -



ing is the peace of God's em - brace. If we fal - ter
 ry both the mor - tal and di - vine. Then she learned of
 sion for each frag - ile hu - man life. God is with us

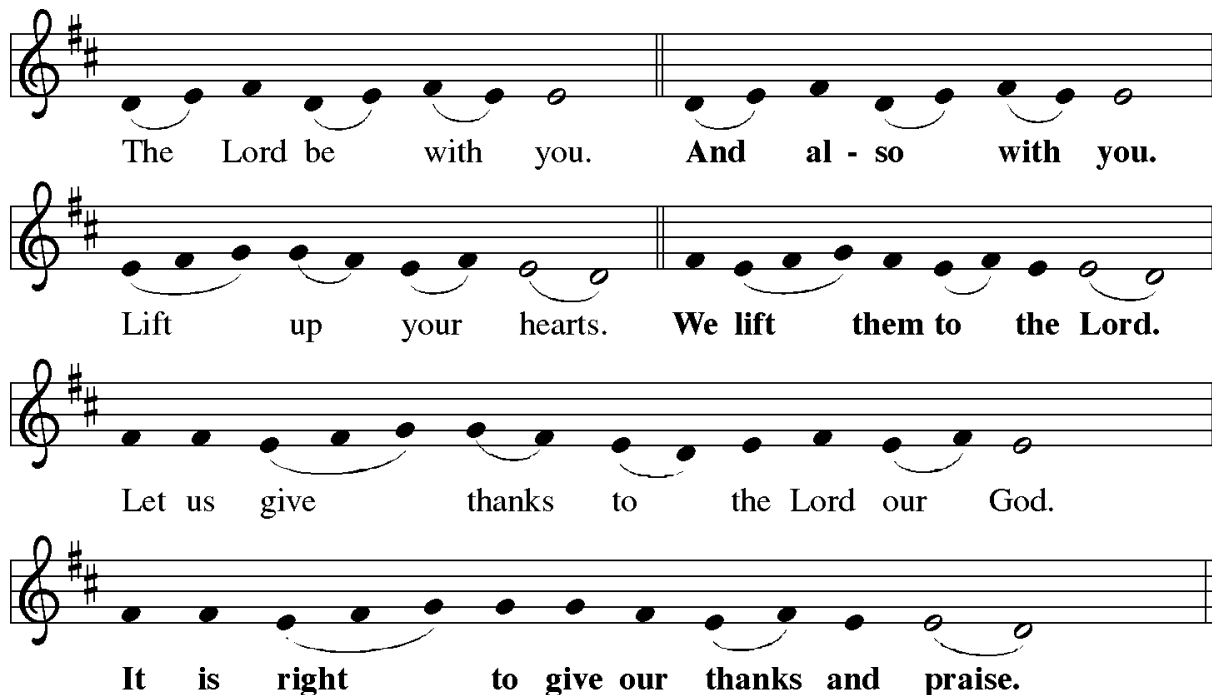


in our cour - age and we doubt what we have known, God is
 God's com - pas - sion, of E - liz - a - beth's great joy, and she
 in our long - ing to bring heal - ing to the earth, while we



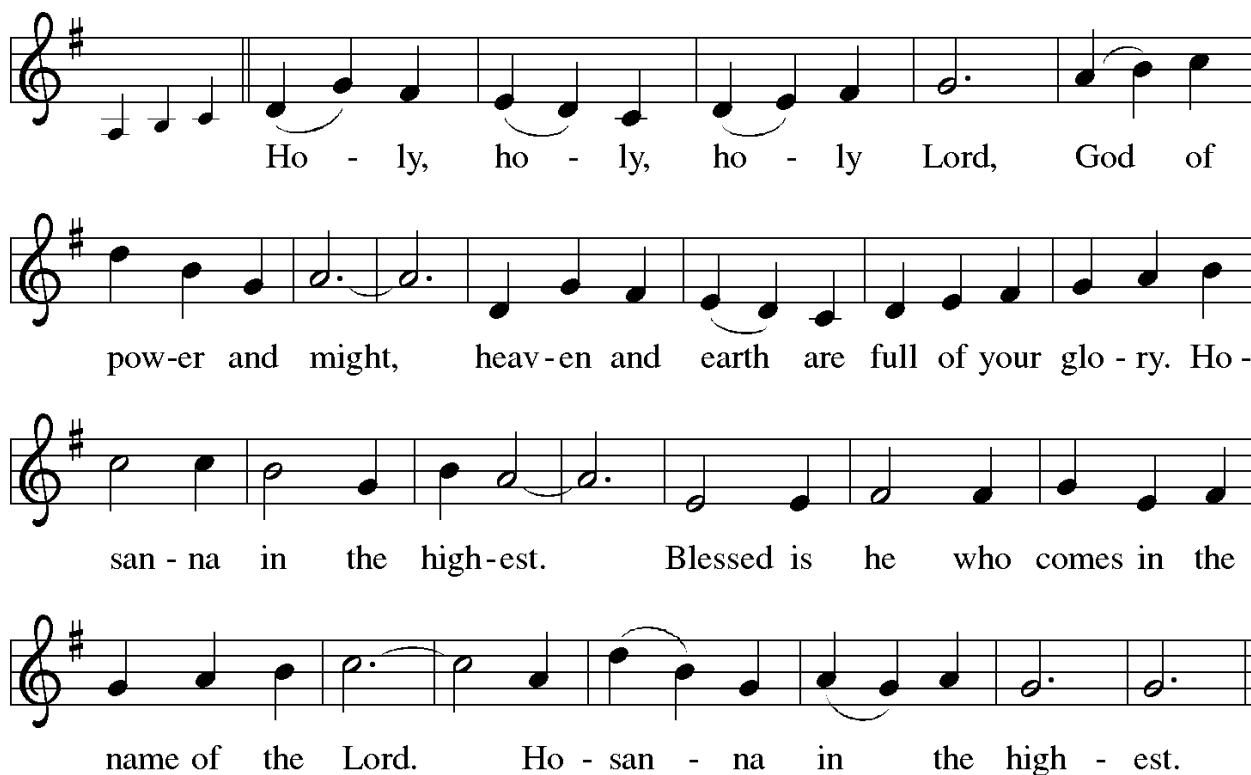
faith - ful to con - sole us as a moth - er tends her own.
 ran to greet the wom - an who would rec - og - nize her boy.
 watch with joy and won - der for the prom - ised Sav - ior's birth.

Dialogue



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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.

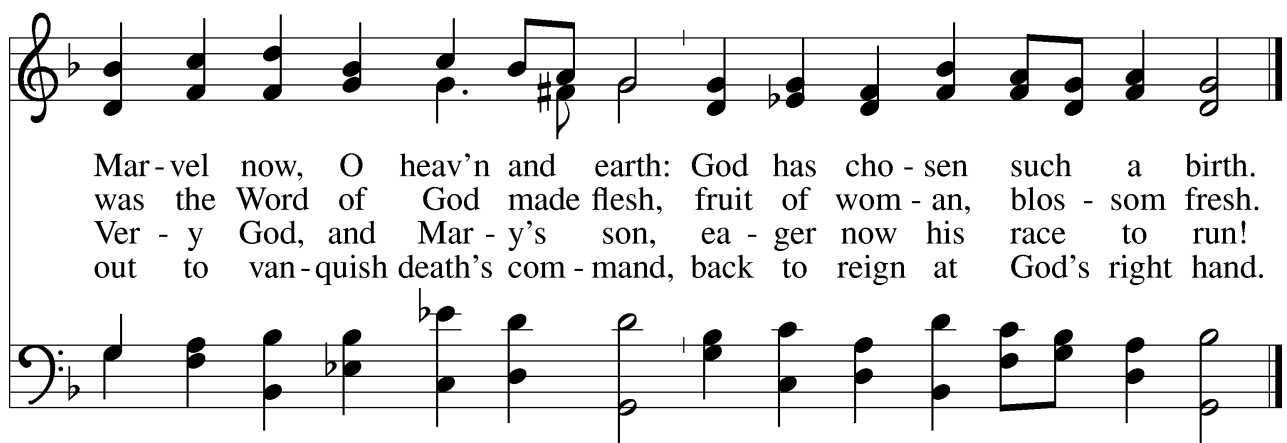
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

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

Sending Song..... Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
 3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child— from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
 4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
 was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
 Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,
 hallows night with newborn light.
 Night cannot this light subdue;
 let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
 virgin's son, incarnate Word!
 To the holy Trinity
 praise we sing eternally!

Announcements

+ Holy Communion Distribution

For in-person worshippers, Holy Communion will be offered as bread only. When it is time to receive Holy Communion, an usher will come to your pew and offer hand sanitizer. You may then proceed down the centre aisle to Pastor Tanya. After receiving your wafer with open hands, please return to your pew to eat your wafer, removing one side of your mask to eat.

+ Christmas Eve Worship

Trinity offers in-person Christmas Eve worship at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Reservations are required for these services and closed on December 15th. In-person worshippers need to provide proof-of-vaccination. For at-home worshippers, please join us for online worship at 7:30 pm on our Facebook page.

+ 1492 Land Back Lane

The land defenders in Caledonia need items to get them through the winter months. If you could donate any of the following items, they would be most thankful. Items will be accepted at Trinity until Sunday, December 19th in the bin in the stairwell at the main entrance.

The following items are what has been requested:

- balaclavas or neck warmers
- large and x-large sweaters – men and women
- children's pre-packaged snacks (granola bars, crackers, fruit snacks, etc.)
- large heavy tarps for shelter and rain protection

+ Mid-week Evening Prayer

During the season of Advent, we offer Evening Prayer online on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We invite you to tune in on Facebook for a half hour of readings, music, and prayer. The final service is December 22nd.

+ Proof of Vaccination – Printing/Laminating Drop-In

On Wednesday, December 22nd from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Trinity will offer printing and laminating of proof of vaccination documents. Effective January 4th, the Ontario Government requires individuals to use the updated document that includes a scannable QR code. If you could use a hand, we're here to help – just remember to bring your health card! Donations accepted to cover material costs.

+ Sunday to Sunday

19 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + 4 th Sunday of Advent
	11:00 am	Online Fellowship via Zoom
20 – Monday	6:00 pm	TOPS
22 – Wednesday	2:00 pm	COVID-19 Printing/Laminating Drop-In at Trinity
	6:30 pm	Evening Prayer, online only via Facebook
24 – Friday	5:00 pm	In-Person Worship + Christmas Eve
	7:30 pm	Hybrid Worship + Christmas Eve
25 – Saturday		<i>No Christmas Day Worship</i>
26 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + 1 st Sunday of Christmas +Lesson and Carols

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