

# HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 8:30AM Service

The Second Sunday of Advent

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Holy Communion - Book of Common Prayer - 8:30AM Service

**Prelude: Nun Kom, Der Heiden Heiland (Come, Redeemer of Mankind)**

*Chorale harmonized by J.S. Bach, Prelude by J. Pachelbel*

**Processional Hymn #106: There's a Voice in the Wilderness**

**The Collect for Purity**

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

**Summary of the Law**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All: Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
The Lord be with you;

**All: And with thy spirit.**

**Collect of the Day:**

Let us pray,

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**A reading from Isaiah (40:1-11)**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of

the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

### **Psalm 85 (1-2, 8-13)**

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, you have restored the good fortune of Jacob. You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins. I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him. Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

### **A reading from 2 Peter (3:8-15)**

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

### **Gospel Reading**

The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark (1:1-8)**

*All:* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I

am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

*All:* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**The Sermon:** The. Ven. Dr. Christopher A. Pappas

### The Creed

**All:** I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come.

### Offertory

Offertory Hymn #90: How the World Longs for Your Birth

### Prayers

#### Confession and Absolution

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

**All:** Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord be with you;

**All: And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts;

**All: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

**All: It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him...world without end. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you;

**All: And with thy spirit.**

**All: We do not presume to come to this Thy table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

## The Communion

### Agnus Dei

**All: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.**

**Music During Communion: Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier, (Precious Jesus, We Are Here), J.S. Bach**

## Prayers after Communion

Let us pray.

**All: 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Almighty and everliving God...and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

**All:** And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn #103: On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry**

**Postlude: Allein Gott In Der Hoh Sei Her, J.S. Bach**

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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Anglican Church

Please join us for coffee and fellowship following the service. We thank Sheila Vaughan and John de Haan for hosting coffee today. Nursery: Care for children from birth to age three is available during the 10:30am service. The nursery is downstairs. Please ask a greeter if you need help finding it.

The Warden on duty today is Marguerite Trussler.

Please remember these names in your prayers this week: Roger; Ed; Erin; Fr. Allan; Leon; Linda; Fran; David; Ron; Sheldon; Marlo; Ruth; Mildred; Barbara; Judah; Gwyneth; Janet; Gertrude  
*\*Names will be kept on the prayer list for three weeks. Please let the church office know if you wish a name to remain on the list longer. Thank you!\**

### Upcoming Services and Other Events at a Glance:

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** – Artists & Healing Prayer Team Commissioning

**December 11<sup>th</sup>** – Holden Evening Prayer, 7pm

**December 16<sup>th</sup>** – Death Café, 12pm

**December 17<sup>th</sup>** – Recommitment of Vows

**December 17<sup>th</sup>** – Kids Church Christmas Pageant

**December 18<sup>th</sup>** – Holden Evening Prayer, 7pm

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Eve Services, 4:30, 7, 11pm

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Day Service, 10am

**December 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>** – Amahl and the Night Visitors, 6:30pm

### Today's Scriptures:

#### **Advent 2, Year B**

**Isaiah 40:1-11.** Chapters 40 through 55 of Isaiah are sometimes called "Second Isaiah." Writing close to the end of the exile, the prophet proclaims the reconciliation of Israel with God, and the restoration of the people to their land. We hear the opening passage, announcing the good news God's people have been waiting long to hear: deliverance is at hand!

**Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13.** This psalm may come from the same period as Second Isaiah. In beautiful poetic language, the psalmist prays for the restoration of God's favor upon both people and land.

**2 Peter 3:8-15.** This letter was probably written by an unknown Christian elder early in the second century, seeking to encourage Christians of a later generation who were anxious that Christ had not yet returned as promised and as the church had long been teaching.

**Mark 1:1-8.** The Gospel of Mark begins with John the Baptist, not with Jesus. Using words from the prophets Isaiah and Malachi, John proclaimed his role as preparing the people for the coming of the Messiah.

- Written by The Rev. Robin Walker

### Haitian Arts and Crafts Sale

Support Outreach to Haiti: Today and next Sunday, December 17th, Fr. Chris will be selling Haitian arts and crafts during coffee hour in the Lower Hall following the 10:30AM service. Come purchase something beautiful for yourself, your home, or do your Christmas shopping while supporting a great cause. 100% of proceeds go to support Outreach to Haiti. Purchases can be made via cash, credit card, or by cheque made out to Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Donations to Outreach to Haiti will also be accepted.

**Holden Evening Prayer:** Join us on Monday evenings during the season of Advent for Holden Evening Prayer. **December 11 and 18 at 7:00PM.** Holden Evening Prayer is a musical setting of the liturgy written by Marty Haugen. This lovely setting of vespers follows the traditional form while using contemporary and inclusive language.

**Christmas Hampers for King Edward School Families** Once again this year we are working together to provide Christmas hampers for families in need at King Edward School and Academy at King Edward. These will contain food and other items to bring joy to these families at Christmastime.

Here's how you can help:

**Donate Items:** Suggested items for donations: boxes of chocolates, practical toiletry items (toothbrushes, combs, toothpaste, etc.), fun toiletry items (bubble bath, lotion, hair accessories, etc.), cosmetics (i.e. nail polish, etc.), socks, pj's, mittens, hats, scarves, small games, books, etc. All donations of items may be placed in the marked box at the front of the Sanctuary.

**Donate Money:** Any monetary donations will be used to purchase turkeys and other food items for the hampers. If placing money in the offering plate, please designate it "Christmas Hampers".

**Donate Time:** If you would like to be involved in packing the hampers or getting supplies, please contact Janette in the office: church.office@holyltrinity.ab.ca or 780-433-5530 ext. 104.

**The deadline for all donations is Dec. 18.** Thank you in advance!

**Death Café: Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 12pm-2pm, Upper Hall:** Death is a taboo subject in our society. We live in a culture where many people only start to think about what happens when we die - to our bodies, our loved ones, our souls - when they are faced with the death of someone close to them. I am passionate about creating safe spaces to talk about Death because it is the one sure thing that every one of us will have to deal with at some point in our lives. Questions? Please see Rev. Heather.

**Recommitment of Wedding Vows:** As part of the service on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a Recommitment of Wedding Vows. For any couples wishing to participate, please send Janette your names and the date of your wedding anniversary: church.office@holyltrinity.ab.ca or 780-433-5530.

### **O Tiny House of Bethlehem**

Join us during coffee hour following the 10:30AM service on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** to see the Kids Church Christmas Pageant, "O Tiny House of Bethlehem". Join with the kids in celebrating the birth of Christ!

### **Christmas Memorial Flowers – May their memory be eternal**

We are accepting donations towards our Christmas flower arrangements, made in memory of those who have died. These names will be printed in both the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. It is a great way to remember and celebrate the life of someone whom we loved but no longer see, and remember that they live on in Christ in the new and resurrected life. The Christmas flowers will then be available for distribution to shut-ins and the needy. If you would like to designate memorial flowers, please see the signup sheet downstairs during coffee hour, or contact Janette at the office (780-433-5530 or church.office@holyltrinity.ab.ca). **Please sign up by Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the latest.** Thank you!

**Christmas Services:** Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour!

#### **December 24**

- **4:30 PM** Christmas Eve Family Service with open pageant and carols. Perfect for families with young children.
- **7 PM** Christmas Eve Communion Service. Come sing along to traditional Christmas favourites.
- **11 PM** Festive Christmas Eve Eucharist with organ and choir. A candlelit service full of symbolism that accesses the mystery of the Incarnation.

#### **December 25**

- **10:00 AM** Christmas Day Eucharist Service. Festive and calm worship with organ and sung carols.

**Please note that the regular 8:30AM and 10:30AM services for Advent 4 will still be taking place on December 24<sup>th</sup>, in addition to the evening Christmas Eve Services.**

**Church Office Hours:** The church office will be closed from December 25<sup>th</sup> to December 27<sup>th</sup>, as well as January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Upcoming Trinity Players Events**

**Amahl and the Night Visitors: December 27 and 28 at 6:30PM** - Come join the Trinity Players as they share Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" with you. In this one hour, family friendly opera, we follow the epic journey of three quirky wise men following the star to visit the mystical baby. On the way, they take refuge in the home of Amahl and his mother, and miracles ensue. Tickets: \$15/adult, \$35/family (two adults and up to 3 children), \$5/single child. Tickets from Eventbrite.com.

**HTAC Open Stage** Holy Trinity is a place of art and a place of community. You are invited to join us on the first Friday of every month from 7-10pm for HTAC Open Stage. Bring your talents to share with others, or come as an audience member and enjoy the show.

**Upcoming Open Stage Night: January 5<sup>th</sup>.** All are welcome!

**Holy Trinity Presents: Speaker Series:** Please join us for an exciting and enlightening lecture-discussion series on monthly Saturday mornings at Holy Trinity. 30 minute lecture followed by 30 minutes of discussion. Refreshments provided. 11am to 12pm in the Upper Hall.

**January 6 – Heather Coleman: "Russian Orthodoxy as 'Lived Religion'"**

February 3 – Amy Fisher: "Galilean Archeology: A Brief Introduction"

March 3 – Marian Allen: "Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job: Wisdom Relevant Today?"

April 7 – Nathan Kowalsky: "Evil, nature, and God"

**Script Salon: Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM.** Note new dates for 2018: Script Salon next month – *Second* Sunday.

SCRIPT SALON showcases some of the most talented theatre writers in the region with new plays ripe for production read by professional actors. Presented the first Sunday of every month with a different play by a different playwright featured every time, SCRIPT SALON is a bounteous buffet of sizzling comedy, drama, romance and adventure forged by the power of imagination. Free Admission (Donations Accepted) – Refreshments – Playwright Talk Back

"The Thin Line" by Blaine Newton – An aging clown, a shabby Shakespearean, and a Lothario well past his prime walk into an audition – it's not a joke; it's reality. Old actors never die, they just whine about the lack of opportunities.

**Equally Anglican:** All are welcome and invited to join us on the last Sunday of each month for our LGBTQ+ affirming Eucharist service at 7:00pm. **Upcoming Service Date: January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.**

Please note that there will be no Equally Anglican service on December 31<sup>st</sup>, but we hope to see you in January!