



Third Sunday in Advent
December 11, 2022

WORSHIPPING THE GOD OF LOVE

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Ellie Perry

Pastoral Prayer: Duncan Highmark, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Devotional Preparation:

"The Two Advents"

Words: Right Rev. George Washington Doane (1827)

He came not, with His heavenly crown, His sceptre clad with power,
His coming, was in feebleness, the infant of an hour;
An humble manger cradled, first, the Virgin's holy birth,
And lowing herds companioned there, the Lord of heaven and earth,
He came not, in His robe of wrath, with arm outstretched to slay;
But, on the darkling paths of earth, to pour celestial day,
To guide in peace, the wandering feet; the broken heart, to bind;
And bear, upon the painful cross, the sins of humankind.
And Thou hast borne them, Savior meek! and therefore, unto Thee,
In humbleness, and gratitude, our hearts shall offered be;
And greenly, as the festal bough, that, on Thy altar, lies,
Our souls, our bodies, all be Thine, a living sacrifice!
Yet once again, Thy sign shall be, upon the heavens, displayed,
And earth, and its inhabitants, be terribly afraid, For, not in weakness, clad,
Thou com'st, our woes, our sins, to bear,

But girt with all Thy Father's might, His vengeance to declare.
The terrors of that awful day, Oh I who shall understand
Or, who abide, when Thou in wrath, shalt lift Thy holy hand?
The earth shall quake, the sea shall roar, the sun in heaven grow pale,
But Thou hast sworn, and wilt not change, Thy faithful shall not fail!
Then grant us, Savior! so to pass our time, in trembling, here,
That when, upon the clouds of heaven, Thy glory shall appear,
Uplifting high our joyful heads, in triumph, we may rise,
And enter, with Thine angel train, Thy temple, in the skies!

Song of Preparation

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Trinity Hymnal #162

Call to Worship—Psalm 126:1-3

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were
like those who dream.

**People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our
tongue with shouts of joy;**

Leader: Then they said among the nations,

People: "The Lord has done great things for them."

All: The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Trinity Hymnal #203

Once in Royal David's City

Trinity Hymnal #225

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Luke 1:47-55

Mary's Song of Praise: The Magnificat

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of
the Lord stands forever!

People: Amen!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession—John 1:6-11

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—John 1:12-13

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for making us His children by grace!

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker. Arr. by Dan Kreider

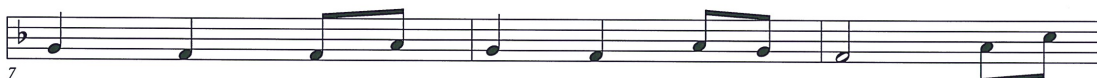
(children are invited to come forward)



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4. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, slain by



4 dawn - ing of Son the King. He the theme of hea - vens
per - fect u - pon the of Man. In His li - of in His
death the God of life. But no grave could e'er re -



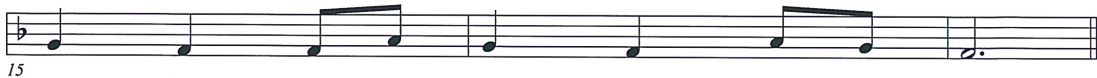
7 prai - ses, robbed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our
suf - fering, Ne - ver trace nor stain of sin. See the
sin - ners, hangs the lamb in vic - tor - y. See the
strain Him. Praise the Lord; He is a - love! What a



10 long - ing, and in our dark - ness, Now come the
true price of our re - dem - tion. How see to the
fore - taste of de - li - verence. How see the un -



12 light of life has come. Look to Christ, who con - de -
save the hell - bound man. Christ the great and sure ful -
Fa - thers plan un - fold! Bring - ing ma - ny sons to -
wa - ver - ing our hope! Christ in po - wer re - sur -



15 scen - ded took on flesh to ran - som us.
fill - ment of grace the un - law; in Him we stand.
glo - ry as we will - mea - sured, love un - told.
rec - ted grace as we will - mea - sured, love un - told.
comes.

Children's Sermon

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children's Church meets for 4yr to 2nd grade on the 1st & 3rd Sunday)

Offertory Song

Jesus What a Wonderful Child

Sandra McCracken, Gabe Dixon, Cindy Morgan

(Ensemble)

*Jesus, Jesus, oh what a wonderful child. Jesus, Jesus, so lowly and mild
New life, new hope, to all He brings; Won't you listen to the angels sing
Glory, glory, glory to the new born King*

(All)

*Jesus, Jesus, oh what a wonderful child. Jesus, Jesus, so lowly and mild
New life, new hope, new joy He brings; Won't you listen while the angels sing
Glory, glory, glory to the new born King*

(Ensemble)

*It was heralded by the angels; Born in a lowly manger
The virgin Mary chosen as His mother; And Joseph, His earthly father
Three wise men came from afar; They were guided by a shining star
To see the baby where He lay; In a manger filled with hay*

(All)

*Jesus, Jesus, oh what a wonderful child. Jesus, Jesus, so lowly and mild
New life, new hope, new joy He brings; Won't you listen while the angels sing
Glory, glory, glory to the new born King*

*New life, new hope, to all He brings; Won't you listen to the angels sing
Glory, glory, glory to the new born King
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Sermon

"Wearied by Our Suffering"

Advent Series, The Weary World Rejoices

Job 3; 42:1-6

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

It Is Well With My Soul

Words: Horatio Spafford. Music: Philip Bliss. Arr. by Dan Kreider

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and guitar chords indicated above the staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

System 1: Chords: C, Dm, G, C, C/B. Lyrics: 1. When peace like a ri - ver at - ten - deth my way When
2. Though Sa - tan should the buf - fet, Though tri - als should come Let
3. My sin O haste the bliss of this glo - rious be thought! My
4. And Lord haste the day, When the faith shall be sight The

System 2: Chords: Am, Dsus, D, G, G7. Lyrics: sor - rows like sea - bil - lows con - roll What -
this sin, as sur - ance but con the whole That
clouds not be rolled back as a scroll, Is
The

System 3: Chords: C, F, D, G. Lyrics: ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say "It is
Christ has re - gard ed and my I help less e - state And has
nailed to shall the in cross, and the bear the Lord shall no de - scend, Ev - en
trump

System 4: Chords: C, F, C, G, C. Lyrics: well, it is well with my soul"
shed His own well blood with for my soul"
Lord, praise the is blood Lord, O my my soul!
so, it it is well with my my my soul!
soul!

System 5: Chords: C, G, G. Lyrics: Chorus: It is well (echo) It is well With my soul (echo) With my

System 6: Chords: C, F, C, G, C. Lyrics: soul (unison) It is well, it is well, with my soul

*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual meeting of the Congregation/corporation today following the worship service. During the meeting we will review the budget, elect officers, and review 2022. The children will have a joint Sunday school party.

Youth Christmas Party: Dec. 14th from 6-7:30pm, come in your Christmas jammies and enjoy some pancakes! Bring a gift worth \$10 or less for our gift exchange.

The **Men's and Women's bible studies** are on hiatus until the new year.

Volunteers today: Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Smith, Broughton. Nursery: Schaffer, Garner, B. Cheathan, Younger, Boeddeker. SS: Doiron, Harlow. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Maglione, Wong, O'Neal. Nursery: Schmidt, Poe, E. Cheatham, Petty, Ridenhour.

ACTION (All Church Things In One Night) will resume in the new year.

Christmas Eve Service at 5pm, **Christmas Morning Service** at 10:30am.

Advent Giving Tree: You can find a list of ministries we hope to help this year on the welcome table. There are a few more tags added last week to help a Robinson family in need. If you would like to participate, take a tag from the tree and return it with your donation to the basket above the tree during the Advent season.

Year End Giving: Thank you for your tithes and offerings this past year. If you have a desire to provide stock to be used for 2022 contributions or any other method, please be sure that this is instructed or sent to the church office prior to December 31. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Duncan Highmark.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org.

There are **several easy ways to serve at Trinity**. Feel free to reach out to these ministry coordinators to get involved: **Ushers:** Paul Schaffer (PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com), **Greeters:** James Broughton (jlbroughton12@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Alyce Bava (jimnalyce@yahoo.com). **Children's SS:** Michelle Goldstein or Melissa Kocker (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com)

Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, church directory, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.

You can **sign up for all upcoming events** by scanning your phone camera over the QR code and then [following the link](#):



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Bring your friends and family to this year's concert, *The Weary World Rejoices, Passing on the Promise of God's Peace, Love, Hope, and Joy*. Sunday, Dec. 18th at 6:30pm (doors open at 6pm). The concert will begin with a prelude by W. Mark Akin, classical guitarist.

MISSION UPDATE

Robinson Elementary Christmas Families – Now through Sunday, December 18th

On Thursday, the deacons helped deliver all of the food and household items to Robinson Elementary for the Food Pantry. I'm not sure if you've seen the Narthex these past few weeks but the welcome desk area was packed! And we loved it. Thank you all for your generous hearts.

As shared last week, we asked the school social worker, Dima, if there were any families that she knew of that are struggling during this time to provide gifts for their children. She immediately thought of two families and reached out to them. Those families have provided lists of desired toys for Christmas, as well as sizes for clothing (such as coats and shoes).

HOW TO HELP: We have added tags for those items at the top of our Giving Tree. Please take what you can provide and return your present gift wrapped with the tag attached (so we know what? and who?). The presents can be placed under the tree in the Narthex until the 18th.

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER - If you picked a tag for a doll or action figure, please be sensitive to the ethnicity and/or color of toy. Take into consideration the following when making your purchases.

- If your tag says- "Female age 5 (favorite color: pink)" or "Female age 7 (favorite color: light blue)" - this family is **white**.
- If your tag says- "Female age 7 (favorite color: pink)" OR "Male age 9 (favorite color: blue and black)" - this family is **African American**.

The **December 19th** Food Pantry sign-up is currently full, but please look ahead to next year's schedule on the events page of the church center app. *Please pray for our volunteers as they serve our community.*

Coffee on Glenwood – Friday, December 16th – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*

Coffee on Glenwood began as a way to show our neighbors that we are here to serve. We understand that the weeks have been long and there are pressures at school and work. Maybe a smile, a cup of coffee, a croissant, and prayer, will encourage them before the weekend. We want them to know that Trinity Church exists to serve them and not ourselves.

Last month, a few of us were able to do just that. While it was brutally cold, several people did stop for a cup of coffee and shared with us some of their prayer requests. This included prayer for family, children, work, and even their own hurt and suffering. Please pray for all those who stopped and shared (and even those that saw us waving).

Our last Coffee on Glenwood of the year will be on Friday, December 16th. If you would like to sign-up, please do so by visiting the events page of the church center app.

WELCOME

We are glad you could join us! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Trinity. Scan below with your phone camera to leave us your contact information.



Trinity's ministries are organized around the core values in our purpose statement which reads: Trinity Church exists to **exalt** God's name, **establish** God's people, **equip** God's church and **engage** God's world, in the power of the Holy Spirit and for the sake of the Risen King, Jesus Christ.

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