



THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 7, 2025, 9:00am

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Melbourne, Florida

Holy Eucharist (Rite II) at 9:00am

Welcome to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church!

Whether you're a regular attendee of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, or a guest, we are honored that you are here. At all of our services, we place an emphasis on worshipping God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — in “the beauty of holiness” (Psalm 96:9). From the liturgy, to the songs we sing, to the movements we make, all is marked by a keen sense of God's holy presence. Each service is rooted in the worship of the Ancient Church and are in accordance with the Book of Common Prayer.

If you've never experienced a traditional liturgy, we're glad you're here, and don't worry about following every movement and detail. If you have questions about the service today please schedule a visit with our clergy at 321-723-5272.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

Bold wording is spoken or sung by the people

✠ sign of the cross

* During the recitation of the Psalter, an asterisk denotes a distinct pause.

Italics indicates instructions in actions such as standing or kneeling. In general we stand to praise, we sit to be instructed and we kneel to pray.

Our Books for Worship are: The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) (red), the Hymnal 1982 (blue), and Songs for Praise and Worship (PW) (*brown*). The “S” numbers can be found in the front of the Hymnal.

WHILE YOU WORSHIP

CHILDREN + NURSERY

Nursery Care (Ages 0–3): We're here to care for your little ones!
Our nursery is open from 9:00 - 12:30am.

"PRAISE + WORSHIP TOTE BAGS" for children are available
in the narthex. Please return them after the service.

Children Sunday School (PreK - grade 5): Holy Trinity Kids
meet during the 9:00 and 11:15am services in Pearson Hall.

PRELUDE

Pastorale on Advent Themes
Randolph Currie

ROBERTA STOCKSDALE,
ORGANIST

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HYMNAL 67
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant then says

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

HYMNAL S-91
Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

<i>Lector</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

Read responsively by half verse at the asterisk ().*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN

HYMNAL 56 v. 3

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

The People stand.

Deacon ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN

HYMNAL 56 v. 4
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The People sit.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert Bruckart

THE NICENE CREED

The People stand.

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 I

The People stand or kneel.

The Deacon says

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

(Continued)

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God..

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

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.

Amen.

THE PEACE

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Advent Celebration
Jon Paige

TRINITY CHOIR

DOXOLOGY

Praise to God

HYMNAL 380 v. 3

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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.**

The Celebrant says

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. // 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:

The Celebrant and People sing

SANCTUS

HYMNAL S-125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed ✠ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and 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 Celebrant and People say

**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.**

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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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 your 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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to join in receiving the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you would rather receive a blessing, please come with your arms folded.

Should you have specific prayer needs, individual prayer is available at the back of the sanctuary during Communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymnal 54

Savior of the Nations, Come!

Hymnal 333

Now the Silence

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

HYMNAL 616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Deacon

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You
Paul Manz

ROBERTA STOCKSDALE

THIS MORNING

ADULT EDUCATION

The Rector's Forum | TODAY · 10:30–11:05 AM · Prayer Room

Today we welcome Andreena Harriman, Clinical Manager of the DELTA Program at Devereux. To support their ministry, donate gifts through Dec. 14. Item lists are in the Narthex book nook. To give online, visit our website under Give.

CHILDREN + YOUTH

Children & Youth Sunday School Schedule:

- **9:00am:** Holy Trinity Kids (PreK - grade 5 in Pearson Hall)
- **10:30-11:05am:** Advent Craft (all ages in Parish Hall)
Sunday School & Open Gym Will Not Meet Today
- **11:15am:** Holy Trinity Kids (PreK - grade 5 in Pearson Hall)

Advent Craft + Coffee Hour
In Parish Hall Between the 9:00 & 11:15 AM!

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMS

Morning Prayer: Tuesdays, 8:15 AM, Historic Chapel

Service for Healing Prayer: Wednesdays, 10:00 AM, Historic Chapel

Advent Lessons and Carols: This Wednesday 12/10, 6:15-7:45pm, Church



ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 7, 2025

THIS WEEK

St. Catherine's Guild Christmas Luncheon Mon, Dec 8 | 11:30 AM | Parish Hall Join us for our Christmas Luncheon. All women of the church are invited. Cost is \$20 per person. An optional \$10-\$20 gift exchange. Questions? Contact Judy Henderson at 321-536-3965

Vestry Nominations | Dec 1-15 Nominations open for parish leadership.

Morning Prayer | Tuesdays · 8:15 AM | Historic Chapel | Begin your week with peace, prayer, and God's presence. Questions? Speak with a clergy.

Service for Healing Prayer | Wednesdays 10:00am | Chapel | A time of healing prayer followed by Holy Communion.

Advent Lessons & Carols | December 10 | 6:15 PM | Church | Join us for a traditional service of Scripture and song, celebrating the Advent season and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Youth Group | Wednesday, Dec. 10 · 6:15PM Parish Hall | Join us for Advent Lessons & Carols. Families are invited to come and enjoy this beautiful service together!

Wreaths Across America | Friday, December 13 · 11:00 AM · Historic Chapel Grounds. Join us as we host the national Wreaths Across America ceremony.

Gifts from the Heart | Support local children and families pick an ornament from the Giving Tree in the Narthex. Questions? Jean · 315-436-6643

COMING SOON..



Caroling Around the Parish | Dec 14 | 1:00 PM | Parish Hall | Join us for lunch together before we head out to carol for our homebound and assisted living members. Festive attire encouraged! Sign up using the QR code.

Youth Christmas Party | Fri, Dec. 19 · 6-8 PM Jachecs' Home | Join us for food, games, and Christmas fun! RSVP on Church Center or email youth@holytrinitymelbourne.org.

Christmas Eve · Wednesday, December 24

3:00 PM · Contemporary Service with Children's Pageant and Eucharist

5:00 PM · Traditional Service with Trinity Choir, Handbells & Eucharist

11:00 PM · Traditional Service with Trinity Choir,

Eucharist & Incense

Christmas Day · Thursday, December 25

10:00 AM · Christmas Carols & Communion (Chapel)

"Walk in the Spirit" Workshop | Jan 16-17 Join us for a workshop led by Foster and Patricia Smith on living a Spirit-filled life. Register online or contact Fr. Bob at frbob@holytrinitymelbourne.org.

Rock the Universe | Jan 23-25 · Universal Orlando (grades 6-12) are invited to a weekend of faith, music, and fun! \$185 per person | Email youth@holytrinitymelbourne.org to register.

OTHER NOTABLES



Diocesan Men's Retreat | Feb 6–8 Camp Wingmann A weekend of fellowship, worship, and renewal with guest speaker Rob Sturdy. Register through the QR code.

Parish Camp Out | Feb 13–15 Save the Date! Enjoy a weekend of fellowship, fun, and faith under the stars. All welcome!



Women's Retreat | Mar 6–8 San Pedro Center, Orlando Join women of Holy Trinity for worship, reflection, and rest. Register through the QR code.

C.A.R.E. Bags (Christian Action Reaching Everyone) are in need of fruit cups, please place items in the baskets in the narthex booknook.

Thank You! Thank you to the Holy Trinity team who helped replace the mulch at The Masters Workshop playground. Your support is appreciated!



WAYS for Life Meal Support | Scan QR Code | Help provide meals for WAYS for Life's GED class (Mon–Thurs at 12 PM) and LiftUp Life Skills program (Thurs at 5:30 PM). Use codes KQJM0863 (GED) or UVGC3228 (LiftUp). For details, contact Lisa Soloway at 321-301-0824/lisa@waysforlife.org.

Name Tags | Please remember to wear your name tag! If you need one, add your name to the request sheet in the narthex.

Hearing Assistance | Available during worship Portable devices are available on the credenza in the Narthex for anyone who needs help hearing.



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BIRTHDAYS

7	Anna Bourne	10	John Wills
	David Rector		Sharon Smith
8	John Huy	11	Bill Trauterman
	Patricia Oetting		Ted Peters
	Noel Knoblock		Robin Buck
	Krystina Ayo	12	Marilyn Scott
9	Lexi Dawson		Danielle O'Keefe
10	Mackenzie Jean Wills	13	Robert Stocksdales

ANNIVERSARIES

8	Scott & Nancy Morgan
10	George & Judy Henderson
11	Dennis & Summer Wyllie-Vitt
12	Ritchie & Julie Cummings

SERMON NOTES

SERVE TEAMS

7:30AM TRADITIONAL (*RITE I*)

Lectors: Bill Miller

LEMs: Bill Borger, Vern Lester

Ushers: David Botto, Peggy Braz

9:00AM TRADITIONAL (*RITE II*)

Lectors: Amanda Peters, Michele Braithwaite

LEMs: Jeannette Russell, Steve Russell

Ushers: Frank Christopian, Malachi Jacobson,
Mike & Becky Crews

Greeters: Jack & Faye Bottomley

Acolytes: Nora Hatch, Eileen Hatch, Christian
Hatch

AV Teams: Zachary Lenke

Prayer Team: Deborah & Bob Bruckart

11:15AM CONTEMPORARY (*RITE II*)

Lectors: Ann Lorelle

LEMs: Ann Lorelle, Heather Goodwin

Ushers: Chris Morin, Ann Lorelle

Greeters: Dave Lacy

Acolytes:

AV Teams: Zachary Lenke

11:15AM TRADITIONAL (*RITE I*)

Lectors: Susan Mann, Carla Hughes

LEMs: Carla Hughes

Altar Guild

Judy Henderson, Maria Balseiro, Anne
Brown, Jackie Menzel, Sarah Phelps, Colleen
Pierce, Simmie Vadenn

Coffee Hour Hosts

Friends of Holy Trinity



If you wish to place memorial flowers on the altar for Christmas, please fill out this form and return it with your donation to the church office, or you can place it in the offering plate **NO LATER than the 15th of December:** (Suggested Donation: \$50) Questions? Contact Bonnie Register at 321-725-4711

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving of: _____

Given By: _____

Rector

The Rev. Tom Phillips

Resident Associate Rector

The Rev. Daniel McCarley

Priest Associate

The Rev. Robert Bruckart

Deacon

The Rev. Stacey Westphal

Transitional Deacon

The Rev. Ryan Malchow

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The Rev. Liz Goodyear Jones



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