



THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 21, 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

O Jesulein suss, O Jesulein mild (Prelude)
G. F. Kauffmann

ROBERTA STOCKSDALE,
ORGANIST

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HYMNAL 59
Hark a Thrilling Voice is Sounding

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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

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

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN

HYMNAL 56 v. 7
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

The People stand.

Deacon ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL HYMN

HYMNAL 56 v. 8
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The People sit.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Tom Phillips

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

Prepare the Way of the Lord
William Rowan

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.

THE COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymns WLP 724

People, Look East

Hymns WLP 889

Blessed be the God of Israel

Hymnal 66

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

HYMNAL 53

Once He Came in Blessing

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Once He Came in Blessing
Paul Manz

ROBERTA STOCKSDALE

THIS MORNING

CHILDREN + YOUTH

Children & Youth Sunday School Schedule:

- **9:00am:** Holy Trinity Kids (PreK - grade 5 in Pearson Hall)
- **10:15-11:05am:** Sunday School (grades 6-12 in Pearson Hall)
- **10:30-11:05am:** Open Gym (gym)
- **11:15am:** Holy Trinity Kids (PreK - grade 5 in Pearson Hall)

Coffee Hour in Parish Hall Between the 9:00 & 11:15 AM services!

THIS WEEKS PROGRAMS

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

Christmas Eve · Wednesday, December 24

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

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

8:00 PM · Traditional Service with Eucharist | Historic Chapel **Please RSVP by calling the front desk or sign up sheet on Sunday. Space is limited for this service**

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Wednesday Youth Group | Christmas Break Youth Group will be on Christmas break and will resume on January 7.

COMING SOON..

Service for Healing Prayer | Wednesday 10:00am | Chapel | A time of healing prayer followed by Holy Communion resumes January 7th.



"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.

Galatians Small Groups Kick-off | Jan 7 & 8 Jesus. Not Jesus + | Join us for a one-hour kickoff for our 4-week small group study of Galatians, exploring the gospel of grace in Jesus. Wednesday, Jan 7, 6:15–8:00pm (bring a dish to share) or Thursday, Jan 8, 10:30am. Small groups meet Jan 11–Feb 5. Find small group cards in the Narthex or Parish Hall Gallery.

Camp Wingmann Winter Camp, Avon Park (3-12 Grade) | Jan 2–4 A weekend of faith, friends, and winter fun. Enjoy rope courses, archery, gel blasters, arts & crafts, and more.

Annual Meeting | January 25 Parish Hall | Between the 9:00 & 11:15 AM services | Learn about Holy Trinity's growth and progress in 2025, receive financial updates, and participate in the election of Vestry members.



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, 2026 · Enjoy hiking, kayaking, games, campfires, and Church in the Woods. Questions: Joey 321-505-3425 | Karen 321-514-9059 Register using the QR code.



Women's Retreat | Mar 6–8 | San Pedro Center, Orlando | A weekend of renewal and connection. Speaker is Bethany Joy Boring, music by Nikki Hande, and creative workshops. Early Bird: \$75 deposit by Dec 31 for 5% off. Register using the QR code.

OTHER NOTABLES

Vacation Bible School | Illumination Station | June 15–19 | Registration opens Friday, February 20




Volunteers needed! Youth in 6th grade and up can earn volunteer hours. Email children@holytrinitymelbourne.org if you have any questions!

Camp Wingmann Summer Camps Registration is now open for one-week and two-week sessions! Programs are available for Elementary (Grades 3–5), Middle School, and High School (Grades 9–12). Scholarships are available. Questions? Email office@holytrinitymelbourne.org

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.

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

21	Mark Kirschner	23	Kathy McClelland
	Madisen Cahill,		Jackie Menzel
	Dan Pegion	26	Evelyn Zahradnik
	Natalie Godoy		Naomi Bent
22	Kevin Arter,	27	Susan Kirchner
	Summer Wyllie-Vitt		Harry Cannon
			Bill Miller

ANNIVERSARIES

21	John & Lisa Archer
22	Vincent & Julia Vermeulen
27	Randy & Eloise Evans
	Richard Warren & Susan Jennings
	Craig & Sharon Graham

SERMON NOTES

SERVE TEAMS

7:30AM TRADITIONAL (*RITE I*)

Lectors: Barbara Pierce

LEMs: Bill Borger, Vern Lester

Ushers: Pete Soloway, Fred Zeit

9:00AM TRADITIONAL (*RITE II*)

Lectors: Fred Ruddell, Tommy Rogers

LEMs: Bridget Morton, Jack Morton

Ushers: Paulette Libak, George Libak, Kay Ives, Ted Peters, Jared Martin

Greeters: Caryl Jahn

Acolytes: Dominick Mormile, Anna Phillips, Antonio Mormile

AV Teams: Zachary Lenke, Kevin Arter

Prayer Team: Sandy Hillyer, Anna Bourne

11:15AM CONTEMPORARY (*RITE II*)

Lectors: Heather Goodwin

LEMs: Jackie Menzel, Ann Lorelle

Ushers: Tom Thornton

Greeters: Deacon Stacey Westphal

Acolytes:

AV Teams: Zachary Lenke,

11:15AM TRADITIONAL (*RITE I*)

Lectors: George Henderson, Jean Everett

LEMs: Charles Everett

Altar Guild

Margo Angleton, Fr. Bob Bruckart, Ashlyn Butts, Dorothy Forde, Linda Leone, Beth McMullan, Paula Plantz, Judy Williams

Coffee Hour Hosts

STEAMMates



Honor or remember a loved one with beautiful flowers on the altar. Simply fill out the form and return it with your \$50 donation to the church office, or place it in the offering plate. Questions? Contact Bonnie Register at 321-536-4869 she'll be happy to help!

Given by: _____ Phone: _____ For Sunday: _____

(Circle one) In Memory of: In Thanksgiving for: In Celebration of: _____



Christmas Services

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

- 3:00pm** **Contemporary Christmas Eve Service | Church**
Children's Pageant & Holy Eucharist.
- 5:00pm** **Traditional Christmas Eve Service | Church**
Trinity Choir, Trinity Ringers handbell choir &
Holy Eucharist
- 8:00pm** **Traditional Christmas Eve Service | Chapel**
Holy Eucharist *Please RSVP by calling the
front desk or signup sheet on Sunday. Space is
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and incense.

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- 10:00am** Christmas Carols & Communion | Chapel

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