

The Festival Service

of

Holy Communion

Christmas Eve

2018

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*Festival Music*

*at 9:45 p.m.*

*Candlelight Service at 10:30 p.m.*

## *Preservice Music from the Gallery*

*9:45 p.m.*

### ***Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*** 17<sup>th</sup> Century French Carol

Text: *Liturgy of St. James*

Arr. Gustav Holst

paraphrased by Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

(1874 - 1934)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our  
God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. King of kings, yet  
born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords in human  
vesture, in the Body and the Blood He will give to all the faithful His own  
Self for heavenly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads ins  
vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of  
endless day, That the powers of hell may vanquish as the darkness clears  
a way. At His feet the six winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, Alleluia Lord most High!" Amen.

### ***Lo, In the Time Appointed***

Healey Willan

Text: Sarum Antiphon

(1880 – 1968)

Lo, in the time appointed the Lord will come; the mountains and the hills  
shall break forth into singing and all the trees of the field shall clap their  
hands: for the Lord God shall come into his everlasting kingdom: and upon  
the throne of David shall he reign for ever. Alleluia.

### ***Mary Had a Baby***

African-American Spiritual

Arr. William Dawson

Heidi Schneider, *soprano*

(1899 – 1990)

Mary had a Baby, My Lord!

Where was He born? Born in a manger.

Oh, Mary had a Baby born in a manger, Mary had a Baby, My Lord!

What did they call Him? "King Jesus."

Oh, Mary had a baby, He was called "King Jesus," Mary had a Baby, oh yes!

He is called "King Jesus," "Mighty Counselor," "King Emmanuel,"

"Mighty God," "Everlasting Father," "Prince of Peace."

Mary had a Baby, My Lord!

*O magnum mysterium* (1995)

Morten Lauridsen  
(b. 1943)

O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament,  
that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in their manger!  
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ!  
Alleluia!

## *The Procession of Choir and Clergy*

*Divinum Mysterium*

c. 13<sup>th</sup> Century Plainsong

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348 – c.410)

tr. H.W. Baker, J.M. Neale

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega: He the source, the ending he. Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see, evermore and evermore. Oh, that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace, By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race; And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore. This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord - Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word. Now he shines, the long expected; Let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore. Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be: Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore. Amen.

*Canzona per sonare No. 3* (c.1608)

Giovanni Gabrielli  
(1557 – 1612)

Holy Trinity Brass Ensemble

## ***Summer in Winter***

Arlen R. Clarke

Text: Richard Crashaw (1613 – 1649)

(b. 1954)

*Hymn to the Holy Nativity* (1648)

Gloomy night embraced the place where noble infant lay. The Babe looked up and showed his face; in spite of darkness it was day. It was the day sweet and did rise not from the East but from thine eyes. We saw thee in thy balmy rest. Bright dawn of our eternal day! Bright dawn of our eternal day! We saw thine eyes break from the East, and chase the trembling shades away. We saw thee, and we blessed the sight; we saw thee by thine own sweet light: welcome, welcome, all wonders in one sight, eternity, eternity shut in a span. Summer in winter, day in night, heaven in earth and God in man, great little one: whose all embracing birth lifts earth to heaven, heaven to earth. Alleluia, Alleluia!

## ***O Gift of Glorious Sunrise*** (2015)

Caroline Mallonée

Premiered in Buffalo by the Vocális Chamber Choir

(b. 1975)

Today downed cold so long ago, As dark gave way to light,  
All slept; the earth was quiet. Today emerged from night.

On a bed of russet hay, As Mary dreamed,  
A small baby opened wide his eyes To streaks of red and rosy rays  
Skating 'cross the wintry skies. Christmas Day!

The stable stirred; the world awoke. Sunlight graced the earth.  
A golden day, Day of a holy birth.

Today dawns cold on land, sand and sea.  
Children open wide their eyes To streaks of rose, a painted sky.  
O gift of glorious sunrise! Golden Christmas Day!

***God Is With Us*** (1987)

John Tavener

Text: Orthodox Great Compline for Christmas Eve, adapted (1944 – 2013)

Steven Maynard, *tenor*

God is with us. Hear ye people, even to the uttermost end of the earth.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. The people that dwell in the shadow of death, upon them the light has shined. For unto us a child is born! For unto us a son is given! And the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful! Counselor! The mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of peace.

Hear ye people, even to the uttermost end of the earth.

God is with us. Christ is born!

***I Saw Three Ships***

English Carol

Arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

Julie Tunstall and Tatiana Brewer, *flutes*

Mateo Mendez, *oboe*    Cristin Kalinowski, *harp*

Steve Solook and Robert Patterson, *glockenspiel and chimes*

Kristen Pomietlarz and Erin Eno, *piano 4-hands*

I saw three ships come sailing in, on Christmas Day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three, on Christmas Day in the morning?

Our Savior Christ and His lady, on Christmas Day in the morning.

Pray whither sailed those ships all three, on Christmas Day in the morning?

O, they sailed in to Bethlehem, on Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the bells on earth shall ring, on Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the angels in heav'n shall sing, on Christmas Day in the morning.

All the souls on earth shall sing, on Christmas Day in the morn;

Rejoice all, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;

Then let us all rejoice amain! On Christmas Day in the morn,

And all the bells on earth shall ring, all the souls on earth shall sing,

This day!



It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute  
and harp, to the melody of the lyre.  
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at  
the works of your hands I sing for joy. (*Psalm 92*)

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Our congregation has been blessed extraordinarily  
with members and friends whose love of music and  
exceptional generosity make possible the special  
presentation we offer each Christmas Eve.  
Holy Trinity Church wishes to acknowledge and give  
thanks for gifts given in loving memory of:

Elizabeth Lochhaas,  
Jack Grabenstatter  
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth H. Eckhert, Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. James Marion Geiger,  
Helen Geiger, and Ruth H. Geiger

***The Service***  
**10:30 p.m.**  
***Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church***

*Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us. We proclaim ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation to all of God's people; welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We believe that our openness will allow us to grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.*

*We invite our guests as well as members to fill out the blue sheet,  
found inside your bulletin, and place in the offering plate.*

*Using a smartphone? While we ask you to please silence your ringer,  
feel free to check-in, post, tweet or instagram  
your experience today using the hashtag #PowerofTrinity.  
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**ANTIPHON**

***O Emmanuel***

**Peter Hallock**

from the *Great "O" Antiphons*

(1924- 2014)

Timothy Flynn, *cantor*

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver,  
the desire of the nations and their salvation:  
come and save us, O Lord our God.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**AT THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE**

**The Christmas Proclamation**

Today, on the eve of the twenty-fifth day of December, unknown ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth and created man and woman in God's own image.

Several thousand years after the flood, when God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant.

Twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah;

Thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt.

Eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the Judges;

One-thousand years from the anointing of David as king;

In the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel.

In the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;

The seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome.

The forty-second year of the reign of Emperor Octavian Augustus;

The whole world being at peace, Jesus Christ, the eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, and nine months having passed since his conception, was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary.

Today is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

**Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

## THE MOTET

***Wonder Tidings*** from *Three Nativity Carols* (1998)      Stephen Paulus  
Text: 15<sup>th</sup> Century English      (1949 - 2014)

Mateo Mendez, *oboe*      Cristin Kalinowski, *harp*

What tidings bringest thou, messenger, of Christes birth this jolly day?  
A babe is born of high nature. The Prince of peace that ever shall be;  
Of heav'n and earth he hath the cure: His lordship is eternity:  
Such wonder tidings ye may hear, that man is made now Goddes peer,  
Whom sin had make but fiendes prey.

What tidings bringest thou, messenger, of Christes birth this jolly day?  
A wonder thing is now befall; that King that formed star and sun,  
Heaven and earth and angels all, now in mankind is new begun:  
Such wonder tidings ye may hear, an infant now of but one year,  
That hath been ever and shall be ay.

What tidings bringest thou, messenger, of Christes birth this jolly day?  
That loveliest gan greet her child, "Hail son! Hail, brother!, Hail father  
dear! Hail, daughter! Hail, sister! Hail, mother mild!"  
This hailing was of quaint mannere: such wonder tidings ye may hear,  
that hailing was of such good cheer.  
That mannes pain is turned to play. A babe is born, alleluia!

## **THE READING: Isaiah 9:2-7**

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

## **THE GOSPEL PROCESSION**

### ***The Christmas Candle***

Roberta Bitgood

Text: Anna Hempstead Branch

(1908 - 2007)

HTLC Director of Music 1947 – 1952

Holy Trinity Youth Choir

Come, heav'nly child, and on this place shed the sweet halo of thy grace.  
O burning love, O heavenly fire, consume me with Thy deep desire. As in  
the holy Christ child's name this blessed wax shall feed the flame, so let  
my heart its fires begin and light the heav'nly Pilgrim in.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

<sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" <sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

<sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of Our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Peeling of Tower Bells and**

**Festival Procession on *Adeste Fidelis*** (1989)      James Bigham

HTLC Director of Music 1977 – 2017

***O Come, All Ye Faithful*** “*Adeste Fidelis*”

**ELW 283**

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels:  
(*Refrain*) O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
2. The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! (*Refrain*)
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest: (*Refrain*)
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the father, now in flesh appearing: (*Refrain*)

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

**THE SERMON**

**The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II**

*(The congregation may stand.)*

## THE HYMN

*Angels We Have Heard on High* “Gloria”

ELW 289

1 Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain*

Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav'nly song? (*Refrain*)

3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. (*Refrain*)

## THE NICENE CREED

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace*

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

## **THE OFFERING**

As part of our outreach into our neighborhood, city and region, Holy Trinity has supported a variety of social ministry agencies throughout the years. This year, we have shared gifts with:

ELCA Disaster Response, Caribbean Children's Foundation, Lutheran Charities, The Network of Religious Communities, School 17, Journey's End, Family Promise, Niagara Lutheran Health System, and Resurrection Lutheran Church (summer program).

Your generosity at Christmastime helps to support these valuable ministries. Thank you!

# THE ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

*Gloria* (2015)

Bob Chilcott

## I. *Gloria in excelsis Deo*

(b. 1955)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise You, we bless You, we adore You, we glorify You.  
We give You thanks for Your great glory

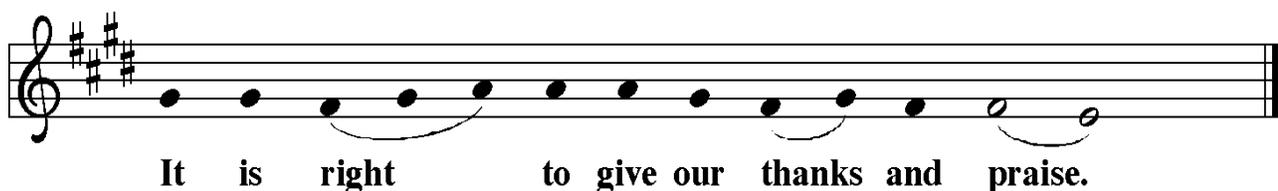
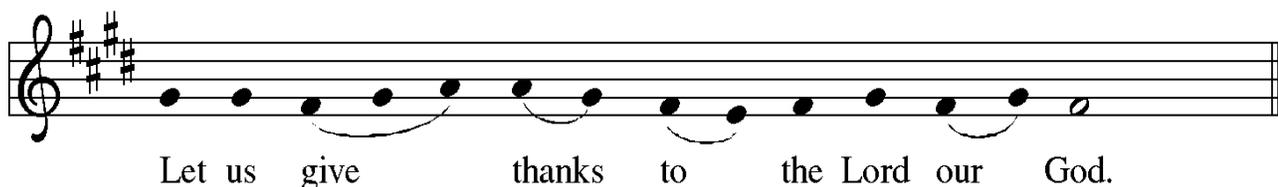
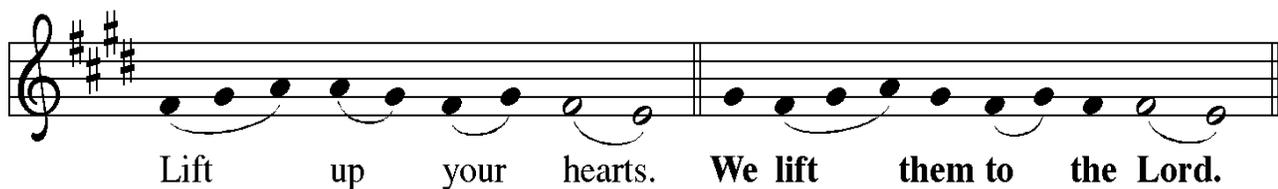
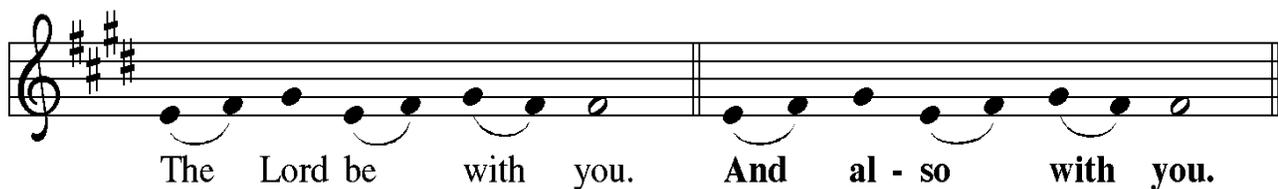
*(Those who are able may stand.)*

# THE PRAYER AT THE OFFERING

Let us pray together.

**Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

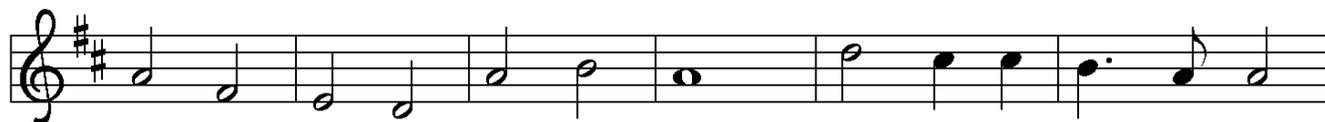
# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



## PREFACE:

It is indeed right ..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## THE AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

### *Invitation to Communion*

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Beginning with those seated closest to the altar, you are invited to come forward to the ministers at the chancel. Receiving the wafer in your hand, you are invited to dip or “intinct” the wafer into the chalice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available by simply asking the Pastor as you are served. Adults or children choosing not to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so. All are welcome to the table of our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTHEMS

*Trio*, from *L'enface du Christ*, Op. 25

Hector Berlioz  
(1803 - 1869)

Julie Tunstall and Tatiana Brewer, *flutes*  
Cristin Kalinowski, *harp*

(continued, from the Offering)

II. *Domine Deus*

Lord God, heavenly King, O God Almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ,  
Only-Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

III. *Qui tollis peccata mundi*

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

IV. *Quoniam tu solus sanctus*

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone the Lord, You alone are the  
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the Glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

**THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world  
come near. As you have come among us now, send us out  
in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We  
ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling  
among us now and forever. Amen.**

# THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

(You may be seated as worship leaders light candles beginning at the aisle. As you light the next candle down the row, please lean the unlit candle to the flame.)

## *O Holy Night*

Adolphe Adam

Arr. Dudley Buck (1839 – 1909)

Roger VanDette, *tenor*

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining; it is the night of the dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night divine; O night, O night divine.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand. So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here came the wise men from the Orient land. The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger – in all our trials born to be our friend. He knows our need! He guardeth us from danger. Behold your King! Before the lowly bend! Behold your King; your King, before him bend!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

## THE RESPONSIVE PRAYER

The people who walked in darkness  
**have seen a great light!**

God is with us!  
**Emmanuel!**

May the light of Christ, rising in glory  
**dispel the shadows in our hearts and minds.**

The light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **THE CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

*Silent Night* “Stille nacht”

**ELW 281**

1. Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright;  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child,  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar;  
Heavenly hosts sing, “Alleluia.  
Christ, the Saviour, is born!”
3. Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love’s pure light;  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*(Please extinguish your candles.)*

## **THE BENEDICTION**

God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you,  
✠ bless you and keep you in hope and peace.

**Amen.**

# THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

## *Joy to the World* “Antioch”

ELW 267

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is  
come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature  
sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks,  
hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sin and sorrow grow  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings  
flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and  
grace  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

Toccata on “Mendelssohn”

Sir David Willcocks  
(1919 – 2015)



***Worship Leaders***

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II – Preacher

The Rev. Brenda Maynor – Celebrant

***Reader***

John Pace

***Worship Assistants***

Lead Crucifer: Matthew Kinkade

Torch Bearers: Justin Rojek, Delayne Pace

Missal Bearer: Alexander Rojek

Pastor's Crucifer: Natalia Bavaro

Torch Bearers: Sofia Atlas, Eliana Perez

Candle Bearer: Jennifer Carden

***Greeter***

Karen Kolb

***Ushers***

Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle,

Gary Herrnreiter and Karen Kolb

***Altar Guild***

Kathy Szakmary

***Communion Assistants***

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Alexander Rojek, Natalia Bavaro,

Sofia Atlas, Eliana Perez and Jennifer Carden



*Instrumentalists*

**Trumpets**

Mark Filsinger, James Francisco  
Richard Riederer, Dennis Tribuzzi

**Trombones**

Gerald Bacon, Diana Bley

**Tuba**

Niles Dening

**Percussion**

Steve Solook, Robert Patterson

**Harp**

Cristin Kalinowski

**Flute**

Tatiana Brewer, Julie Tunstall

**Oboe**

Mateo Mendez

**French Horn**

John Georger

**Harp**

Cristin Kalinowski

**Piano**

Erin Eno



Holy Trinity Chancel Choir  
Christmas 2018

Justin T. Pomietlarz, *conductor* 2003

|                                      |                                         |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Mary Kay Atlas, <i>soprano</i> 1984  | Jacob Badding, <i>bass</i> 2018         |
| Michael Blaschke, <i>tenor</i> 2015  | Cristine Campana, <i>soprano</i> 1997   |
| Daniel Culross, <i>tenor</i> 2005    | Matthew B. Cullen, <i>tenor</i> 2017    |
| Aurora Deeds, <i>soprano</i> 2010    | Colleen Flynn, <i>soprano</i> 2004      |
| Timothy Flynn, <i>bass</i> 2002      | John Georger, <i>bass</i> 2008          |
| Holly Holdaway, <i>soprano</i> 2005  | Emily Kaufmann, <i>soprano</i> 2014     |
| Shane Keyes, <i>bass</i> 2017        | Carolyn Lansom, <i>alto</i> 2008        |
| Shannon Levine, <i>soprano</i> 2013  | Stefanie Lizauckas, <i>soprano</i> 2005 |
| Steven Maynard, <i>tenor</i> 2015    | Maria Parker, <i>alto</i> 2013          |
| Ronald Pellnat, <i>bass</i> 1971     | Anne Schneider, <i>alto</i> 1987        |
| Heidi Schneider, <i>soprano</i> 2017 | Thane Schulz, <i>tenor</i> 1996         |
| Julie Tunstall, <i>soprano</i> 2008  | Roger VanDette, <i>tenor</i> 1996       |
| Darold Wobschall, <i>bass</i> 1957   | Jennifer Yap, <i>soprano</i> 1998       |

Each singer in the Chancel Choir makes a devoted personal commitment of time and musicianship to sing in this beloved ensemble. We honor them by recognizing the year in which they first came - sharing their voice, heart and spirit - to sing at Holy Trinity.

Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants who minister in Thy temple.  
Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts,  
and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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## MUSIC NOTES

### About Bob Chilcott

Described by the Observer newspaper as “a contemporary hero of British choral music,” Bob Chilcott has always been immersed in the choral tradition of his country. He sang as a chorister and choral scholar at King’s College, Cambridge, and after singing professionally in London and also as a member of the vocal group the King’s Singers for 12 years, he became a full-time composer in 1997. He has embraced his career with energy and commitment, not only producing a large catalogue of music for all types of choirs, but also working with singers and choirs in more than 30 countries.

It was perhaps through his many works for young singers that he first came to prominence as a composer, prompting some large-scale performances of his pieces. *Can you hear me?* was performed in Vancouver in 2001 by 2000 singers and later at the Estonian Song Festival in 2004 with 7000 young singers. This led to several other large-scale projects including *The Angry Planet*, written for David Hill and The Bach Choir for the 2012 BBC Proms, which was performed by The Bach Choir, The National Youth Choir of Great Britain, The BBC Singers and 200 primary school children from London.

He has written a number of substantial sacred works including *Salisbury Vespers* (2009), *St John Passion* (2013) for Wells Cathedral Choir, and his *Requiem* (2010), which has now been performed in over 16 countries. In 2013 he wrote *The King shall rejoice* for the service at Westminster Abbey to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In 2016 *The Voyage* received its first performances in Oxford and Reading, and later in Minneapolis. With a libretto by Charles Bennett, it was commissioned by Age UK to raise awareness of and enable participation in its Campaign to End Loneliness.

In 2014 he began a term as composer-in-residence for the Washington DC-based choir Choralis as part of their 15th anniversary season celebrations. The season featured a number of his works, including *Salisbury Vespers*, and concluded with the première of *Gloria* in December 2015. In 2017 Choralis recorded *Gloria* on a disc for release on Signum.

Over the past 18 years Bob has worked with many thousands of singers in Britain through a continuing series of Singing Days throughout the country. Between 1997 and 2004 he was conductor of the choir of The Royal College of Music in London, and since 2002 he has been Principal Guest Conductor of the BBC Singers.

His music has been recorded extensively by many leading British choirs and ensembles including The Sixteen, The Cambridge Singers, Tenebrae, The BBC Singers, The Choir of Wells Cathedral, The Choir of King’s College, Cambridge, and The King’s Singers, to name a few.

The Vocális Chamber Choir welcomed Bob Chilcott to Buffalo last March, where Holy Trinity played host to a series of events which featured the composer in person. Mr. Chilcott introduced us all to his setting of *Gloria*, where he led an open reading session on the work right here in the sanctuary. We give thanks to Jamie Burritt, Vocális Artistic Director for including Holy Trinity in that amazing and inspiring weekend of music making, and we honor that weekend this night, performing Mr. Chilcott's *Gloria* with an ensemble of full brass, percussion and organ.

## **Gloria**

About his setting of "Gloria," Bob Chilcott writes:

I wrote this piece to mark the end of my time as Composer-in Residence for Choralis, a 100-person mixed-voice choir based in Washington, D.C. When considering the Latin Gloria text, the model for me had to be the wonderful setting by Antonio Vivaldi, a work I know well as both a singer and a conductor. I have always loved the rhythmic impulse of this piece, along with the freshness of its shapes and clarity of textures, which combine with music that is both tender and deeply expressive.

Gretchen Kuhrmann and Choralis embraced my associate composer role with the choir wholeheartedly. It began with a performance of my *Requiem* at the Chorus America Conference in Washington, DC in 2014, and continued with a spring 2015 concert performance of my *Salisbury Vespers* as well as William Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast* at the National Presbyterian Church. Just about every brass player in the city played in that concert and it was then that I got to know the players of The Classical Brass Quintet who play on this recording. These distinguished musicians are good friends to Choralis and it is for both these groups that I wrote my *Gloria* which they premiered in The Church of the Epiphany in Washington, DC in December 2015.

I have sung and conducted a number of great Glorias by the likes of Vivaldi, Poulenc, and John Rutter, and so it was with a certain amount of trepidation that I approached the writing of this piece. A few years ago, a young American singer from a children's choir festival I was conducting said to me that she liked the piece of mine that they were singing. She then told me that she had recently sung another new piece that she really liked by 'some guy called Vivaldi'. She asked me if I knew him. I was so struck by this, because to this young lady the piece might have been written yesterday. To her it felt fresh and communicative, and I thought, if I could emulate those feelings for just a few moments, I would be happy. Vivaldi's Gloria was very much in my mind when I wrote my own setting.



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### *A Few Announcements*

Our Christmas Day service will be held at 10:30 am in the Chapel.

The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25 and 26.

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at the completion of the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services. Immediately following the 10:30 meeting, we will be holding a potluck dinner. Please bring your favorite dish to pass and join us for fun and fellowship.

Memorial Brick dedications are still available. Our new garden veranda will provide a gathering space for the community all around us. This is your opportunity to play a special role in the building of our Garden Veranda. Memorial Bricks may now be reserved and dedicated in the memory of, or honor of, a loved one. Order forms for the bricks may be found on the tables at the entrance ways.

### **Regular Sunday Service of Holy Communion**

8:30 a.m. Chapel

10:30 a.m. Main Church

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