

Sunday, December 22 2024. The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10am Holy Communion

Trinity Anglican Church

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and to all those joining us today for the first time.

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*At certain points in the service we will suggest standing or sitting. At any time, please feel free to take the posture (standing, sitting, kneeling) which is right for you.*

*Today we celebrate the baptism of Alva Niragira.*

Prelude: Es ist ein Ros’ entsprungen Op.122 No.8 by Johannes Brahms

[Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming ]

We Gather as a Community

Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgment

As we gather in person and online, we acknowledge that Ottawa stands on the unceded traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishinabeg people.

May we dwell on this land with gratitude and respect.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Opening Hymn: #117 Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

Love: The Fourth Advent Candle

Reader 1: Today is the fourth Sunday in Advent. Through the prophets, God

promised a Messiah. We are in awe of Jesus’ birth – that God came to

us this way, in a weak and vulnerable baby. The mighty God of the

universe has become Emmanuel, “God with us.”

Reader 2: The first Advent candle reminds us to have hope for a better world.

*(The first Advent candle is lit)*. The second Advent candle reminds us

that God’s dreams for peace can become real in our world. *(The second*

*Advent candle is lit).*

Reader 1: The third Advent candle reminds us that God calls us to share joy by

being part of the healing of the world. *(The third Advent candle is lit).*

Today, we light the fourth Advent candle. It reminds us of God’s

promise to be with us and to love us, now and always. *(The fourth*

*Advent candle is lit).*

All: Loving God, we thank you for your promise that you will be with us always. We

rejoice in your faithfulness. Give us the courage to respond with the same love and

compassion shown by Jesus. Amen.

Advent Song

There’s a song of hope in my heart

Hope is a gift from Jesus,

There’s a song of hope in my heart,

Hope is a gift from God

Alleluia, Hope in my heart is singing praises,

Alleluia, Hope is a gift from God.

There’s a song of peace in my heart

Peace is a gift from Jesus,

There’s a song of peace in my heart,

Peace is a gift from God

Alleluia, Peace in my heart is singing praises,

Alleluia, Peace is a gift from God.

There’s a song of joy in my heart

Joy is a gift from Jesus,

There’s a song of joy in my heart,

Joy is a gift from God

Alleluia, Joy in my heart is singing praises,

Alleluia, Joy is a gift from God.

There’s a song of love in my heart

Love is a gift from Jesus,

There’s a song of love in my heart,

Love is a gift from God

Alleluia, Love in my heart is singing praises,

Alleluia, Love is a gift from God.

*(The children may go to Sunday School with Alexis)*

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

*We pray silently*

Heavenly Father,

who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace,

to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour,

now fill us with your grace,

that we in all things may embrace your will

and with her rejoice in your salvation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen

We Proclaim the Word

The First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a (Reader: Jennifer Camfield)

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,

who are one of the little clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me

one who is to rule in Israel,

whose origin is from of old,

from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time

when she who is in labour has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return

to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,

in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great

to the ends of the earth;

and he shall be the one of peace.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Luke 1.47–55 Magnificat in B flat Major by Charles Villiers Stanford

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen

The Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10 (Reader: Joseph Waugh)

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God”

(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’

When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), then he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

The Gospel (Luke 1:39-45)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ



In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.’

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily – The Rev. Mark Whittall

The Baptism of Alva Niragira

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant: Veuillez maintenant présenter la candidate au baptême.

Parents & Sponsors: Nous présentons Alva pour recevoir le sacrement du baptême

Veillerez-vous à ce que l’enfant que vous nous présentez soit élevé dans la foi chrétienne et qu’il en vive ?

Parents and sponsors: Oui, avec l’aide de Dieu.

Saurez-vous, par vos prières et votre témoignage, aider cet enfant à atteindre la plénitude de la foi chrétienne ?

Parents and sponsors:Oui, avec l’aide de Dieu.

Renoncez-vous à Satan et à toutes les forces spirituelles du mal qui se rebellent contre Dieu ?

J’y renonce.

Renoncez-vous à tout ce qui, dans ce monde, peut corrompre et détruire les créatures de Dieu?

J’y renonce.

Renoncez-vous à toutes les tentations qui pourraient vous séparer de l’amour de Dieu ?

J’y renonce.

Vous tournez-vous vers le Christ et le reconnaissez-vous comme votre Sauveur ?

Oui, je le veux.

Mettez-vous toute votre confiance dans sa grâce et son amour ?

Oui, je le veux.

Promettez-vous d’obéir au Christ, votre Seigneur et votre Maître ?

Oui, je le veux.

*(The congregation is to stand)*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Alva in her life in Christ?

People: We will.

Prayers for the Candidate

Let us now pray for Alva who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord,

that all who are baptized

into the death of Jesus Christ your Son

may live in the power of his resurrection

and look for him to come again in glory;

who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

One The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

One Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

One Do you believe in God the Father?

All I believe in God,

the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

One Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All I believe in Jesus Christ,

his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again

to judge the living and the dead.

One Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

One Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All I will, with God’s help.

One Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All I will, with God’s help.

One Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All I will, with God’s help.

One Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All I will, with God’s help.

One Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All I will, with God’s help.

One Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All I will, with God’s help.

The Baptism

One Alva, je te baptise au nom du Père,

du Fils et de l’Esprit-Saint. Amen.

Je te signe de la croix et je te donne la marque

de ton appartenance au Christ pour toujours.

Heavenly Father,

we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

One Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

All Let your light so shine before others

that they may see your good works

and glorify your Father in heaven.

One Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All We receive you into the household of God.

Confess the faith of Christ crucified,

proclaim his resurrection,

and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

One The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We Celebrate the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: #123 Once in Royal David’s City

Gracious God,

by the power of the Spirit

who sanctified the mother of your Son,

make holy all we offer you this day.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: May God 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right …

to proclaim the glory of your name.

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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, source of life and goodness …

… Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Recalling his death …

…now and forever.

Amen.

*(please use the words and language of your choice)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

God of promise,you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion: Doreen Barnes and Sharron Hanna

*All are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing or communion. Our communion ministers will come to you as needed, please let us know. You are welcome to receive communion in one or both kinds, bread and/or wine. Gluten-free wafers are available, please let us know if this is your preference.*

Anthem: Bogoroditse dyevo by Sergei Rachmaninoff Op.37 No.6

*Богородице Дево, радуйся, благодатная Марие, Господь с тобою. Благословена ты в женах, и благословен плод чрева твоего, яко Спаса родила еси душ наших*

*Rejoice, O Virgin Mother of God, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thee among women, and blessed is the Fruit of Thy womb, for Thou hast borne the Savior of our souls.*

We Are Sent

Let us pray

*We pray silently*

Faithful God,

in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation.

May we, like the Virgin Mary,

be obedient to your will.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Glory to God,

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Closing Hymn: #101 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please join us for coffee and refreshments following our worship at the back of the church. Thank you for worshiping with us today.*

Postlude: Toccata in F major BWV540 by J.S. Bach

*Our readings for Sunday, December 29 will be: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52.*

Announcements

Pop-up Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve at 4pm. Calling all children to join us at 4pm on Christmas Eve for our pop-up Christmas pageant. If you can come a few minutes early to get your costume that would be great. Please encourage friends and neighbours to come, no experience or rehearsal needed. We do need some volunteers following our 10am service today to bring the costumes upstairs, please talk to Jen.

Christmas Memorial Flowers: This Christmas, if you would like to remember family members or friends who have died, put your name and their names on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please print so that we can spell their names correctly. If you would like to make a donation to the Christmas flowers, you can use an envelope provided or a direct deposit.

Prayer Requests

If you have someone or something that you would like us to pray for, you can request prayer in two ways. Prayer requests that are written down and placed in the offering plate are provided to our “Prayer Circle”, a small group of parishioners who will pray these requests on a confidential basis. If you have a name that you would like us to include in our Sunday 10am prayers of the people, please speak to Rev. Mark or a member of our pastoral care team.

YA & YF Dinner! 6pm Tuesday January 14 (Canterbury Room)

Young Adults and Young Families are invited to join us for a potluck meal in the Canterbury Room on Tuesday January 14th at 6pm. The theme for our first YA & YF meal is “Friendsmas” – bring your favourite Christmas dinner dish or dessert to share. RSVP with Rebecca and Rachel by emailing them at [rebecca.cowal@trinityottawa.ca](mailto:rebecca.cowal@trinityottawa.ca) and [rachelsspace@hotmail.com](mailto:rachelsspace@hotmail.com). All are welcome. Bring your kids!

Save the date: Trinity church will once again be responsible for preparing and hosting an Out Of the Cold Dinner at Southminster United Church this year. If interested to volunteer, please mark your calendars for Saturday, 25 January from 1-6 PM, with various tasks and shifts available. A sign up sheet will be available in early January. For any questions or to learn more, please contact Carol McQueen at carolvmcqueen@yahoo.com or on 343-204-5352.

Confirmation March 2 2025. Confirmation is our opportunity to reaffirm the promises that we made or that were made for us at our baptism. In our Anglican tradition, the sacrament of confirmation takes place when our bishop is with us, which will be on March 2 2025. If you are interested in confirmation, please speak to Rev. Mark. Confirmation preparation will take place in January/February 2025.

Trinity Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve, December 24

4pm Carols & Communion (for children & all ages)

5.30pm Veille de Noël (en français)

8.30pm Candlelight Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day, December 25

10am Carols & Communion

Sunday December 29: 10am only (no 4pm service)



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