



Holy Trinity Geneva

SUNDAY next before ADVENT

Eucharist with Baptism of

Seera Evéquo

10h30 - 21st November, 2021

Christ the King



THE GATHERING

We stand

WELCOME

Preparation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Prayer

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen.**

HYMN All people that on earth do dwell

NEH 334

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: 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.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION

We sit or kneel

Invitation

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Confession

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you. We are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to you again. Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who were once dead but now have life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GLORIA

Mathias Communion Setting

We stand

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Highest, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Daniel 7.9-10,13,14

Epistle

Revelation 1. 4b-8

Gospel Acclamation

We stand

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 18. 33-37

SERMON - Sam Tudor

BAPTISM

We stand

The parents and godparents of Seera now stand before the priest and congregation by the font. The priest asks:

Do you wish Seera to be baptized?

Parents and godparents: We do

The priest then addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome Seera and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will

Congregation are seated

The priest then says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Seera with joy.

Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith.

Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ?

Parents and godparents: With the help of God, we will

In baptism Seera begins her journey in faith. You speak for her today.

Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

Parents and godparents: With the help of God, we will

We move to the font. The parents and godparents with Seera stand before the priest, who says:

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask you on behalf of Seera:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

Parents and godparents: I reject them.

Priest: Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

Parents and godparents: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

Parents and godparents: I repent of them.

Priest: Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Parents and godparents: I turn to Christ.

Priest: Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

Parents and godparents: I submit to Christ.

Priest: Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

Parents and godparents: I come to Christ.

All Stand

The priest then makes the Sign of the Cross on Seera's forehead with the Oil of the Catechumens. This is a reminder of God's preparation of us for his service, by grace.

As he signs with the Cross, the priest says:

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All: Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

Priest: May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All: Amen

The priest now blesses the water which will be used for the Baptism:

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All: who keeps his promise for ever.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

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 from the death of sin to newness of 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 baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

We stand for the profession of faith.

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with Seera the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in 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. Amen.

The priest asks a parent or godparent:

How do you name this child?

and the child's name is given.

The priest then baptizes the child, saying:

Seera Ella, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

All are seated.

The priest then addresses the parents, godparents and whole congregation:

We have brought this child to baptism knowing that Jesus died and rose again for her and trusting in the promise that God hears and answers prayer. We have prayed that in Jesus Christ she will know the forgiveness of her sins and the new life of the Spirit.

As she grows up, she will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community, so that she may learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, serve her neighbour after the example of Christ, and in due course come to confirmation.

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support her by prayer, example and teaching. As her parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping her in her early years. This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God. Therefore, let us now pray for grace in guiding her in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for this child and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their home from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Priest: Seera, today God has touched you with his love and given you a place among his people.

God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow, to be your guide in life, and to bring you safely to heaven.

In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey.

Together with all God's people you must explore the way of Jesus and grow in friendship with God, in love for his people, and in serving others.

With us you will listen to the word of God and receive the gifts of God.

We sing together the Uganda hymn, 'Tukutendereza yesu'

Parents and godparents return to their places.

Prayers of Intercession

We sit or kneel

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Conclusion

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace and the Offertory

We stand

To crown all things there must be love, to bind together and complete the whole. us to God in one body by the cross. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

HYMN The King of love my Shepherd is

NEH 457

A collection of money will be taken during the singing of the hymn.

The table is prepared.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give thee thanks that he is the King of glory, who overcomes the sting of death and opens the kingdom of heaven to all believers. He is seated on your right hand in glory and we believe that he will come to be our judge.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus & Benedictus *Mathias Communion setting*

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of the Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who in the same night that he was betrayed took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them saying: 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

We sit or kneel

Gathering our prayers and praise into one, let us pray as our Saviour 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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei Mathias Communion setting

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The congregation remain in their places as the priest brings the Communion. Those who wish to receive, please STAND with outstretched hands to indicate this. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Communion will be in one kind only, bread. Everyone in the church is welcome to receive Communion and we remember all those joining with us online as they make their spiritual communion.

Draw near with faith. Receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his Blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you and feed on him in your heart with thanksgiving.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those online)

Let us now prepare ourselves to make our spiritual communion.

Prayer for an Act of Spiritual Communion

We offer and present to you, Lord our heavenly Father, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice; grant that being present together in heart and mind at this holy communion we may now be filled with your heavenly blessing through the redeeming grace of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ...[short pause]

Lord Jesus Christ, in outward signs of bread and wine you have made known your presence among us; as we unite with one another from the places where we are, may your communion be fulfilled in us now through the work of the life-giving Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANTHEM - Bruckner: Christus Factus Est

THE CONCLUSION

Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

Notices

HYMN Rejoice, the Lord is King

NEH 443

Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The parents and godparents of Seera gather once more around the font. Canon Daphne then presents a **lighted candle** to Seera, saying:*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. Seera, you have received this day the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Music after the service - Gigout: Toccata

Seera's family warmly invite you to join them for refreshments downstairs in the hall after the service.

Prayer Requests

For the sick and those caring for them, especially Denise Muhlethaler, Cynthia Palozzolo, Michelle Naud, Isobel Cleobury, Douglas Smith, Sue Lloyd, Nathan Zabula, Maya Mortimer, David Robinson, Rosabelle de Silva, José Martinez, François Dériaz, Marianne Wheatley, Silvio Morson, Anna Porraccin, John Taylor, Valerie Slessor, Frances Boo, Rémy Boo, Jenny Syrathev, George Thomasz, Emmanuel Palmer, Lorensz Ranasinghe. And for the faithful departed Nicole Meyer and Ranjit Jayasingha.

Pray for the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht, Archbishop Bernd Wallet.

Pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Churches of Iceland, Latvia and Lithuania.

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*Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from
your hand.
(1 Chronicles 29:14)*

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SERVICES UPDATE NOVEMBER

Wednesday	3 Nov	10h Eucharist Online
Thursday	4 Nov	10h Eucharist in Church
Sunday	7 Nov	9h Eucharist in Church 10h30 Eucharist in Church & Online <i>18h Evensong</i>
Wednesday	10 Nov	10h Eucharist Online
Thursday	11 Nov	10h Choral Matins in Church
Sunday	14 Nov	<i>Remembrance Sunday</i> 9h Eucharist in Church 10h30 A Service of Commemoration for Remembrance Sunday <i>18h Eucharist in Church</i>
Wednesday	17 Nov	10h Eucharist Online
Thursday	18 Nov	10h Eucharist in Church
Sunday	21 Nov	9h Matins in Church 10h30 Eucharist in Church & Online <i>16h Messy Church</i>
Wednesday	24 Nov	10h Eucharist Online
Thursday	25 Nov	10h Eucharist in Church
Sunday	28 Nov	9h Eucharist in Church 10h30 All Age Eucharist in Church & Online <i>18h Advent Carol Service</i>

Regular Weekly Provision

Wednesday Lectio Divina 12.30-13.30
Small Time Worship 10.00-12.00 (from 8 Sept)
Friday Midday Prayer 12.30-13.00

Please check website further information



Holy Trinity Church Christmas Services

	Advent Carol Service	28th
	A traditional service of Advent Carols. Mulled wine and mince pies served in the hall after the service!	NOV 18h00
Sun 12th 10h30	Nativity Play and Eucharist Mulled wine and mince pies served on the forecourt after the service!	
	International Christingle Service	Sun 19th
	A fun children's service with Christingle oranges and carols	15h00
Wed 22nd 16h00	Crib Service A short service involving carols around the crib to help prepare your children for Christmas	
	Carol Service @ Cathédrale Saint Pierre	Fri 24th
	Come to the Cathedral for this traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Preceded by an organ recital at 17h00	17h30
Fri 24th 23h00	Midnight Mass A celebration of the first liturgy of Christmastide	
	Christmas Day Services	Sat 25th
	Celebrate the birth of Jesus at the 9h00 and 10h30 Eucharists	