

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 26, 2021

10:00 A.M.

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING



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Good Morning!

Whether this is your first time at Trinity, your first time in a long time, or if you're here every Sunday, we are delighted that you are worshipping with us this morning.

- WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS** If you are new to Trinity, we hope that you will introduce yourself and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the Church. Restrooms are located in two places. Exit through the rear doors of the Sanctuary and go to your right. The white doors on your left are the restrooms. Restrooms can also be found if you exit the door at the front right of the Sanctuary and go down the hall toward the exit to the parking lot. The restrooms are on your right once you pass the fireplace.
- SUNDAY MORNING MASK POLICY** Masks at indoor Sunday services are now required for those who are vaccinated and non-vaccinated.
- NAMETAGS** In order to make it easier for us to get to know each other, we ask everyone to wear a nametag. If you do not have a reusable nametag, there are stickers and markers at each entrance. If you would like to have a reusable nametag made for you, please print your name on the clipboard next to the trays of reusable nametags.
- KIDS IN CHURCH** Copies of 'The Sunday Paper Junior' coloring sheets and crayons available at each Sanctuary entrance. Each week the coloring sheet will highlight some aspect of the Scripture for the day and includes notes to help parents talk to their kids about the theme. Please feel free to let your kids color and otherwise be themselves during the worship service. All are welcome as they are, including kids!
- INTERCESSORY PRAYER** Private intercessory prayer is available with members of our Intercessory Prayer team in the side aisle while Communion is being distributed at the 10:00 AM service. Additionally, there are Prayer Jars at each entrance to the Sanctuary where you can share prayers requests that will be prayed over for the next month.
- ABOUT OUR WORSHIP** Most of the worship service is printed in this leaflet. Music that is not printed in the leaflet can be found in *The Hymnal 1982* (the red book on the shelf under the chair in front of you) or in *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (the red, black, and green book found on a cart at each entrance). We stand, if able, for the hymns and stand or kneel, according to one's personal tradition, for prayer.

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MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

DECEMBER 26, 2021

10:00AM

PRELUDE

Partita on *Puer Nobis in Nascitur*

James Boeringer (1930-2014)

OPENING HYMN

The First Nowell

Hymnal 1982 #109

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
2 They look - ed up and saw a star
3 And by the light of that same star
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
2 and to the earth it gave great light,
3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
4 and there it did both stop and stay
5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win-ter's night— that was— so deep.
 2 and— so it con - tin - ued both day— and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star— wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right— o - ver the place— where Je - sus lay.
 5 their— gold, — and myrrh, — and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

Officiant Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips;
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
All Glory to the One Holy and Undivided Trinity; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!

Officiant Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Please read in unison.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
 and a great King above all gods.
 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
 The sea is his, for he made it, *
 and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
 For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

PSALM 147:13-21

BCP 805

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
 Praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
 he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; *
 he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
 and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; *
 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
 who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
 to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Glory to the One Holy and Undivided Trinity:*
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People *Thanks be to God.*

CANTICLE 13

A Song of Praise

BCP 90

Please read in unison.

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
 People *Thanks be to God.*

CANTICLE 19

BCP 94

Please read in unison.

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
 Great deeds are they that you have done, *
 surpassing human understanding.
 Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
 O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
 and sing the praises of your Name? *
 for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
 because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Ms. Kate Byroade

Silence for reflection.

Officiant Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP 96

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

All 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.

SUFFRAGES

BCP 97

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People And grant us your salvation.

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
People Your saving health among all nations.

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 213

Officiant Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

BCP 815

Officiant O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People Amen.

Officiant O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

People *Amen.*

At this time, you are invited to share your prayers either silently or aloud.

THE OFFICE HYMN

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and
 ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that
 Je - sus Christ is born!
 1 While shep - herds kept their
 2 The shep - herds feared and
 3 Down in a low - ly
 watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
 trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
 man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and
Repeat Refrain
 hold, through - out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.
 out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.
 God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant Let us join together in the words of the General Thanksgiving.
All Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

BCP 101

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

BCP 102

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common
supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when
two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill
now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world
knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

People Amen.

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
 People *Thanks be to God.*

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
 People *Amen.*



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LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Mavis Bennett; Barbara Blackford; Eleanor Blake and the Intercessory Prayer Team.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Mark's, Bridgewater; Good Shepherd, Bristol/Plainville; St. Paul's, Brookfield; Trinity, Brooklyn For soup kitchens and food pantries, and all ministries that feed those who go without.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

We pray for Al and Nora Baldwin; Stephanie Holland (niece of Kitty Peterson), Elizabeth Mackie, Sandy Cone Foley, Rosie Isabell, John Harris, J.B. Parke; Laurie Lavoie, Paulette McCurdy, Rhonda McKenzie, Carmen Belgrave, the Nielsen Family, Sarah Kieffer, Linda Cushner, David Klein and family, Ann Deely, Kate Smith, Sam Hines and Yoleanna Russo, Juli Porter, Juhudi Mgombo, Fred Margeson, Jennifer Stephens, Zechariah Stephens, Katie Reynolds, Mavis Bennett; Ginny Catanzaro; Tori and Trevor Henry; Louise Krippenstapel; Carlene Lewis; Judy Miller; Margaret Moore; Valentina Moore; Al Pereira; Jo-Ann Sadosky; Helen Strassner; Lindsey Tengtanga; Alice Turcotte, Richard Green (brother of Peter Green), Donald Bowens (son of Dianne Bowens-Waller), Bill McMunn and Richard Alan Garver, Diane Bowens-Waller, Bruce and Jane Tatge (parents of Anne Green), Polly Thomas, Rebecca Bourret, Peter Vreeland, Amy Williams, Raldah Stephens, Joan and Ean Walsh (family of Jennifer Stephens) and those affected by mental and physical ailments, violence, natural disasters, especially those who are in danger due to tornadoes, and immigration and refugee policies, especially the people of Afghanistan, and their families; and for those who mourn for loved ones.

We pray for all who have died, especially The Rev. Helen Moore, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray for the repose of the souls of homicide victims in our city of Hartford, and beyond. We pray for those who will die this week, that they may meet their Lord in faith and hope. We pray for ourselves and for our departed loved ones, that rejoicing with them in God's kingdom where every tear is wiped away, we may as one family sing praise forever and ever.

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

**Officiant – The Rev. George Chien, (UMC, MCC)
Preacher – Ms. Kate Byroade**

Readers

Anne Rapkin
Jon Widing

Music Director

Michelle Horsley

Altar Flowers

George Chien, Percy Williamson

Virtual Vergers

Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano, Ben Wolfgang

Announcements

Parish Office Closed for Holiday Observances

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 24th, in observance of the Christmas Day Holiday and on Friday, December 31st in observance of the New Year's Day Holiday.

Easier ways to Pledge and Give

Exciting news! You can now make a Pledge for 2022 as well as pay your pledge or make any other donation with just your smartphone. On the back of the bulletin you'll find a QR code for making a 2022 Pledge and a QR code to make a pledge payment or any other donation to Trinity. Simply open the camera on your smartphone, focus it on the desired QR code, follow the link, and fill out the information from there. If you have any questions please talk to Rev. D., Casey, or Jake.

AFEDJ Thank You

Thank you to all the parishioners who were able to support the Holy Land Giving tree this Advent. \$485 was raised through the selling of ornaments and these monies were sent directly to American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem for the Ahli Hospital in Gaza. The Outreach Team, now called Faith in Action, will be sending an additional \$515 to AFEDJ to make our contribution a total of \$1000. Supporting the Ahli Hospital has been a longstanding project of the parish and supporting this needy hospital is so vital to its ministry.

Thank you again.

Kate Smith for Faith in Action

Women Together

In the new year, Women Together begins a new, 7-week series on the book *The Cloister Walk* by Kathleen Norris. All women are welcome to attend. Currently, women from Trinity, St. Monica's, St. John's, and friends attend this weekly discussion and fellowship group. The meetings take place on Tuesdays, beginning January 4th, from 2:00-3:15 in the Reception Room at St. John's, with all attendees wearing masks. At the meeting on Jan. 4th, we'll cover pages 1-52. For more information, please contact Cathy Rowe (crowedy@yahoo.com) or Linda MacGougan (macgougans@gmail.com).

Giving Envelopes

The supply chain backup has impacted Trinity Church! We do not expect our Envelope order until mid-January. The office will send you an email when they arrive. If you need some spare envelopes to tide you over, please contact Barbara in the office. In the meantime, please remember to write your envelope # on your check. If you're not sure of it, you can log into your profile on Realm and check it out, or you can call Barbara. We apologize for the delay.

Sunday, Jan. 2nd, 9:00 pm - Christmas Compline

Join us for our third monthly service of compline. This late-night service of choral music is held in a darkened sanctuary and will feature Christmas choral works sung in an intimate atmosphere of candles and prayer.

Adult Christian Formation

Confronting Social Injustice as a Christian

We hear almost daily about injustice in our society and around the world. If you sometimes wonder how our Christian faith calls us to respond, you are not alone.

Join us on Sunday, January 9, when Rev. Dr. Frank Kirkpatrick presents a forum on Christian ethical principles for confronting social injustice. This forum will take place on Zoom after the worship service. Stay tuned for more details!

Weekly Calendar

- Sunday, December 26th** **The First Sunday after Christmas**
10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer (Church)
- Thursday, December 30th**
12:00 P.M. Noonday Prayer (Zoom)
- Friday, December 31st** **New Year's Eve – Office is closed**
7:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)
- Sunday, January 2nd** **The Second Sunday after Christmas**
8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church)
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church)
9:00 P.M. Compline (Church)



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