

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023

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.

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 are available at each Sanctuary entrance. Each week the coloring sheet will highlight an 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!

If you need to step out of the service with your infant or toddler and are in search of a quiet space to spend a few moments, the parent room (at the end of the North Narthex past the door to the Memorial Garden) is open during the 10 AM service. There is no child care attendant so all children must be accompanied at all times by their parent / guardian.

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.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

DECEMBER 10, 2023

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

Please stand.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Hymnal 1982 #67



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Presider
People

Blessed be the one, holy and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

All

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider God of peace, we pray for the people of Palestine and Israel in these perilous and dangerous times. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider For all who are fearful for the safety of their loved ones and themselves, we pray that the assurance of unfailing love, even in the midst of danger, settles upon them. Shelter them from despair and protect them from harm. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider For all who are wounded, we pray they find healing. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider For all who have died, we pray they find rest. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider For all who grieve, we pray they find comfort. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider For leaders on all sides, we pray for a renewed will to lay down arms, for the strength to put the grievances and wrongs suffered by their people to rest, and for the conviction to embrace a path of reconciliation and peace that preserves the rights and dignity of all of your children. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider God of mercy, help us to remember there is no border that can separate us from your great love and protection, no stone that can sound the well of your deep mercy. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider God of justice, we pray with hopeful hearts that your beloved children of the Holy Land will be spared a future of sustained violence and unrest and that a recognition of the humanity of all people will prevail. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in Gaza who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that all may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (adapted from Prayer for the Oppressed BCP 826)

People Amen.

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
 God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
 glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
 for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
 praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
 3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
 tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
 you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
 ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -
 5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the
 hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of
 depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____
 you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,
 — Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and
 high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! _____
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Please sit.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
 says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
 and cry to her

that she has served her term,
 that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
 double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
 make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”
See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

Please stand.



- 1 (You have) been gracious to your land, O / Lord, *
you have restored the good / fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your / people *
and blotted out / all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is / saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people ✓
and to those who turn their / hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who / fear him, *
that his glory may dwell / in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met to/gether; *
righteousness and peace have / kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the / earth, *
and righteousness shall look / down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant pros/perity, *
and our land will / yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go be/fore him, *
and peace shall be a pathway / for his feet.

Please sit.

THE SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

Please stand.

The des - ert shall re - joi - ce and blos - som as a rose:

1. It shall
2. For the
3. For the
4. For the

blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joi - ce with praise and sing - ing.
ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.
tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.
ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

5. The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose:
as the ransomed return to God and come singing back to Zion.

6. The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose:
unto Zion we come with joy, for our God has come to save us.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
 ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight.’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

Please sit.

SERMON

The Rev. D. Littlepage

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

From Enriching Our Worship*

All 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,
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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM II

BCP 385

In the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence. The People may add their thanksgivings and petitions silently or aloud.

*This version of the Nicene Creed is from one of the sources that has been approved for use by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The most significant difference is that this version changes 'who proceeds from the Father and the Son' to 'who proceeds from the Father.' This change restores the Creed to the version that was originally accepted by both Western and Eastern Orthodox Churches. (The phrase 'of the Son' was added a few hundred years later by a regional synod and was never adopted by Eastern Orthodox Churches).

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray especially for the people of the Holy Land and the people of Ukraine. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence. The People may add their thanksgivings and petitions silently or aloud.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence. The People may add their thanksgivings and petitions silently or aloud.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence. The People may add their thanksgivings and petitions silently or aloud.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed, especially those killed at Sandy Hook Elementary eleven years ago, and those killed by gun violence in the past week. Pray for those who have died.

Silence. The People may add their thanksgivings and petitions silently or aloud.

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence. The People may add their thanksgivings and petitions silently or aloud.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 359

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

THE GATHERING OF THE PEACE

“I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river. I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.”

Please sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC

The Word Was God

Rosephanye Powell (b. 1962)

[...]I just kept saying that over and over, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. And the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God...” And so I just kept speaking that rhythm over and over, and all of a sudden I started hearing that line overlap with different entrances of the same line. And so I started writing, I didn’t have staff paper, I just took out a piece of copy paper, drew five lines- [...] the A section where God first starts creating, the world is very simple. It’s just two lines, very sparse. And then the song develops with all the parts coming in, speaking that same line, “The same was in the beginning with God.” Then there’s the B section where it talks about Christ being the Word, all things were made by Him, nothing was made, He has not made well, I have the guy, the tenors overlapping with the sopranos in a more lyrical way with the basses, given such, more like a drone, again, the engine of the voice of God creating. Then we come to the last section where the basses and the baritones begin with “All things were made by Him.” That was the beginning of God’s voice creating. And then after the basses start that drone, that engine, like the engine, the purring of a car, the second tenors come in, “In the beginning was the Word, was the Word.” Then, the second time, the first tenors come in, then there’s a third entrance, which is the second altos, a fourth entrance, which is the first altos, then a fifth entrance, which is the second sopranos, then a sixth interest, which is the first sopranos. And then everybody’s in on the seventh entrance: “It is because God rested.” - Rosephanye Powell (from an interview in Season 3, Episode 1: Composing a Culture)

Presider All things come of thee O Lord.
People *And of thine own have we given thee.*

Please stand or adopt another posture of prayer.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Presider The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

1982 Hymnal #S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command,

All ***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray in the language of our hearts,
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.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

1982 Hymnal #S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let bless the Lord.
 People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

Toccata on *Conditor alme Siderum*

Pietro Yon (1886-1943)

You may choose to stay for the postlude (and express a spoken "amen" afterward if you'd like), but it is never expected! You may leave after the final hymn if you'd rather. Please feel comfortable to make whatever choice is best for you.



LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Sonia and Cassandra Watson; Tim, Atis, Freya Watt and Amity Gaige; Bruce Wazorko and Nancy Crandall.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Thomas', Bethel; Christ Church, Bethlehem; Old St. Andrew's, Bloomfield; ministries to the homeless, for parishes that offer a temporary or permanent shelter. For Chapel on the Green, New Haven, Church by the Pond, Hartford, and all Ecclesia ministries.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of Pakistan (United).

We pray for

Viola Cleo Bradshaw
Jane Wilson (sister-in-law of
Kathie Wilson)
Faye, Elizabeth and
Hannah Aliene & their children
Gladys Irizarry
Elizabeth Pierce
Bishop Michael Curry
Fred Margeson
Isabella Gevarra
Cassandra Watson
Sonia Watson
Krystal Reid and
Adrian MacLeach
The Wallace Family
Nancy Miller
Phillip Andrews (brother of
Dianne Bowens-Waller)

Carol Walter
Dianne Lewis
Margaret Daniel
Tony Charron Vreeland
(son of Peter Vreeland)
Cheryl Russo
Winifred Costa
Jacqui Lucier
John E. Robinson
Grace Crooks
Philip Green (son of Peter &
Anne Green)
Nora Baldwin
Stephanie Holland (niece of
Kitty Peterson)
Elizabeth Mackie
Sandy Cone Foley
J.B. Parke
Jennifer Stephens

Laurie Lavoie
Paulette McCurdy
Rhonda McKenzie
Carmen Belgrave
Kate Smith
Katie Reynolds
Tori and Trevor Henry
Louise Krippenstapel
Carlene Lewis
Judy Miller
Valentina Moore
Lindsey Tengtanga
Richard Green (brother of
Peter Green)
Donald Bowens (son of
Dianne Bowens-Waller)
Peter Vreeland

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rev. D. Littlepage – Presider – 8:00 AM and Preacher – 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
The Rev. Horace Johnson – Presider – 10:00 AM

Readers

Jon Widing, Mark MacGougan

Intercessor

Kate Byroade

Ministers of Communion

Cathy Rowe, Jacqui Lucier, Suzanne Blancaflor

Acolyte

Jon Garcia

Announcements

Virtual Vergers

Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano

Intercessory Prayer

Director of Music

Michelle Horsley

Altar Guild

Mary Register, Kitty Peterson

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Announcements

8:00 am Worship in Advent

During the season of Advent the 8:00 am service will be Morning Prayer with Homily.

Church by the Pond - Save the Date: December 16

Trinity's next opportunity to participate in this ministry led by Christ Church Cathedral is Saturday, December 16.

- We'll meet in the Trinity kitchen at 12:30 to prepare bag lunches, entering though the outside door to the kitchen.
- At 1:45 we'll bring those lunches to Bushnell Park, where we'll participate in the worship service by the pond, led by Rev. D.
- We'll distribute our lunches and personal care items following the service, along with offering donated hats and socks, and finish around 3:00.

All parishioners and families are welcome - especially at Bushnell Park, with winter and holiday items to offer. Please contact me if you have any questions, or to let me know you are planning to participate.

Penny Pearson, convener: pennypearson@comcast.net, 860-243-0020



Christmas Pageant 2023

Trinity's Christmas Pageant will be held on Christmas Eve at the 5:00 pm service. If your child (or you) would like to participate, please contact Amity Gaige at awgaige@gmail.com.

Lost & Found



There are many items in our Lost and Found – scarves, jackets, eyeglasses. Please take a moment to see if anything belongs to you. The boxes are out in Goodwin Hall and are labeled Lost and Found.

Lost articles find their way to Barbara Roos' office. If you find that you are missing an item, please give her a call.

The Greening of the Church

*People look east, the time is near,
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.
~~Eleanor Farjeon*

This year on the **Third Sunday of Advent**, after the 10 AM service, the Nave of Trinity Church is transformed from Advent Blue to a festal display of red, white, gold, and green. There are banners to be changed, wreathes and garlands to be hung, and much more. Many volunteer hands and hearts help this joyful work to go forward quickly. **Please plan on Sunday, the 17th of December**, to get your after-church coffee and refreshments and then join us in the Nave to prepare the space for the celebrations that will follow on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Manger Scenes for the Christmas Season at Trinity

A tradition at Trinity Church is decorating the windowsills in our nave with manger scenes (also called creches or nativities). Before and during the season of Advent, we invite people to bring in manger scenes. You are welcome to loan or to donate creches. These may be old family pieces; they may be newly acquired. We are especially interested in a variety of ethnic heritages and/or national traditions and in various styles of art and design. Please consider adding your touch of color to our display as we celebrate the Incarnation of the Word in human flesh and family.

The Trinity Flower Guild has responsibility for seasonal decorations in the church. We are happy to receive gifts of nativity sets, which we will store and use again in following years. We also welcome the loan of manger scenes which you take back home after the Epiphany celebration. If you have questions please contact George Chien or Percy Williamson, Flower Guild Coordinators.



Christmas Flowers and Music



If you would like to contribute to the 2023 Christmas flowers and music in memory of a friend or family member, or as an offering of thanksgiving, **please fill out the form below and send it to the parish office, along with your check, by Monday, December 18.** Checks, which may be for any amount, should be made payable to Trinity Church and earmarked “Christmas Memorials.” Names of those in whose memory contributions have been made will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.



TRINITY CHURCH CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS 2023

I enclose a check for \$_____ for the Trinity Church Christmas flowers and music in memory of/thanksgiving for:

(Please print)

Contributed by: Name

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Designate my contribution for (check one): Flowers Music 50/50 Flowers & Music

Holy Land Giving Tree 2023

Remembering the Holy Land at this time of year is very important for our Anglican faith. However, with the recent events there and the chaos of war, I didn't have the heart to set up a pretty tree. Things there are not pretty. Therefore, I hope you will consider sending your own donation to AFEDJ (The American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem) with Ahli Hospital in the memo. No amount is too small. Please send those checks to AFEDJ at 25 Old Kings Highway North, Suite 13 Darien, CT 06820. Credit Cards can be used through the website: www.afedj.org For an update on the ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, go to Recent News/Current Updates or Newsletters on the AFEDJ website. Archbishop Hosam thanks you for your assistance and continued prayers.

Kate Smith, Kate48smith@comcast.net

Trinity Book Group

Trinity Book Group's meeting originally scheduled for December 15th has been postponed until January. The new date will be announced soon.

Notes on Year End Giving

For your contributions of cash or checks to appear on your 2023 year-end statement, please note the following. If you are dropping off a check, it must be **received in the Trinity Church office by Thursday, December 28**. Anything mailed must be postmarked by 12/31/2023 and any on-line contributions must be in by 12/31/2023.

If you plan to donate by stock to Trinity Church, please contact Financial Manager, Tom Villano at finance at trinityhartford.org or 860-527-8133 ext. 206 before you or your broker initiate the stock transfer. Stock transfers can take up to two weeks.

REMINDER: Please make every attempt to turn in your 2024 Pledge Card before the year's end. Please contact the office (office at trinityhartford.org) if you need a pledge card.

Thank you for your support of Trinity Church!

Introducing Tom Villano

We are happy to welcome Tom to Trinity as our Financial Manager. Tom will generally be in the office M-Th, 9 am-1 pm and can be reached via email at finance at trinityhartford.org and by phone at 860-527-8133 ext. 206.



Advent and Christmas Services at Trinity Church

<u>December 10</u>	<u>Second Sunday of Advent</u>
8:00 <i>am</i>	Morning Prayer
10:00 <i>am</i>	Holy Eucharist
<u>December 15</u>	<u>Blue Christmas</u>
7:00 <i>pm</i>	Service of Remembrance (Church)
<u>December 17</u>	<u>Third Sunday of Advent</u>
8:00 <i>am</i>	Morning Prayer
10:00 <i>am</i>	Holy Eucharist
<i>After the 10:00 am service</i>	Greening of the Church
<u>December 24</u>	<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent / Christmas Eve</u>
<i>No 8:00 am service</i>	
10:00 <i>am</i>	Morning Prayer
5:00 <i>pm</i>	Children and Family Christmas Eucharist
9:30 <i>pm</i>	Choral Prelude
10:00 <i>pm</i>	Christmas Eucharist (with use of incense)
<u>December 25</u>	<u>Christmas Day</u>
	No Services
<u>December 31</u>	<u>First Sunday after Christmas</u>
<i>No 8:00 am service</i>	
10:00 <i>am</i>	Holy Eucharist

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 10th 8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	The Second Sunday of Advent Morning Prayer Rite II (Church) Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church) (Giving Tree Gifts Due)
Monday, December 11th 5:30 P.M.	ACF Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday, December 12th 2:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M.	Women Together (St. John's) Choir School Rehearsal (Church)
Wednesday, December 13th 7:00 P.M.	Property Team Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, December 14th 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Choir School Rehearsal (Church) Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)
Friday, December 15th 7:00 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	Service of Remembrance – Blue Christmas (Church) NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)
Saturday, December 16th 12:30 P.M. 2:00 P.M.	Meal Preparation (Small Kitchen) Church by the Pond (Bushnell Park)
Sunday, December 17th 8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M.	The Third Sunday of Advent Morning Prayer Rite II (Church) Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church) Greening of the Church

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