

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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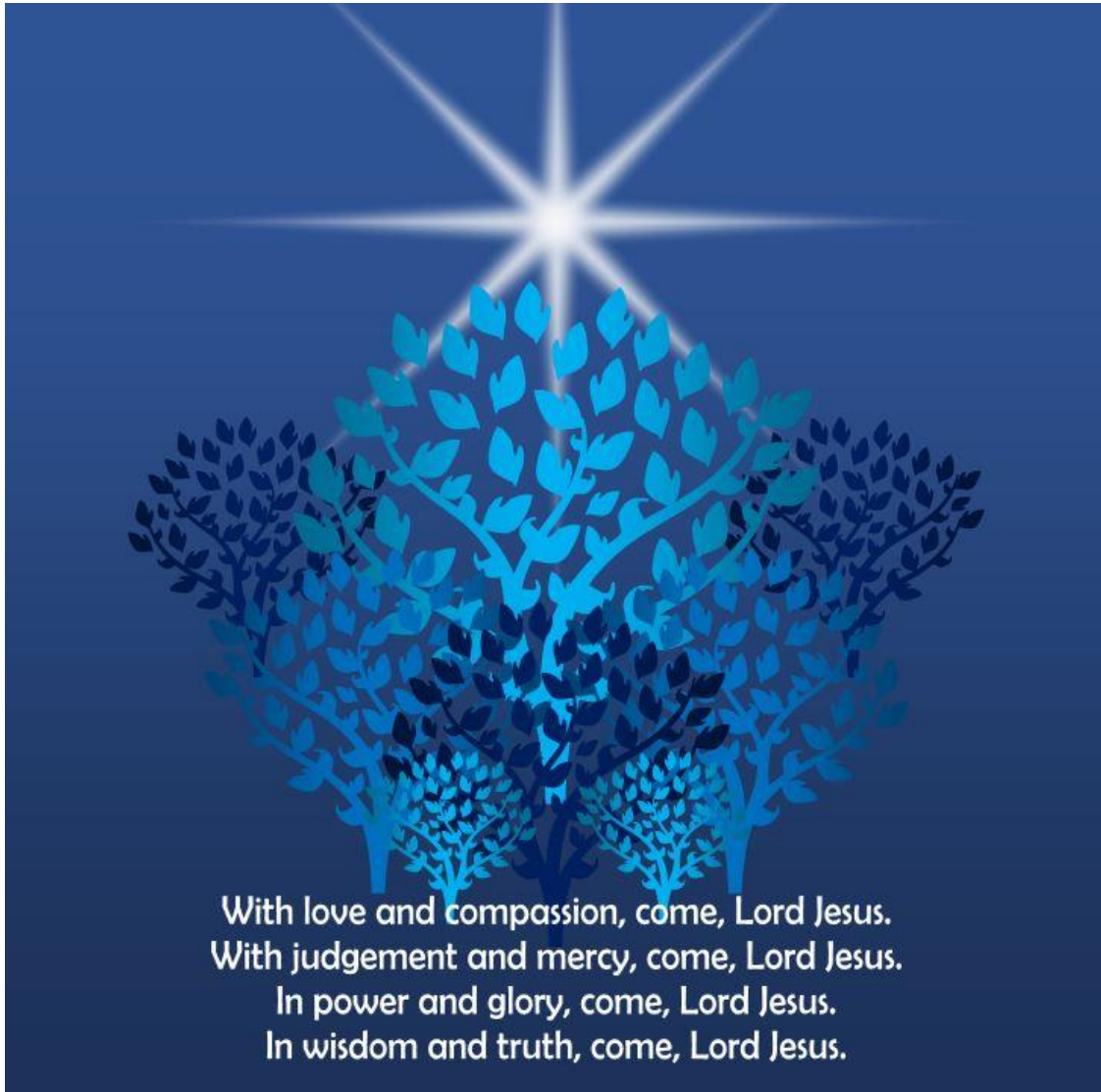
## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2023

10:00 A.M.

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### 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.

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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10:00 A.M.

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PRELUDE

La Nativité, II. Les Bergers  
(The Shepherds)

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

*Les Bergers translates as the "The Shepherds'" and is the second movement of Messiaen's Nativity Suite. The texture at the beginning is often interpreted as the crunching of feet on snow in the still of winter. After what many hear as a shepherd's pipe call, the main portion of the movement begins. This is one of Messiaen's more tonally accessible works, which conveys tuneful melismas over a rhythmic backdrop. Through various repetitions on echoing registrations, the flurrying motif becomes a sort of mantra - perhaps one of mystery and intrigue experienced by the shepherds in the pilgrimage to see the Christ child who is to come.*

Please stand.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Hymnal 1982 #80



1 From heaven a - bove to earth I come to bring good  
2 to you this night is born a child of Ma - ry,  
3 This is the Christ, God's Son most high, who hears your  
4 The bless - ing which the Fa - ther planned the Son holds



news to ev - ery - one! Glad tid - ings of great  
chos - en vir - gin mild; this new - born child of  
sad and bit - ter cry; he will him - self your  
in his in - fant hand, that in his king - dom



joy I bring to all the world, and glad - ly sing:  
low - ly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.  
Sa - vior be and from all sin will set you free.  
bright and fair, you may with us his glo - ry share.

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



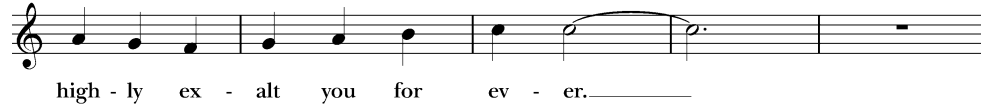
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to



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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*People Amen.*

*Please sit.*

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
 because the LORD has anointed me;  
 he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
 to bind up the brokenhearted,  
 to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
 and release to the prisoners;

to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.  
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.

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

*Please stand.*



- 1 When the LORD restored the / fortunes of / Zion, \*  
then / were we like / those who / dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth / filled with / laughter, \*  
and our / tongue with / shouts of / joy.
- Sung to second half of chant*
- 3 Then they said a/mong the / nations, \*  
“The / LORD has done / great things for / them.”
- 4 The LORD has done / great things for / us, \*  
and / we are / glad in/deed.
- 5 Restore our / fortunes, O / LORD, \*  
like the / water-courses / of the / Negev.
- 6 Those who / sowed with / tears \*  
will / reap with / songs of / joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, / carrying the / seed, \*  
will come again with / joy, / shouldering their / sheaves.

*Please sit.*

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand.*



1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
 \* 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.  
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.  
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

## THE GOSPEL

John 1:6-8,19-28

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

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.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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

*Please sit.*

SERMON

Ash de Las Casas

*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.

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\*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).

*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.*

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 Alice Turcotte, former long-time parishioner, 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

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

#### OFFERTORY MUSIC

Magnificat

Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

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 God 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:

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 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise  
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -  
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo - ry -  
 scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its  
 dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray  
 course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone  
 are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;

aught of joy or hope fore - tell? Trav-eler, yes; it  
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav-eler, a - ges  
 hie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav-eler, lo! the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.  
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.  
 Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude on a Noël

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

*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.*



**+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +**

The Rev. D. Littlepage – Presider  
Ash de Las Casas – Preacher

**Readers**

Boo Morton, Kate Byroade-Rousseau

**Intercessor**  
Jon Widing

**Ministers of Communion**  
Suzanne Blancaflor, Marcus Clark

**Acolyte**  
Jon Garcia

**Announcements**

**Virtual Vergers**

Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano

**Intercessory Prayer**  
Jonathan Reik

**Director of Music**  
Michelle Horsley

**Altar Guild**  
Mary Register, Kitty Peterson

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## LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Ernestine Weaver, David Weaver, Eugenia Weaver, Marshall Weaver, and Elaine Weber.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Stephen's, Bloomfield; St. George's, Bolton; Trinity, Branford; Calvary St. George's, Bridgeport. Those who advocate at the local, state, national, or global level for the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

### We pray for

Tony Little  
Preeman-Faniel Family  
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 Tengtenga  
Richard Green (brother of  
Peter Green)  
Donald Bowens (son of  
Dianne Bowens-Waller)  
Peter Vreeland



## Transition to Eternal Life

Trinity Church notes the passing of Alice Turcotte, a former and faithful member who served the Church and was a choir member, and member of The (K)Naves, Trinity's former drama group. Our sympathy and prayers are with her family and friends.

*Father of all, we pray to you for Alice, and for all those whom  
we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest.*

*Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls  
of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

# Announcements

## The Greening of the Church – TODAY!!

*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*

Today, 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 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.

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## 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](mailto:awgaige@gmail.com).

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## Update on the Season of Listening

We received a wonderful response to our invitation this fall to one-on-one conversations we call our "Season of Listening". This is both a blessing and a challenge, as we are a small team of folks leading these conversations and everyone in the process has an extra busy schedule at this time of year.

Many of the conversations, which have been a wonderful way to know each other more deeply, have already taken place or are on the calendar to take place after the holidays. Please know that we are committed to meeting with everyone who signed up before the beginning of Lent, so if you have not yet heard from us, we ask your patience as we will connect with each person who signed up to participate.

Trinity GHIAA team

Ash de Las Casas  
Cathy Rowe  
Martha Freimuth

Heather Kramer  
Kimmy Okeke  
Rev. D Littlepage

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# 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

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If you ordered Giving Envelopes when you made your pledge in October, they have arrived and you can pick them up in Goodwin Hall after the services.



## 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](http://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](mailto:Kate48smith@comcast.net)

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## Trinity Book Group

Looking for a good book to read over the holidays? Here's one: French Braid, by contemporary author Anne Tyler. "Full of heartbreak and hilarity,.... a stirring, uncannily insightful novel of tremendous warmth and humor that illuminates the kindnesses and cruelties of our daily lives." It's the featured work for the next meeting of Trinity's Book Group, on Friday, January 12th, 7-9 p.m. All are warmly invited to attend! Amy Arlin will host at her home in Avon. Please let her know if you plan to attend; she'll send you directions - and make sure to have plenty of refreshments on hand! ([aearyl@gmail.com](mailto:aearyl@gmail.com))

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## 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](http://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](http://office.at.trinityhartford.org)) if you need a pledge card.

**Thank you for your support of Trinity Church!**

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A big thank you to Peter Green, Mark MacGougan, Neill Derick, Valerie Pogue, Janet Wilkinson, Karin Peterson and David Pontrelli who volunteered for the church clean-up day on December 9th. A lot of leaves were raked!



## Advent and Christmas Services at Trinity Church

<u>December 17</u>	<u>Third Sunday of Advent</u>
8:00 am	Morning Prayer
10:00 am	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 am	Morning Prayer
5:00 pm	Children and Family Christmas Eucharist
9:30 pm	Choral Prelude
10:00 pm	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 am	Holy Eucharist

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Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>  
Adult Christian Formation: What does Epiphany mean?

Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>  
Contemplative Prayer – ½ hour in chapel after 10:00 service.

Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>  
Bishop Laura visits Trinity Church.  
One service at 10:00 am.

Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>  
Parish Finances Meeting (will be recorded)  
after the 10:00 am service.

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Third Sunday of Advent</b>
8:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer Rite II (Church)
10:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
11:30 A.M.	Greening of the Church
6:00 P.M.	NA Meeting (Huntington Hall)
<b>Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup></b>	
2:00 P.M.	Women Together (St. John's)
6:00 P.M.	Choir School Rehearsal (Church)
<b>Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup></b>	
12:00 P.M.	Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
6:00 P.M.	Choir School Rehearsal (Church)
7:00 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)
<b>Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	
7:30 P.M.	NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)
<b>Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
10:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer – 4 Advent (Church)
5:00 P.M.	Children and Family Christmas Eucharist (Church)
9:30 P.M.	Choral Prelude
10:00 P.M.	Christmas Eucharist (with use of incense)

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