

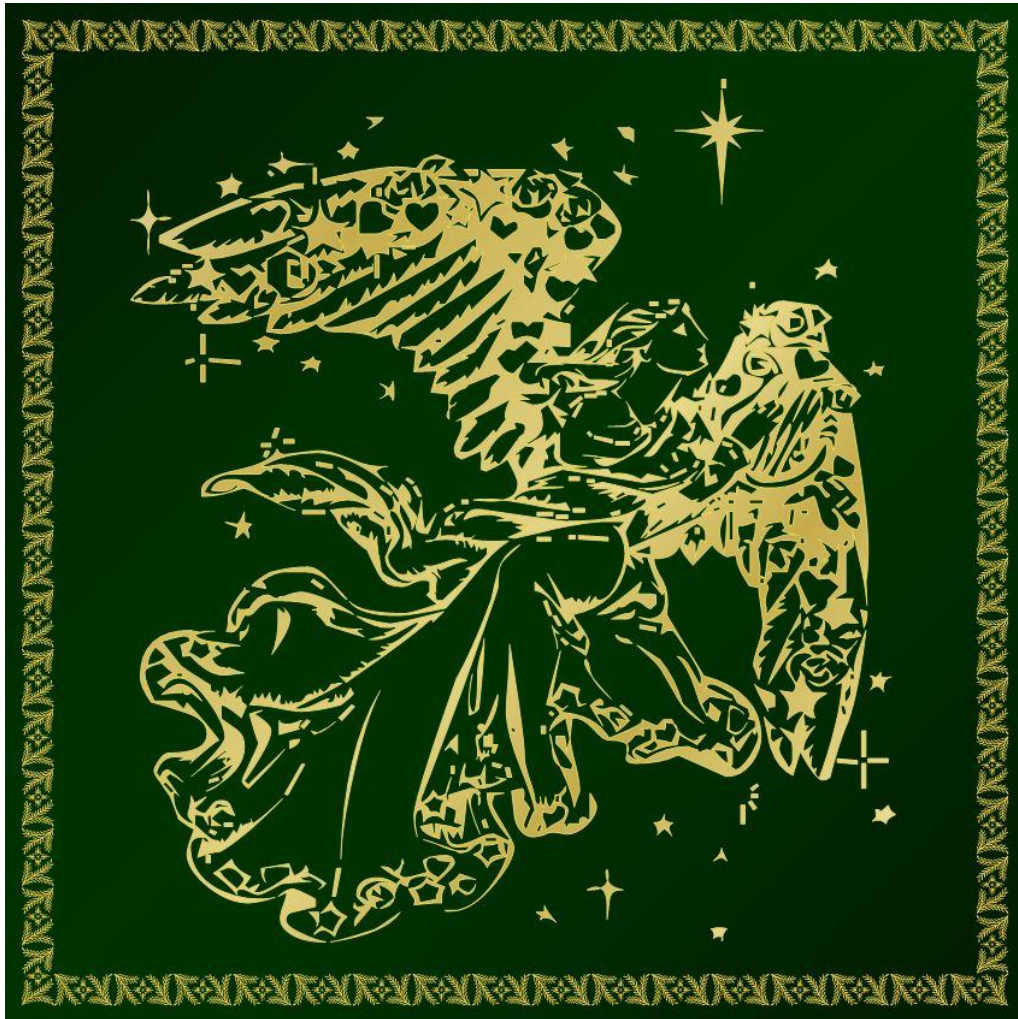
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2023

10:00 P.M.

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING



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Welcome!

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

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.

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 this service. There is no child care attendant so all children must be accompanied at all times by their parent / guardian.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

DECEMBER 24, 2023

10:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRELUDE

9:30 P.M.

- Angels from the Realms of Glory Chuck Marohnic
Silent Night & The Holly and the Ivy Trad., adpt. M. Horsley
Cydney Jackson, violinist
- Personent Hodie 13th century,
arr. Don Hinshaw (1934)
- Bell Peal
written & performed by Faith Wada, Adalia Sterling, Krista Mogor, & Sophie Reilly
- Partita on Von Himmel Hoch (From Heaven Above to Earth I Come) David Schack
- Riu, Riu Chiu 15th Century Spanish Carol, edited by Noah Greenberg
Soloists: Michelle Horsley, Terri Huntington, and John Michael Walker
- Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day John Rutter (b.1945)
- Sussex Carol Traditional English Carol, arr. David Willcocks
- See Amidst the Winter Snow David Goss, arr. David Willcocks
Soloist: Faith Wada
- Chorale Prelude on "Es ist ein Ros" Michael Burkhardt (b.1957)

Participants:

Trinity Adult Choir
The Choir School of Hartford
Joel-Reuning-Scherer, percussionist
Ash de Las Casas, clarinet & triangle
Cydney Jackson, violin

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymnal 1982 #83
setting by M. Horsley (b. 1990)

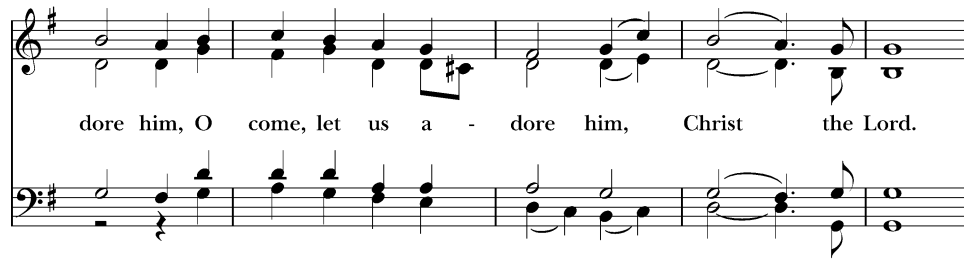
1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God.
 People *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.

A Litany for the Restoration of Peace in the Holy Land from AFEDJ

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.

GLORIA

1982 Hymnal #S236

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.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People *Amen.*

Please sit.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

Please stand.



- 1 Sing to the LORD a / new / song; *
sing to the LORD, / all the / whole / earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and / bless his / Name; *
proclaim the good news of his sal/vation from / day to / day.
- 3 Declare his glory a/mong the / nations *
and his / wonders a/mong all / peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and / greatly to be / praised; *
he is more to be / feared than / all / gods.

Sung to second half of chant

- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, / they are but / idols; *
but it is the / LORD who / made the / heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and mag/nificence of his / presence! *
Oh, the power and the / splendor / of his / sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you / families of the / peoples; *
ascribe to the / LORD / honor and / power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor / due his / Name; *
bring offerings and / come in/to his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the / beauty of / holiness; *
let the / whole earth / tremble be/fore him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: √ “The / LORD is / King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; √
he will / judge the / peoples with / equity.”
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; √
let the sea thunder and / all that is / in it; *
let the field be joyful and / all that / is there/in.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the / LORD when he / comes, *
when he / comes to / judge the / earth.
- 13 He will judge the / world with / righteousness *
and the / peoples / with his / truth.

Please sit.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

People *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

Hymnal 1982 #102

Verse 1: Krista Mogor, soloist

setting by

David Willcocks (1919-2015)

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
 2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
 *3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
 *4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
 5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
 2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
 3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -
 4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
 5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
 3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this
 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
 5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —

6 Not in that poor lowly stable,
 with the oxen standing round,
 we shall see him; but in heaven,
 where his saints his throne surround:
 Christ, revealed to faithful eye,
 set at God's right hand on high.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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,

*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).

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.

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

Veni, Veni Emmanuel
Joel-Reuning-Scherer, percussionist

John Michael Trotta (b. 1978)

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

At the time of the administration of Communion, if you would like to have a blessing instead of receiving Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available on request. Please remember that if you wish not to receive wine, receiving Bread only imparts the full benefit of the Sacrament.

Please sit.

COMMUNION MUSIC What Child is This English Folk song, arr. Russell Robinson
Ash de las Casas, clarinet
Joel-Reuning-Scherer, percussionist

Please stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Presider Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

People *Amen.*

Presider May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

People *Amen.*

Presider May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

People *Amen.*

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Eternal Majesty, the Incarnate Word, and the Ever-Abiding Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People *Amen.*



Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Presider Tonight old dreams die and new dreams come to life. The Promise is fulfilled!
People *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.*

Presider Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.
People *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.*

Presider Our candles illuminate our story. Dawn invades midnight.
The Light of the world has come.
People *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.*

Presider And this light is a light for all, igniting a flame within the soul, warming us from within,
radiating love, lighting our lives with the presence of God-come-alive in human flesh
within us and among us now and always.
People *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill to all.*

*We invite you to carry the light of Christ out into the world in your hearts and actions,
and to place your extinguished candle in the receptacles located by the doors.*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

*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 and Preacher

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Intercessor

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LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Jon and Carol Widing, Marc Wiest and Janet Wilkinson.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Luke/St. Paul, Bridgeport; St. John's, Bridgeport; St. Mark's, Bridgeport, for the children of the world, the Bishops' Fund for Children, and all ECCT ministries for children at risk.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

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

Glady's 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

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Peter Green)

Donald Bowens (son of
Dianne Bowens-Waller)

Peter Vreeland



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**Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Christmas Message 2023:
'A sign for you'**

The following is a transcript of Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's recorded Christmas message for 2023.

Hello to my family of faith in The Episcopal Church, and to all of our ecumenical and interfaith friends, and to all people of love and goodwill.

I want to first thank you all for your prayers and well wishes this year as I have weathered some health issues. Please know that I'm doing well, following the doctor's orders.

I'm also ever more aware of the power of the messages of Advent to watch, to wait, and to listen to the pregnant voice of silence, as one version of the Bible says. And out of that watching, waiting, and listening, following the way of Jesus of Nazareth and his way of love, the Spirit of God being our helper.

So please allow me to offer a reading from the Gospel according to Luke. You know it well. The deep truth embedded in it, simple story of the birth of a baby. That deep truth has long given me strength for these 70 years, strength that I often did not have on my own. For some, it may seem fanciful, but in its own way, it points to what the Bible calls hope beyond hope. It reads:

While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to deliver her child. She gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger because there was no place for them in the guest room. Now in that same region, there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people: To you is born this day in the city of David, a savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the

heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

The message of the angel is as scandalous and striking now as it was then. For in it is embedded God's message in the death and resurrection of Jesus: to trust and believe in the invincibility of the good in spite of the titanic reality of evil, because God is good all the time. To trust and believe in the enduring power of love, of truth, of the good, and of justice when the reality of the opposite seems so prodigious.

To trust and believe in the enduring power of love, justice, kindness, and compassion, all because God is love and the author of all that is true, noble, and just. “Do not be afraid,” the Scripture says, “for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born this day in the city of David, a savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

Lord, we pray, give us this sign anew. Give us the lowly, the tired, those of high estate and low, and those of no estate. Church folk, those who haven't stepped through the red doors for years or ever, give us all a sign. Give us the working, the watching, the weeping. Give us that sign anew; as you did in the first century, so now in the 21st. Give us the expected, the faithful, the passionate, the undeserving; give us a sign.

“The angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people: To you is born this day in the city of David, a savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.’”

On behalf of the entire Episcopal Church, we wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a joyous new year.

God love you. God bless you. May God hold us all in those almighty hands of love. Merry Christmas.

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
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Advent and Christmas Services at Trinity Church

<u>December 24</u>	<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent / Christmas Eve</u>
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>
No 8:00 am service	
10:00 am	Holy Eucharist



Sunday, January 7th
One service at 10:00 am
Adult Christian Formation: What does Epiphany mean?

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

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

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



**THE 2023 CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND FLOWERS
HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**



Joan & Joel Blancaflor
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Raymond B. Wilson
The parents of Anne Rapkin and Steve Zhitnik

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 24th	The Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve
10:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer – 4 Advent (Church)
5:00 P.M.	Children and Family Christmas Eucharist (Church)
6:00 P.M.	NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)
9:30 P.M.	Choral Prelude
10:00 P.M.	Christmas Eucharist (with use of incense)
Monday, December 25th	The Office and Buildings are closed in Observance of Christmas Day
Friday, December 29th	
7:30 P.M.	NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)
Sunday, December 31st	The First Sunday after Christmas No 8:00 AM Service
10:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church)
6:00 P.M.	NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

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