

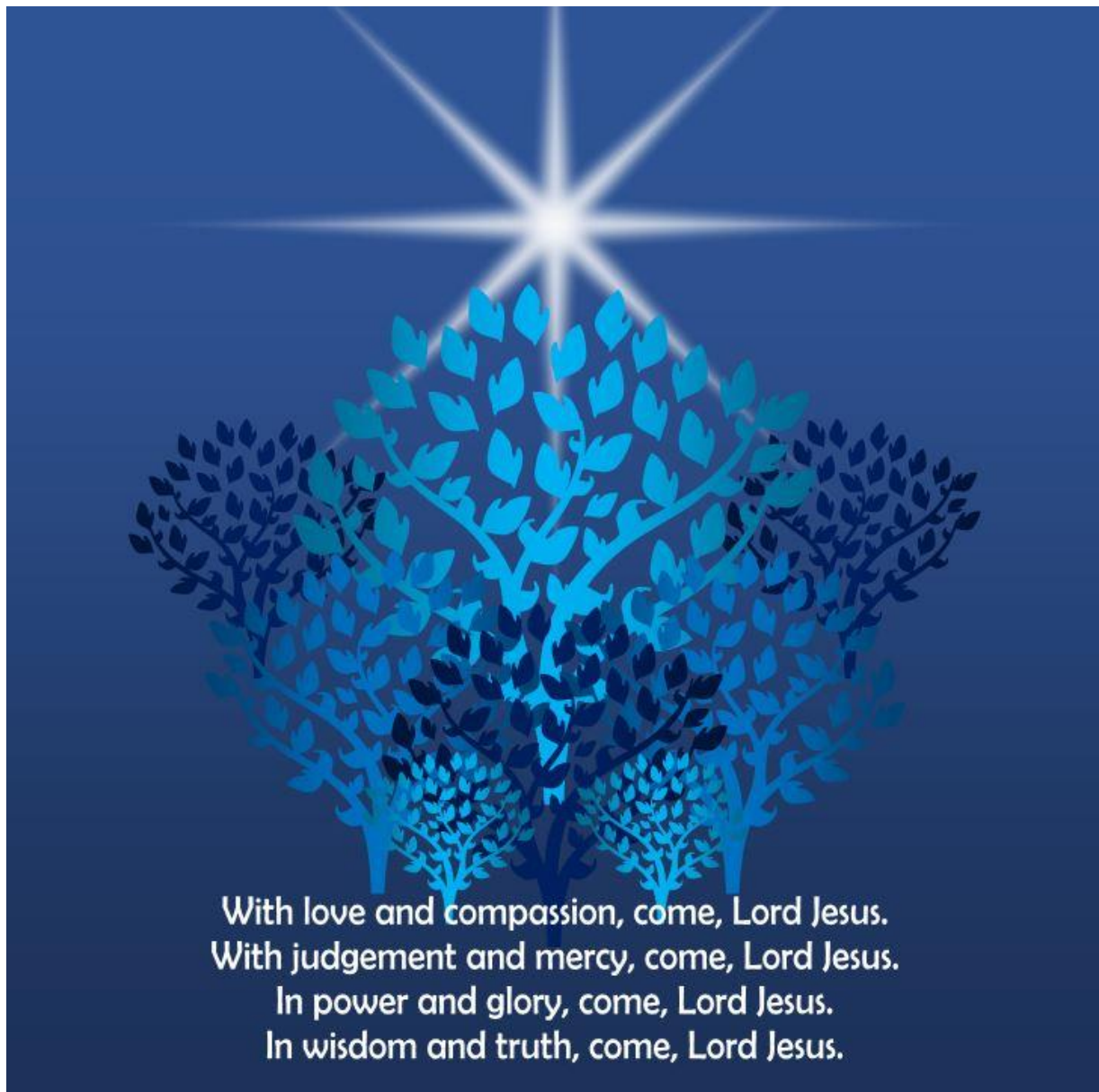
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

DECEMBER 3, 2023

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Variations on "Puer Nobis Nascitur"

James Boeringer

Please stand.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Once He Came in Blessing

Hymnal 1982 #53



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



came in like - ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

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.

GLORIA

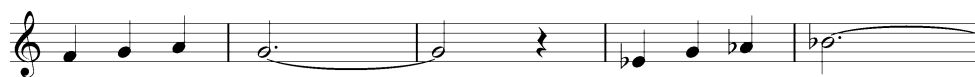
1982 Hymnal #S236



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 _____

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 -

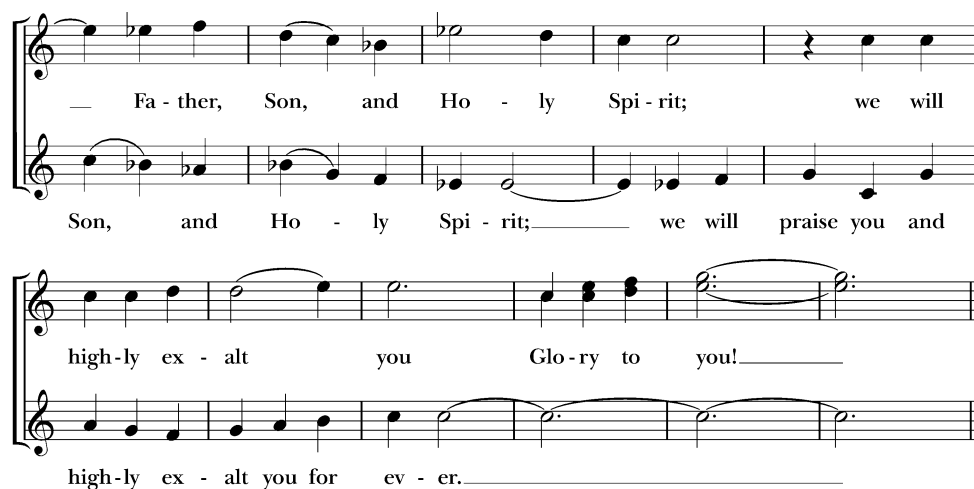
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

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.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People *Amen.*

Please sit.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
 so that the mountains would quake at your presence--

as when fire kindles brushwood
 and the fire causes water to boil--

to make your name known to your adversaries,
 so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
 you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,
 no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,
 who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,
 those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
 because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
 and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
 and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
 There is no one who calls on your name,
 or attempts to take hold of you;
 for you have hidden your face from us,
 and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
 we are the clay, and you are our potter;
 we are all the work of your hand.
 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
 and do not remember iniquity forever.
 Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Please stand.

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

BCP 702



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a / flock; *
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the / cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Man/asseh*
 stir up your strength and come to / help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of / hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we / shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
 how long will you be / angered
 despite the prayers /of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of / tears; *
 you have given them bowls of / tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our / neighbors, *
 and our enemies laugh / us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of / hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we / shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right / hand, *
 the son of man you have made so strong / for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from / you; *
 give us life, that we may call up/on your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of / hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we / shall be saved.

Please sit.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord..

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

People *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light

1982 Hymnal #64



1 O heaven - ly Word, e - ter - nal Light, be - got - ten
 2 pour light up - on us from a - bove, and fire our
 3 and when, as judge, thou draw - est nigh the se - crets
 4 O let us not, for e - vil past, be driv - en
 * 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



1 of the Fa - ther's might, who in these lat - ter days wast
 2 hearts with ar - dent love, that, as we hear thy truth to -
 3 of our hearts to try, to rec - om - pense each hid - den
 4 from thy face at last, but with thy saints for ev - er -
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry



1 born for bless - ing to a world for - lorn;
 2 day, all wrong de - sires may burn a - way;
 3 sin and bid the saints their reign be - gin;
 4 more be - hold thee, love thee, and a - dore.
 5 be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
 and the moon will not give its light,

and the stars will be falling from heaven,
 and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at

the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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.

*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).

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 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 ANTHEM

Heavenly Light

Alexander Kopylov (1854-1911)

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:

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 HYMN

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

LEVAS II #11

Verse 1 - Porsche Ileoje, soloist

Congregation joins for verses 2-4

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord". It consists of two systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written in a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics "Pre - pare ye the way _____ of the Lord. _____" are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment is written in two staves (treble and bass clefs) and is bracketed together. It features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. There are triplet markings above the vocal line in both systems. The first system is for the soloist, and the second system is for the congregation.

1.-4. Final ending Fine

1. Make straight in the
2. Fill ev - 'ry
3. Go up to a
4. Say to all

D.S

1. des - ert a high - way for our God.
2. val - ley, bring all moun - tains low.
3. moun - tain and shout with a loud voice.
4. peo - ple, here is your God.

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, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.
People *Amen.*

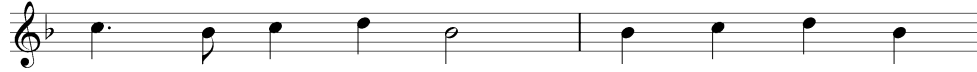
Presider May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.
People *Amen.*

Presider May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.
People *Amen.*

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Ever-abiding Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
People *Amen.*



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on "In Dulci Jubilo" BWV 729

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*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 Peter Vreeland and Richard Charron, Pekah Wallace and Jay Nolan-Wallace.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church, Ansonia; St. Paul's, Bantam, Christ Church, Bethany; postulants and candidates for Holy Orders; the Commission on Ministry and its members.

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

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 and Preacher

Readers

Martha Freimuth
Jon Widing

Intercessor

Ministers of Communion
Kate Byroade, Marcus Clark

Acolyte
Jonathan Garcia

Announcements
Leslyn Clark

Flowers

George Chien

Virtual Vergers

Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano

Intercessory Prayer

Kitty Peterson

Director of Music

Michelle Horsley

Altar Guild

Mary Register, Kitty Peterson

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Announcements

Observing Advent – Family Forum – TODAY!

Our society is so focused on Christmas that it gets harder every year to make room for observing Advent. Yet skipping Advent and moving straight into celebrating Christmas is a little like fast food – it may fill you up, but you won't get the nourishment from it that really sustains you.

After the 10 o'clock Eucharist on December 3, we will gather in the Library to discuss how we can enrich our experience of Advent. To help, we will be providing a family-friendly Advent Devotional Booklet for all who want them. The theme of the devotions is "Naming Jesus," and it explores the connection between the names we call Jesus - Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, and more - and the love and justice he calls us to practice every day.

Join to share your own Advent practices and to consider how this new devotional resource might be used in your family. Even if you can't join us then, please be sure to pick up a copy of the Naming Jesus Devotional Booklet.

8:00 am Worship in Advent

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

Trinity's 2023 "Giving Tree" is HERE!



GIVING TREE

This Advent, we are continuing Trinity's tradition of a "Giving Tree" - a tree set up in the Sanctuary, loaded with tags that list wishes from students at Trinity Academy and children from the Adopt-A-Social Worker program of Covenant to Care.

Our tree is up, with tags for each of the children. Parishioners who wish to participate may choose today, purchase the item and place the gift under the tree by **Sunday 12/10**. We are committed to these children, and it is important that gifts be returned by this date so that they may be distributed.

With only 1 week to shop for and return the gifts, our elves will be busy!

Please mark your calendars and plan to join in this festive event.

Questions? Please contact Penny Pearson.



Antiphons

a musical offering on the 7 Medieval antiphons of Advent

Dec. 3rd at 5pm

Trinity Episcopal Church
120 Sigourney St. Hartford

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

Outside Work Day – December 9

The last of the outside work days for 2023 will take place on Saturday, December 9th at 9:00 am. Any help is truly appreciated!
Questions: Contact Peter Green.

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@trinityhartford.org and by phone at 860-6527-8133 ext. 206.



<u>December 3</u>	<u>First Sunday of Advent</u>
8:00 <i>am</i>	Morning Prayer
10:00 <i>am</i>	Holy Eucharist
11:30 <i>am</i>	Advent Reflection (Library)
5:00 <i>pm</i>	O Antiphons Musical Offering (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 Service
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 3rd	The First Sunday of Advent
8:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer Rite II (Church)
10:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
10:30 A.M.	Advent Forum (Library)
5:00 P.M.	O Antiphons (Church)
Tuesday, December 5th	
2:00 P.M.	Women Together (St. John's)
6:00 P.M.	Choir School Rehearsal (Church)
Thursday, December 7th	
12:00 P.M.	Noon Eucharist (Chapel)
6:00 P.M.	Choir School Rehearsal (Church)
7:00 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)
Friday, December 8th	
7:30 P.M.	NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)
Saturday, December 9th	
9:00 A.M.	Outside Work Day (Church Grounds)
Sunday, December 10th	The Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer Rite II (Church)
10:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church) (Giving Tree Gifts Due)

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