

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

8:00 AM AND 10:00 AM



A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING

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## Good Morning!

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

- WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS** If you are new to Trinity, we hope that you will introduce yourself and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the Church. Restrooms are located in two places. Exit through the rear doors of the Sanctuary and go to your right. The white doors on your left are the restrooms. Restrooms can also be found if you exit the door at the front right of the Sanctuary and go down the hall toward the exit to the parking lot. The restrooms are on your right once you pass the fireplace.
- SUNDAY MORNING MASK POLICY** Masks at indoor Sunday services are now required for those who are vaccinated and non-vaccinated.
- NAMETAGS** In order to make it easier for us to get to know each other, we ask everyone to wear a nametag. If you do not have a reusable nametag, there are stickers and markers at each entrance. If you would like to have a reusable nametag made for you, please print your name on the clipboard next to the trays of reusable nametags.
- HEARING ASSISTANCE** If you would like to use a hearing assistive device, please speak to an usher.
- 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

8:00 AM AND 10:00 AM

*\*Please note: All music is for the 10:00 am Service only*

PRELUDE

Prelude from *Pasaje Abierto*  
Dan Hartington, guitar

Edin Solis (b. 1963)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

Rejoice! The Lord is King

1982 Hymnal #481



1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -  
2 The Lord the Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love: when  
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the  
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and



tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift  
keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.  
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a - gain I say, re -



joyce! up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a -



gain I say, re - joice!

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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.

SONG OF PRAISE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Verses 1 and 2

1982 Hymnal #56



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.*

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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.*

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

*People Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 25:1-9

BCP 614

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

The Desert Shall Rejoice

WLP #722

The des-ert shall re - joi-ce and blos-som as a rose: 1. It shall  
 2. For the  
 3. For the  
 4. For the

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

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

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

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

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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

SERMON

The Rev. D. Littlepage

*Silence for reflection.*

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.**

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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).

For us and for our salvation  
     he came down from heaven,  
     was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
     and became truly human.  
     For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate  
     he suffered death and was buried.  
     On the third day he rose again  
     in accordance with the Scriptures;  
     he ascended into heaven  
     and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
     He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
     and his kingdom will have no end.  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
     who proceeds from the Father,  
     who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
     who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
     and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM I

BCP 383

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

Intercessor For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*People Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*People Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*People Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor For this city Hartford, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*People Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

*People Lord, have mercy.*



Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.  
*People Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.  
*People Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.  
*People Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.  
*People Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor In the communion of [\_\_\_\_\_ and of] all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.  
*People To thee, O Lord our God.*

*Silence.*

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

CONFESSON OF SIN

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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM      Show Me Thy Ways      Walter L. Pelz (b. 1926)

Dan Hartington, guitar  
Quartet: Linda MacGougan, Kristen Williams, Michelle Horsley, Alan Rice  
Clarinetist: Ash de las Casas

*Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths  
Lead me in thy truth and teach me:  
for thou art the God of my salvation  
and on thee do I wait all the day*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

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 our thanks and praise.*

Presider      It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father 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:

*Unison or harmony*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and  
earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,

*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 forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
 People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*All are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail. 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. Members of the Intercessory Prayer Team are available in the side aisle to pray with you.*

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION MUSIC God is Our Righteousness  
 Dan Hartington, guitar

Chris DeBlasio (1959-1993)

*For composer Chris DeBlasio, the overwhelming presence of HIV/AIDS informed his creative energies into a unique compositional voice. Known mostly for his contributions in theatre and song cycles, DeBlasio turned to this most unusual combination of instruments to write one of his last works before dying of HIV/AIDS complications at the age of 34. Reflective in nature, it was inspired by a passage from Jeremiah foretelling the coming of justice and righteousness. "And this is the name by which the city will be called: 'God is Our Righteousness.'" This musical offering is lifted up on the Sunday before World Aids Day (Dec 1) and on our first Sunday in Advent as a modern reflection on this sacred season of waiting. We dedicate it humbly to all those still waiting for justice and righteousness.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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

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  
 People

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.  
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



### LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Ray & Kathie Wilson; Chris, Milah & Elah Windnagle and Jennifer Seibold and Steve Zhitnik and Anne Rapkin.

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

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

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

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

**+ LITURGICAL LEADERS +**

**The Rev. D. Littlepage – Presider and Preacher**

**Readers**

Janet Wilkinson (8:00 am)  
Jon Widing (10:00 am)  
Kate Smith (10:00 am)

**Intercessor**

Janet Wilkinson (8:00 am)  
Drew Smith (10:00 am)

**Music Director**

Michelle Horsley

**Altar Flowers**

George Chien, Percy Williamson

**Virtual Vergers**

Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano, Ben Wolfgang

**Intercessory Prayer Team**

Kitty Peterson, Anne Rapkin

**Minsters of Communion**

Kate Byroade, Clement Mogor

**Verger**

Roy McAlpine

**Acolytes**

Malik Allen-Thomas, Tro Moo  
Trocari Griffith-McCalop

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## Trinity Episcopal Church — How Firm a Foundation

It's not too late! If you haven't had the opportunity, please either mail your pledge card to the church office, or bring it with you to church.

*Every* pledge makes a difference!



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## Hope for Healing

You are invited to join us for an Advent Quiet Day on December 4th from 10am-2:30pm at Trinity Church. During our time together we will lament the broken places in our lives and in our world that are in need of healing and celebrate our journeys to healing and hope. There will be opportunities for small group sharing and multiple options for individual reflection and centering. Lunch will be provided only for those who signup at [www.trinityhartford.org/quietday](http://www.trinityhartford.org/quietday)



## Trinity's 2021 "Giving Tree" is here!

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.

Parishioners who wish to participate will chose a tag on this or a subsequent Sunday, purchase the item and place the gift under the tree by **Sunday 12/12**. We are committed to these children, and it is important that gifts be returned by this date so that they may be distributed.

We have been asked to provide:

- \$25 gift cards to either Target or Walmart for 20 students of Trinity Academy (Asylum Hill Congregational Church is providing gift cards to the other 20 students) and
- Actual gifts as requested for 20 children through Covenant to Care.

With only 2 weeks to shop for and return the gifts, our elves will need to work quickly!

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### *Directions:*

1. *Choose a 2-part tag from the Giving Tree in front of the baptistery.*
2. *Write your name and telephone # on one tag and place it in the basket, keep the other one.*
3. *Purchase the gift item, place it unwrapped in a gift bag and attach your tag to the bag.*
4. *Return the bag to the Giving Tree table by Sunday, 12/12*

If you would like to participate, but will not be at Trinity in-person to select a tag by 11/28, or if you have questions, please contact me.

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## ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMING ATTRACTIONS

### "A PEBBLE, A SANDWICH, AND A FEATHER"

On Sunday, December 5, Michelle Horsley will speak to us about three organ pieces. She will tell us about their musical significance, and will share her own intimate experiences with them. She has titled her program "A Pebble, a Sandwich, and a Feather," certainly an intriguing combination.

As our Director of Music for the past year, Michelle has enriched our worship and broadened our musical horizons. Her Zoom presentation on the origin and meaning of Spirituals last year drew rave reviews from all who attended, and this year we have the added advantage of an in-person forum. The forum will be held in the sanctuary after the 10 o'clock service, and will be live-streamed and recorded as well. We are still working out some of the details, but please save the time and date for this adult forum. It promises to be lively, informative, and fun!

## Holy Land Giving Tree - AFEDJ: Help for Ahli Arab Hospital

The Holy Land Giving Tree is back!

The Outreach team will again offer pictures of the needy children of the Diocese of Jerusalem and offer festive olive wood ornaments for your own tree or as a gift for a loved one. We will be supporting again the Ahli Hospital in Gaza where all people are in great need of medicine, electricity and everyday needs. This is our international outreach to a place where our own religion started. Covid 19 has been just as horrible in the Diocese of Jerusalem as here. If you can't make it to church, we ask that all checks be made out to AFEDJ (American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem) with Ahli Hospital in the memo. Donate at church or send checks to 106 Vista Way, Bloomfield CT 06002. All monies are sent in weekly directly to the AFEDJ center.

Look for our table on the following 3 Sundays : today, Dec. 4 and 11 before and after the 10:00 service.

Every little bit helps our siblings of the Holy Land!

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### Upcoming December Events

Friday, Dec. 3rd, 7:00pm - **St. Lucia Festival** (hosted at Emanuel Lutheran Church)

*Featuring many of our choristers, Emanuel Lutheran Church hosts its annual St. Lucia Festival, a traditional Swedish holiday honoring the 3rd century Christian martyr. The service includes much music and costumed dancing, all offered by children and youth. 311 Capitol Avenue, Hartford.*

Sunday, Dec. 5th, 9:00pm - **Advent Compline**

*Join us for a late-night, candle-lit service of choral music in a darkened sanctuary. Compline originates from ancient monastic traditions and is held as the last service before the end of the day. Our Advent Compline service will feature music by Victoria, Tavener, Kodaly, McFerrin, Sheppard, and Beach.*

Friday, Dec. 17th, 7:00pm - **Blue Christmas**

*A tradition at Trinity Episcopal Church, this service is intended to be one of comfort for those mourning during the Christmas season.*

Saturday, Dec. 18th, 7:00pm - **Lessons & Carols**

*Featuring The Choir School of Hartford and Trinity Episcopal Church Adult Choir, this service is modeled after the traditional service of 9 Lessons and Carols from King's College, with choral anthems responding to each of 9 scripture passages that tell the story of Jesus' birth. Our Lessons & Carols service will highlight under-represented composers and will be a triumphant musical celebration for this most special season.*

Friday, Dec. 24th - **Christmas Eve**

*Christmas Eve at Trinity Episcopal Church will include an early service at 5:00pm and a late service at 10:00pm, which will feature the adult choir as well as The Choir School of Hartford singing works by Darke and Joubert, among others. The late service will begin at 9:30pm with an extended prelude of special instrumental and vocal music.*

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

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

SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

# COMPLINE

*a short, contemplative service  
of chant and sung prayer at the  
end of the day*

First Sundays at 9:00pm

November 7th • December 5th

January 2nd • February 6th • March 6th

Trinity Episcopal Church at 120 Sigourney St. Hartford, CT

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
8:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
10:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
<b>Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup></b>	
2:00 P.M.	Women Together (St. John's Church)
6:00 P.M.	Choir School of Hartford (Choir Room)
<b>Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	
12:00 P.M.	Noonday Eucharist (Chapel)
6:00 P.M.	Choir School of Hartford (Choir Room)
7:00 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:00 P.M.	Intercessory Prayer Team (Library)
<b>Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	
7:00 P.M.	NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)
<b>Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
9:00 A.M.	Advent Quiet Day (Church and Library)
7:00 P.M.	NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)
<b>Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
8:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
10:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
11:00 A.M.	Adult Christian Formation (Church & Zoom)
9:00 P.M.	Compline (Church)



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