

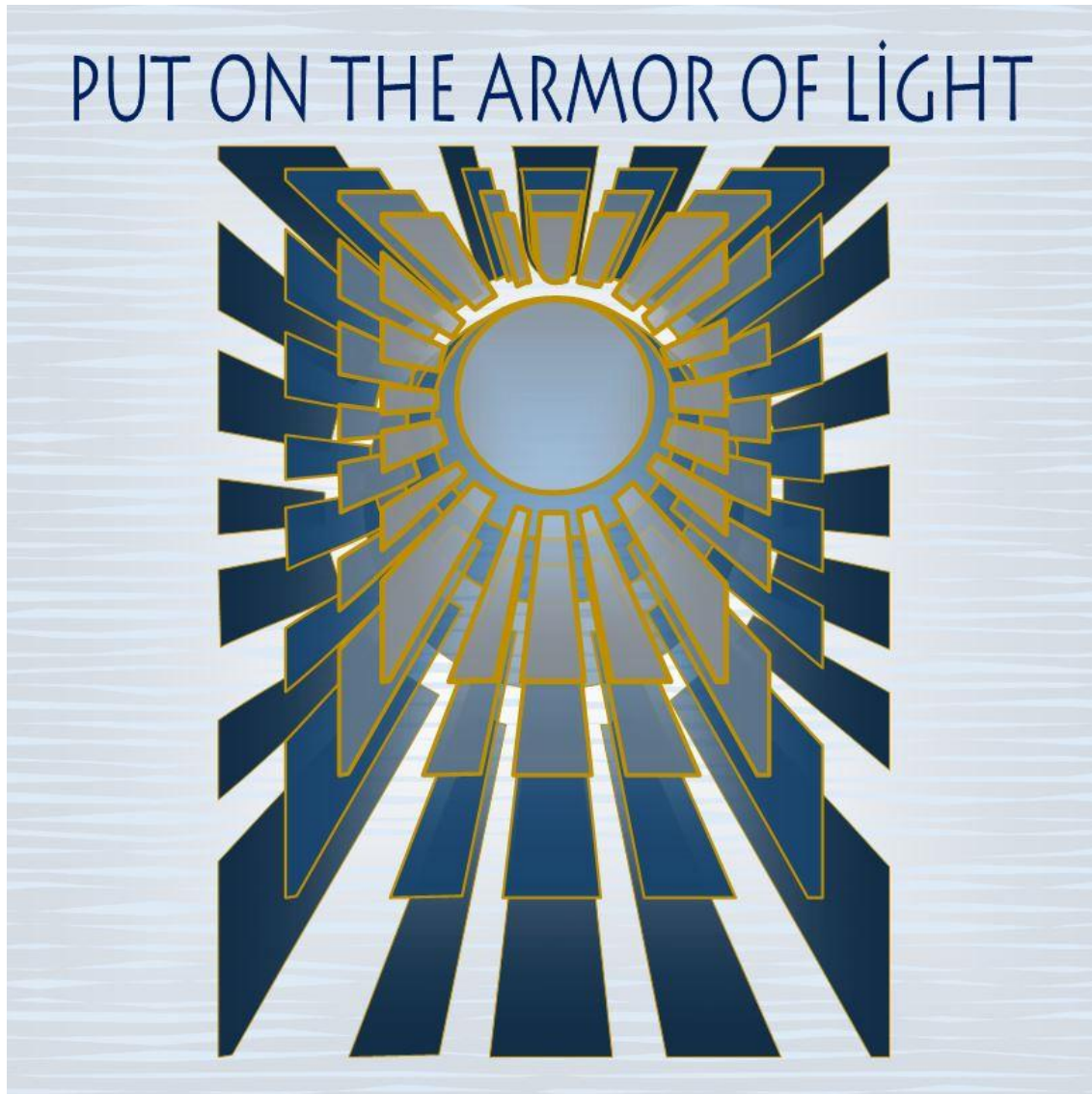
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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.
SUNDAY MORNING MASK POLICY	<u>Masks at indoor services are strongly encouraged.</u>
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!
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 <i>The Hymnal 1982</i> (the red book on the shelf under the chair in front of you) or in <i>Lift Every Voice and Sing II</i> (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

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”
BWV 645

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Sleepers Awake! A Voice Astounds Us

Hymnal 1982 #61

1 “Sleep-ers, wake!” A voice a - stounds us, the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: “A -
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!” Mid - night’s peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty’s por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to


has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

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.



(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 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 word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.’
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

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

PSALM 122

BCP 779



- 1 (I was) glad when they said / to me, *
“Let us go to the / house of / the LORD.”
- 2 Now our feet are / standing *
within your gates, / O Je/rusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a / city *
that is at un_ity / with it/self;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, √
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of / Israel, √
to praise the / Name of / the LORD.



- 5 For there are the thrones of / judgment, *
the thrones of the / house of / David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Je/rusalem: *
“May they pros/per who / love you.
- 7 Peace be within your / walls *
and quietness with/in your / towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions’ / sake, *
I pray for / your pros/perity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our / God, *
I will seek to / do you / good.”

THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to

1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is

1. ta - ble. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
 2. flour - ish. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
 3. cho - sen. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
 4. geth - er. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
 5. com - ing. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

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.
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.

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

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

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

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

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

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

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed, especially those killed at Club Q in Colorado Springs, and all killed by gun violence in the past week. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

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 Presider adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION 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

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

BCP 830

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Keep Your Lamps Andre Thomas (b. 1983)

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

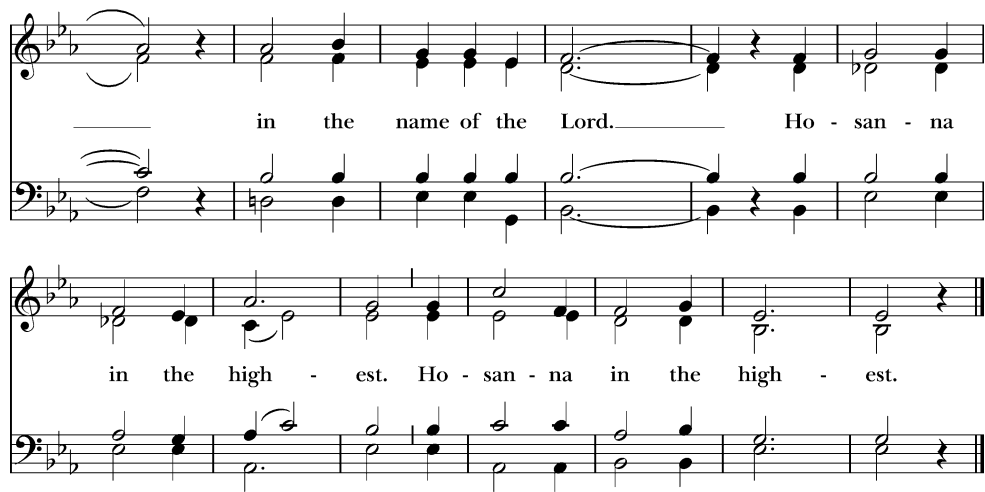
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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



The people stand or kneel.

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
All

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
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.

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.

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. We are offering wine and grape juice by intinction only. Please remember that if you do not wish to receive wine, receiving Bread only imparts the full benefit of the Sacrament.

COMMUNION HYMN

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

LEVAS II #11

Pre - pare ye the way _____ of the Lord. _____

Pre - pare ye the way _____ of the Lord. _____

1. -4. Final ending Fine

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

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.

D.S

Presider Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.*

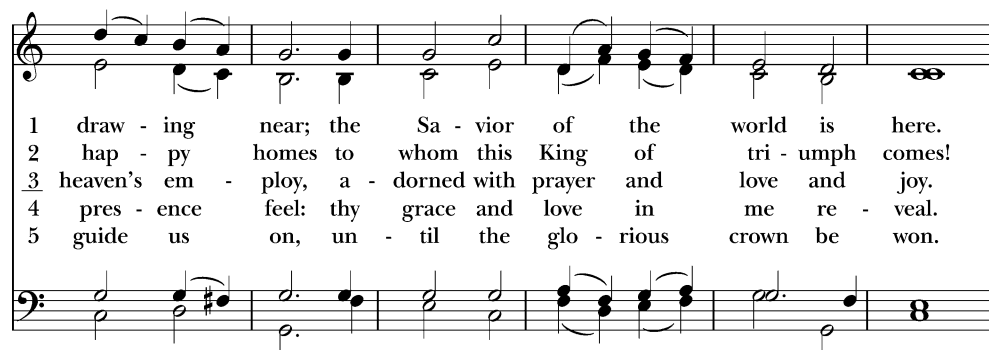
RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Hymnal 1982 436

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 *4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit



THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Lift Up Your Heads

Thomas Bliss

*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.*



8:00 am Worship in Advent

During the season of Advent the 8:00 am service will be Morning Prayer with Lectio Divina instead of a sermon. Lectio Divina is a guided meditation in Holy Scripture that seeks to help us connect prayerfully to where we are in this moment.

LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Frances Sloane; Kate & Drew Smith; Kathy Steinwedell and those who work on Covenant to Care.

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 Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

We pray for	Laurie Lavoie	Judy Miller
Cheryl Russo	Paulette McCurdy	Valentina Moore
Esther	Rhonda McKenzie	Helen Strassner
Nancy Miller	Carmen Belgrave	Lindsey Tengtanga
Winifred Costa	The Nielsen Family	Alice Turcotte
Jacqui Lucier	Linda Cushner	Richard Green (brother of
John E. Robinson	Ann Deely	Peter Green)
Richard M.	Kate Smith	Donald Bowens (son of
Grace Crooks	Sam Hines and Yoleanna Russo	Dianne Bowens-Waller)
Jay W	Juli Porter	Bill McMunn
Philip Green (son of Peter &	Juhudi Mgombo	Richard Alan Garver
Anne Green)	Fred Margeson	Diane Bowens-Waller
Nora Baldwin	Jennifer Stephens	Peter Vreeland
Stephanie Holland (niece of	Zechariah Stephens	Raldah Stephens
Kitty Peterson)	Katie Reynolds	Joan and Ean Walsh (family of
Elizabeth Mackie	Tori and Trevor Henry	Jennifer Stephens)
Sandy Cone Foley	Louise Krippenstapel	
J.B. Parke	Carlene Lewis	

Special Prayer Request

A member of our parish, Jacqui Lucier has advanced kidney disease and is in need of a transplant.

As we pray for Jacqui, we also ask that you prayerfully consider being screened as a potential kidney donor. For more information about living organ donation and to sign up to be screened, please visit <https://nkr.org/SBB483>. Please encourage your friends and family to consider donor screening.

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rev. D. Littlepage – Presider and Preacher

Readers

Janet Wilkinson (8:00 AM)
Jon Widing (10:00 AM)
Suzanne Blancaflor (10:00 AM)

Intercessor

Janet Wilkinson (8:00 AM)
Anne Rapkin (10:00 AM)

Ministers of Communion

Suzanne Blancaflor, Kate Byroade

Verger

Roy McAlpine

Acolytes

Jon Garcia, Kenny Okeke

Intercessory Prayer Team

Jon Reik, Dianne Bowens-Waller

Director of Music

Michelle Horsley

Welcome/Announcements

Heather Kramer

Virtual Verger

Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano

Altar Flowers

Anne Rapkin

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Embracing the Flexibility of our Space

In order to facilitate taking advantage of the flexibility of our space, beginning today, cushions will not be on the chairs. Instead, cushions will be available at each entrance of the Sanctuary.

Announcements

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.

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*

Each year on the Fourth 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, wreaths 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 18th 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.



Start-up Dressmaking Shop! Items needed!

Saheba Dadwall, the mom of Trinity's Afghan refugee family, is an expert dressmaker and will soon open out of the family's home a dressmaking shop! This is a wonderful opportunity for Saheba to supplement the family's income and to take pride in her excellent skills. At this time, the refugee resettlement committee is looking for the following items, either new or used, so long as, if used, they are in good condition:

1. A steam iron. The iron should be heavier than you'd use for ordinary ironing chores.
2. An ironing board, pressing cloth, and tailor's ham.
3. Dressmaking shears, pinking shears, ordinary scissors for cutting paper, small sharp scissors (for cutting thread), and a rotary cutter
4. Bobbins
5. Thread for a sewing machine: 100% polyester thread, Coats & Clark (also just labeled as Coats) and Gütermann, are preferred, but cotton/poly thread is acceptable. (The concern is that all-cotton thread may shrink when the garment is washed).
6. Tape measure / Tailor's chalk
8. Seam-ripper
9. Hand-sewing needles and pins and a pin cushion
10. Dressmaker's forms, one for a woman and one for a girl



If you can help out with any of these items, please contact Anne Rapkin, anne dot rapkin at gmail dot com or 860-521-5992. Thank you so much in advance for your help.

Anne Rapkin,
for the Refugee Resettlement Team

Holy Land Giving Tree AFEDJ - Help for Ahli Hospital

The Holy Land Giving Tree will again be set up in Goodwin Hall (Coffee hour is back!). The Outreach team will offer pictures of the needy children of the Diocese of Jerusalem, and festive olive wood ornaments for your own tree or as a gift. Your donations support the Ahli Hospital in Gaza where all people are in great need of medicine, electricity and everyday items. This is our international outreach to a place where our own religion began. Covid 19, as well as the usual unrest, has made this a very bad time for all who live in Gaza. Donations are sent to the hospital through the Diocese of Jerusalem. 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 and sent to the church office. All money is sent weekly, directly to the AFEDJ Center.

Our tree will be set up in Goodwin Hall for 3 Sundays: December 4, 11, and 18. Please stop by!

In addition there is an online Advent Calendar from AFEDJ with a dose of joy and hope in a daily email message available to anyone who signs up HERE (<https://www.afedj.org/advent>). "Each day offers a window into lives and ministries of today's Holy Land Christians ... through brief videos, interviews, photos, and prayers." See what is happening in the Diocese of Jerusalem!

Advent Reflection Series

You are invited to journey through Advent with *The Womb of Advent* by The Rev. Mark Bozzuti-Jones. For each day of Advent, there is a mantra, Scripture reading, questions for reflection, and a spiritual exercise.

Beginning on Thursday December 1st and each Thursday in Advent, you are invited to join a 7 am zoom call to share what has touched you and what has challenged you in your prayer and reflection over the past week. Additionally, you can join in discussion anytime you would like by going to trinityhartford.wordpress.com and adding a comment on the relevant post. In order to allow for relatively private and open sharing, the reflection posts will be password protected. To receive the password, please call Barbara at 860-527-8133 Ext. 204 or email her at office at trinityhartford dot org.

Copies of the book will be available after Church beginning on Sunday November 20th or may be picked up from the office by arrangement with Barbara.

Thursday Morning Zoom Information: Meeting ID 88007395 3968 Passcode 996527
Call in phone number 929-436-2866

Trinity's 2022 "Giving Tree" Has Arrived!

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 a tag on this or a subsequent Sunday, purchase the item and place the gift under the tree by **Sunday 12/11**. We are committed to these children, and it is important that gifts be returned by this date so that they may be distributed.



GIVING TREE

We will be providing:

- \$25 gift cards to either Target or Walmart for 18 students of Trinity Academy (Asylum Hill Congregational Church is providing gift cards for the other 18 students) and:
- Actual gifts as requested for 18 children through Covenant to Care.

With only 2 weeks 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 Ruth Rose or Penny Pearson.

December 4th ACF Forum: Episcopal Polity and Why it Matters at Trinity

Do you know how decisions get made in The Episcopal Church?

What in the world is “polity”?

Why does any of this matter here at Trinity?

Join us on December 4th after the 10am service for an opportunity to learn more about how The Episcopal Church is organized and to discuss why that matters to our life together at Trinity. If you already have questions in mind that you would like addressed, please email them to Barbara (office at trinityhartford dot org) or call her at the office to submit them.

More News from GODLY PLAY

The king who was coming is still coming.

This is full of mystery.

You know a mystery is hard to enter sometimes.

That is why this time of ADVENT is so important.



Get Ready

for

Advent

Sometimes people can walk right through a mystery and not even know it is there.

This time of year you will see people hurrying in the malls buying things and doing this and that.

They don't know how to get ready or maybe they just forgot.

Beginning December 4 we will be taking a journey with the prophets, the Holy Family, the shepherds, the angels, the Magi and all the rest to make the journey that was not just back then. *IT IS NOW.*

Children of all ages are welcome into our Godly Play classroom each Sunday at 9:45 am and join the congregation about 10:40 am.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 27th The First Sunday of Advent

8:00 A.M. Morning Prayer Rite II (Church)
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)

Tuesday, November 29th

2:00 P.M. Women Together (St. John's)
6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, December 1st

7:00 A.M. Advent Reflection (Zoom)
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 2nd

7:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Saturday, December 3rd

9:00 A.M. Outside Work Day (Church Grounds)
5:00 P.M. Voices of Concinnity Concert (Church)

Sunday, December 4th The Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 A.M. Morning Prayer Rite II (Church)
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
11:30 A.M. ACF Forum – Episcopal Polity (Church and Zoom)

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