

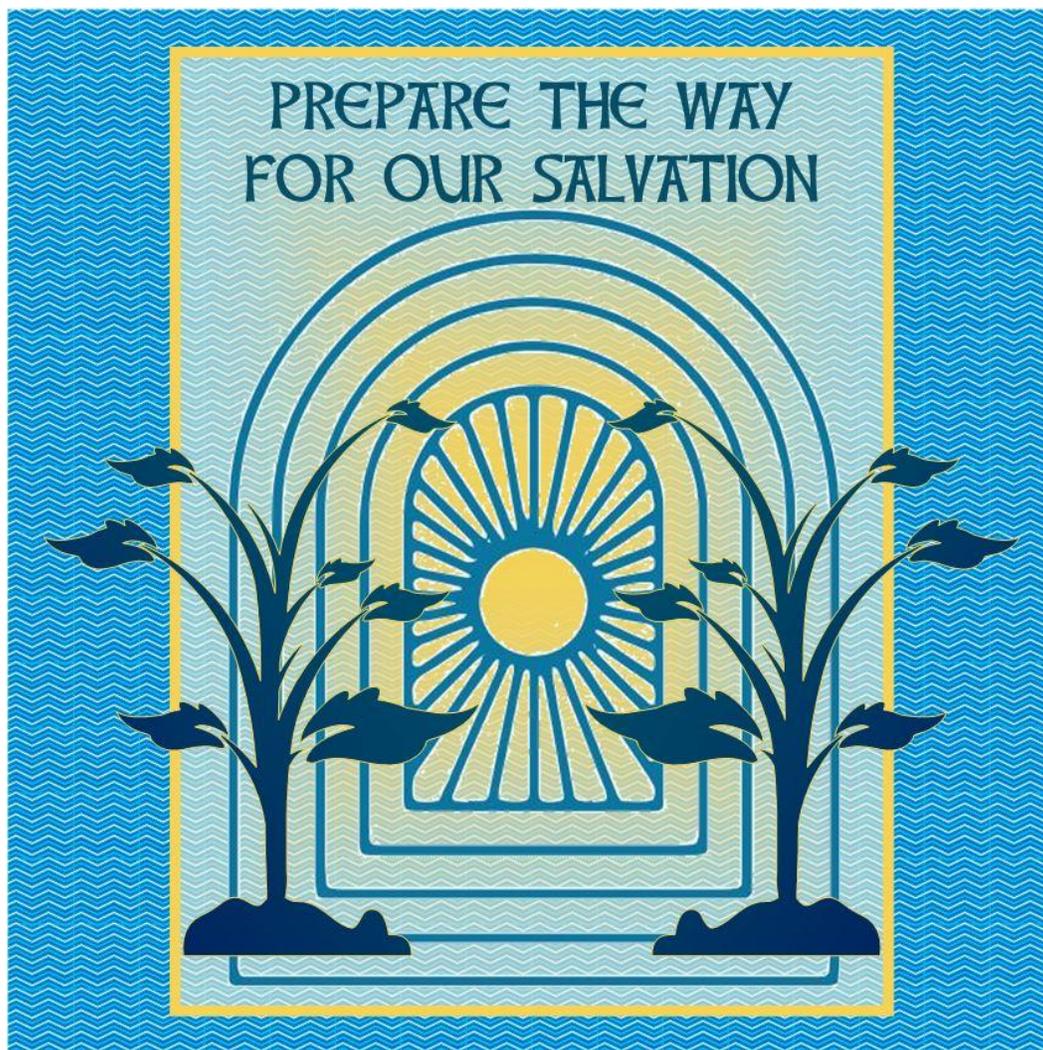
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024

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 Coloring notebooks and crayons are available at each Sanctuary entrance. 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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

DECEMBER 8, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

I Wonder as I Wander

John Jacob Niles

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Blest Be The King Whose Coming

1982 Hymnal #74

Descant

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him
God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly
God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
barred! Not robbed in roy - al splen - dor, in
heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who
God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the
have not learned to heed the Christ who is the
things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
bear it so he can make us free!

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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.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
 People *And also with you.*

Presider Let us pray.
 Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People *Amen.*

Please sit.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;

for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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

People *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

CANTICLE 4

WLP #889

1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free and
2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call, the
3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the way, to

rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree. So
 oath once sworn to A - bra - ham; from foes to save us all; that
 tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then

 have the pro - phets long de - clared that with his might - y arm God
 we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise, in
 shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease, to

 would turn back our en - e - mies and all that wish us harm.
 ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.
 drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

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Please sit.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

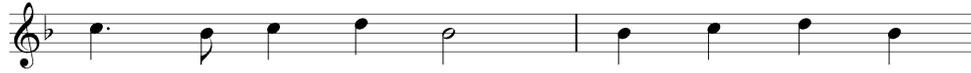
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.



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.

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
 and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,
 and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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

Please sit.

SERMON

Donald Romanik

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

From Enriching Our Worship*

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

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

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

Silence. The People may add their thanksgivings and petitions silently or aloud.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. 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. Pray for those who have died; especially Anne Rapkin.

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.

A PRAYER FOR TRANSITION

BY: THE REV. CANON KRISTI PHILIP

All Ever-present God,
 You call us on a journey to a place we do not know.
 We are not where we started.
 We have not reached our destination.
 We are not sure where we are or who we are.
 Be among us, we pray.
 Calm our fears, save us from discouragement,
 And help us to stay on course.
 Open our hearts to your guidance so that our journey to this
 Unknown place continues as a journey of trust.
 Amen.

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. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Please sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

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| <p>1. <i>Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded for with blessing in his hand, Christ our Lord to earth descendeth our full homage to demand.</i></p> <p>2. <i>King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of Lords, in human vesture in the Body and the Blood He will give to all the faithful His own Self for heavenly food.</i></p> | <p>3. <i>Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.</i></p> <p>4. <i>At his fee the six winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya Lord most High Amen.</i></p> |
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Please stand or adopt another posture of prayer.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE & GENEROSITY

Presider Gracious God,
All in these times of anguish and distress, we turn to you with hearts full of gratitude. We thank you for the incredible power of your compassionate love that sustains us. Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of participating in the work of your Spirit, binding us together as a community of faith and shaping us into the body of Christ—a caring and nurturing parish family.

Empower us, Lord, to be faithful stewards of our time, talent, and treasure. May our gifts reflect your generosity and help us build the City of God, the only true sanctuary in our world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Presider The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

SANCTUS

1982 Hymnal #S130

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, O Father,

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 sons and daughters; 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 We now pray in the language of our hearts, as our Savior Christ has taught us,

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.

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

Please sit.

COMMUNION MUSIC Low How A Rose E'er Blooming Traditional German Melody

Please stand.

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

People, Look East

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1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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 Music: French carol; arr. Barry Rose, b. 1934
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BESANÇON
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THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People *Thanks be to God.*

At this time, all are invited to join in Goodwin Hall for Carols, Crafts, and Cookies! a celebration for Trinity!

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 Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Thomas', Bethel; Christ Church, Bethlehem; Old St. Andrew's, Bloomfield; Ministries for the homeless, for parishes that offer temporary or permanent shelter. For Chapel on the Green, New Haven & Church by the Pond.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

We pray for:

Boo Morton and
Suzanne Blancaflor
Ricardo "Ricky" Elliott
Robin Hardy
Edward Elmore
Gloria Caraballo
Ms Ledbetter
Doreen Myrick
Johanna Ramos
Kenneth Timothy
Merides Matos
Barbara Jean Elmore
Cheryl
Lennox
The Lugo and Torres Families
Daryl Todd
The Wentgertzman Family
The Swiatek Family
Bp. Michael Curry
Saydie Eggleston
Viola Cleo Bradshaw

Faye, Elizabeth and
Hannah Aliene & their children
Elizabeth Pierce
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)
Margaret Daniel
Tony Charron Vreeland
(son of Peter Vreeland)
Winifred Costa
John E. Robinson
Grace Crooks
Philip Green (son of Peter &
Anne Green)

Stephanie Holland (niece of
Kitty Peterson)
J.B. Parke
Jennifer Stephens
Laurie Lavoie
Paulette McCurdy
Rhonda McKenzie
Carmen Belgrave
Kate Smith
Katie Reynolds
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. Horace Johnson – Presider
Donald Romanik – Preacher

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Walton Brown-Foster

Intercessor

Janet Wilkinson

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Ushers

Neill Derick, Zaida Martinez, Sonia Watson

Intercessory Prayer

Bill Kofalk

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ADVENT 2024 AT TRINITY CHURCH

The Flower Guild of Trinity Church invites you to share in preparing our sacred space for the Season of Advent. Advent is a period of four Sundays preceding Christmas, this year beginning on December 1st.

As in the past, we will decorate the windowsills of the nave with manger scenes (also called creches or nativities.) Many such nativities have been donated over the years but there is always room for more. If you would like to give or loan a creche this Advent, please bring it in to church on Sunday in November or December. We especially enjoy nativities reflecting a diversity of traditions and ethnicities, and in various styles of artistry.

Manger scenes will remain on display through the Christmas season and will be removed after Epiphany.

Through the Advent season our Advent wreath will be lit each Sunday, and greenery and candles will begin to fill our space and our entryways. The church's large nativity will be placed in the baptistry. After the 10 AM service on Sunday, December 22, there will be a Hanging of the Greens, where volunteers are invited to help change the hangings on the altar and in the nave from Advent blue to Christmas white and red. We'll arrange poinsettias and other Christmas flowers that day, hang wreaths and garlands, and generally prepare the space for Christmas Eve, when we will celebrate with one service at 7:30 PM.

Your help in making all these things happen will be much appreciated.

Church by the Pond - December 21

Trinity's next opportunity to participate in this ministry led by Christ Church Cathedral is Saturday, December 21.

- We'll meet in the Trinity kitchen at 12:30 to prepare bag lunches, entering through the outside door to the kitchen.
- At 1:45 we'll bring those lunches to Bushnell Park, where we'll participate in the worship service by the pond.
- We'll offer our lunches and additional items following the service, and finish around 3:00.

All parishioners and families are welcome! Please contact Percy Williamson or Penny Pearson if you have any questions, or to note that you are planning to participate.

What is Godly Play??

Godly Play is a wonderful way to tell stories of faith—Bible stories, baptism, church seasons, and others in ways that allow us to enter the stories as “children”, and discover the riches that are waiting there for us all.

The stories are told very simply with simple props and without interpretation or moral instruction.

After a story is presented, we work with the story props, or create whatever they choose in response to what they feel most important or most interesting in the story.

What a gift to bring to our families!

Our Godly Play room is on the second floor of the Education building and welcomes students 2 1/2 and up into our multiage classroom every first, second, and third Sunday.

To comply with safe church guidelines we must have two adults 18 yrs and older in our class.

If this is a ministry you would like to explore, please contact Nancy Crandall in person or by texting at 860-503-3353

Christmas Offering for AFEDJ-2024

The Vestry has designated that loose plate and special envelope offerings from Christmas will be sent to the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The Diocese of Jerusalem spans across Israel and the Palestinian Territories, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon and, through its schools, hospitals, and other institutions, meets a wide variety of needs, regardless of religious or ethnic identity. AFEDJ is an organization that raises funds to support these institutions and the ministries they provide.

In this time of war in Gaza, it is especially important that we support the ministry of the Ahli Hospital and all the other organizations that AFEDJ assists. Life in the entire Palestinian Territories has been uprooted. By helping the ministry and mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem we are an active part of living into and working for the peace that is so desperately needed. Please be generous!

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *“May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.” Psalm 122:7-8*

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 8th 10:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M. 6:00 P.M.	The Second Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church) Carols ~ Crafts ~ Cookies! NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)
Tuesday, December 10th 6:00 P.M.	Choir School Rehearsal (Church)
Wednesday, December 11th 7:00 P.M.	Property Team Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, December 12th 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Choir School Rehearsal (Church) Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)
Friday, December 13th 7:30 P.M.	NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)
Saturday, December 14th 10:00 A.M.	Anne Rapkin Memorial Service (Church)
Sunday, December 15th 10:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.	The Third Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church) NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

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