

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

DECEMBER 5, 2021

8:00 AM AND 10:00 AM

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

PRELUDE

Variations on *Von Himmel Hoch*
("From Heaven Above to Earth I Come")

David Schack (b. 1947)

INTROIT

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come (vs. 1) Martin Luther (1483-1546)/
Geistliche Lieber, 1539

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

1982 Hymnal #67

1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm.
Hymnal 1982


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 3 and 4


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.

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.

THE FIRST READING

Baruch 5:1-9

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.



1. Blessed be the Lord, the God of / Israel; *
he has come to his people and / set them free.
2. He has raised up for us a mighty / savior, *
born of the house of his / servant David.
3. Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our / enemies, *
from the hands of all who / hate us.
4. He promised to show mercy to our / fathers *
and to remember his / holy covenant.
5. This was the oath he swore to our father / Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our / enemies,
6. Free to worship him without / fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the / days of our life.
7. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the / Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to pre / pare his way,
8. To give his people knowledge of sal / vation *
by the forgiveness / of their sins.
9. In the tender compassion of our / God *
the dawn from on high shall / break upon us,
10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of / death, *
and to guide our feet into the / way of peace.

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.*

Descant

4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
 2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -
 bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
 soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

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.*

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

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM I

BCP 383

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

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| 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. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| Intercessor | For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| Intercessor | For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| Intercessor | For this city Hartford, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| 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. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| Intercessor | For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| 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. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| Intercessor | For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord, especially David Scott, in whose memory the Aumbry candle is lit this week and all those who were killed by gun violence last week, especially the students killed at Oxford High School and those killed in the city of Hartford, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| Intercessor | For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |

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 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.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come Paul Manz (1919-2009)

*Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins.
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord; the Lord, Almighty God
Who was, and is, and is to come; sing Holy, Holy Lord.
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within; rejoice on earth, ye saints below
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon.
E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come and night shall be no more.
They need no light nor lamp nor sun for Christ will be their All!*

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.

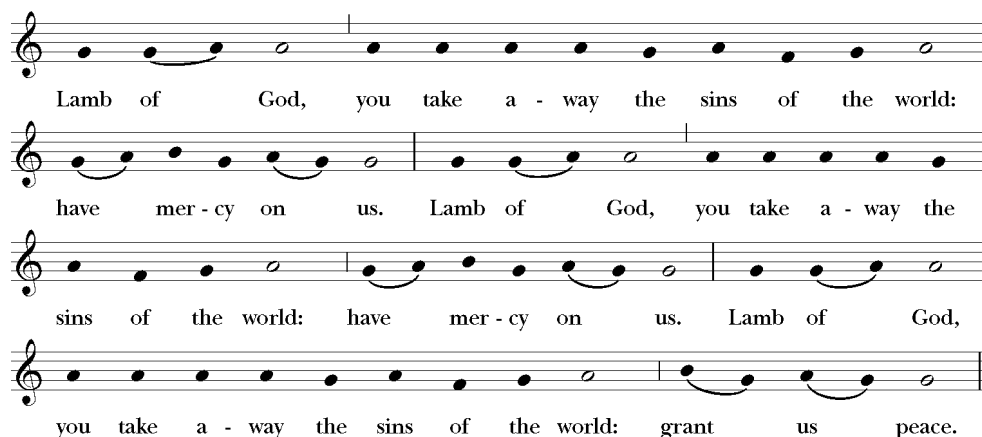
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

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.



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

He Sent His Son

Mabel Jones Gabbott (1910-2004)

Savvy Stowell, piano
 Faith Wada, soloist

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

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, the Eternal Majesty, the Incarnate Word, and the Ever-Abiding
 Spirit be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People *Amen.*



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

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

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

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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

Chorale Prelude on “*In Dulci Jubilo*” BWV 729

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Michelle Abrahams; Marsha McCurdy Adell & Zoe and Sage Adell; Georges, Marthe & Joseph Annan-Kingsley and the Duncaster Lay Readers.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Thomas', Bethel; Christ Church, Bethlehem; Old St. Andrew's, Bloomfield; ministries to the homeless, for parishes that offer a temporary or permanent shelter. For Chapel on the Green, New Haven, Church by the Pond, Hartford, and all Ecclesia ministries.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi.

We pray for Stephanie Holland (niece of Kitty Peterson), 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 Tengtanga; 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, especially David Scott, 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

Cecilia Timothy (8:00 am)
Peter Green (10:00 am)
Walton Brown Foster (10:00 am)

Intercessor

Cecilia Timothy (8:00 am)
Boo Morton (10:00 am)

Music Director

Michelle Horsley

Altar Flowers

George Chien, Percy Williamson

Virtual Vergers

Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano, Ben Wolfgang

Intercessory Prayer Team

Janet Wilkinson, Valerie Pogue

Minsters of Communion

Suzanne Blancaflor, Althea Francis

Verger

Ray Wilson

Acolytes

Tro Moo, Jon Garcia, Juan Matos

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ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

After the 10:00 am Service

“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!

TONIGHT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

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.



How Firm a Foundation Pledge Campaign

Thank you to all who have pledged your support to the work of God at Trinity for the coming year. For those who haven't yet had a chance to submit your pledge, there's still time. Please know that no pledge is too small. It takes each one of us, doing whatever we can, to support the vibrant ministries of Trinity. Pledge cards can be placed in the Offering Plate at either entrance of the Church or mailed to the Church Office. If you did not receive a pledge card or have misplaced it, you can call the office or email Barbara at office at trinityhartford.org to have your pledge recorded.



The Sunday Paper Junior

Beginning today there are copies of 'The Sunday Paper Junior' coloring sheets and crayons available at each entrance to the Sanctuary. Each week the coloring sheet will highlight some aspect of the Scripture for the day and also 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!

Trinity's 2021 "Giving Tree" Gifts Due Sunday, 12/12

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the tags on our Giving Tree were snapped up in a flash! What remains is for all the gifts to be returned by **Sunday, 12/12** so that they can be passed along to Covenant to Care and Trinity Academy for distribution to the children that week.

Please remember to place your unwrapped gift in a gift bag, attach your tag to the bag, and place it in one of the boxes in the baptistery.

If you have any questions, or have found that you may not be able to fulfill the gift request by 12/12, please contact:

Penny Pearson, Convener
860-243-0020 pennypearson@comcast.net

Upcoming December Events

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.

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 Sundays: today and December 12th before and after the 10:00 service.

Every little bit helps our siblings of the Holy Land!

Kate Smith: AFEDJ missionary, kate48smith@comcast.net



The Aumbry Candle is lit during the week of December 5th to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Scott by his family.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 5th

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)
9:00 P.M.	Compline (Church)

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Tuesday, December 7th

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

Wednesday, December 8th

7:00 P.M.	Property Team Meeting (Zoom)
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Thursday, December 9th

12:00 P.M.	Noonday Prayer (Zoom)
6:00 P.M.	Choir School of Hartford (Choir Room)
7:00 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, December 10th

7:00 P.M.	NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)
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Sunday, December 12th

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

Third Sunday of Advent



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