

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 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.
KIDS IN CHURCH	Copies of 'The Sunday Paper Junior' coloring sheets and crayons available at each Sanctuary entrance. Each week the coloring sheet will highlight some 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!
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 <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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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8:00 AM AND 10:00 AM

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

PRELUDE

Meditation on "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

James Southbridge

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending

1982 Hymnal #57

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

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.


O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verses 5 and 6


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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

People *Amen.*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

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



- 1 Surely, it is / God who / saves me; *
I will trust in / him and / not be a/fraid.
- 2 For the Lord is my stronghold and my / sure defense, *
and / he will / be my / Savior.
- 3 Therefore you shall draw / water with re/joicing *
-- / from the / springs of salvation.
- 4 And on that / day you shall / say, *
Give thanks to the / Lord and / call up-on his / Name;

Sung to the second half of the chant

- 5 Make his deeds known a/mong the / peoples; *
see that they re/member that his / Name is ex/alted.
- 6 Sing the praises of the Lord, for / he has done / great things, *
and this is / known in / all the world.
- 7 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, / ring out your / joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the / Holy / One of / Israel.
Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son,*
and / to the / Holy Spirit:
as it was in the be/ginning, is / now,*
and / will be for / ever. A/men.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 * 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Words: St. 1-2, German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). st. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859); tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925);
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 Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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.

*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).

On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM I

BCP 383

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

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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. We pray for all those who were killed by gun violence last week, especially those killed in the City of Hartford, and we continue to pray for those killed at Oxford High School, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

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

People Lord, have mercy.

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

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor In the communion of 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 people are invited to add their prayers either silently or aloud.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSIOIN 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

Keep Your Lamps

André Jerome Thomas (b. 1952)

Keep your lamp trimmed and burning; the time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary; the time is drawing nigh.

Christian journey soon be over; the time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamp trimmed and burning; the time is drawing nigh.

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.

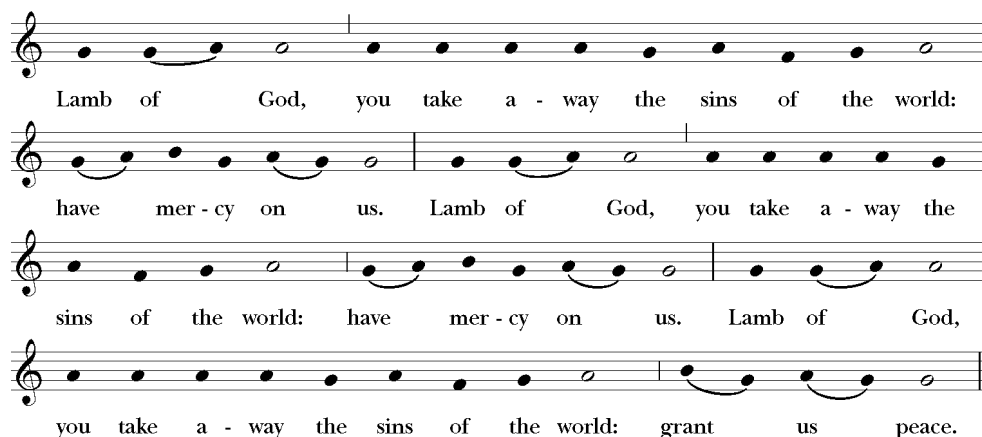
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

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

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Michael Burkhardt (b.1957)

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 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.
 Music: Llangloffan, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eghwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

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

Toccata on "Conditor Alme Siderum"

Pietro Yon 91886-1943)



LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Phyllis Appadu; Amy Arlin & Meg and Robin Foster; Evelyn Babins and Trinity Church Flower Guild.

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 Canada.

We pray for Sharon Thiery, 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, 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

Kevin Rennie (8:00 am)
Kate Smith (10:00 am)
George Chien (10:00 am)

Intercessor

Kevin Rennie (8:00 am)
Anne Rapkin (10:00 am)

Music Director
Michelle Horsley

Altar Flowers
George Chien, Percy Williamson

Virtual Vergers
Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano, Ben Wolfgang

Intercessory Prayer Team
Jon Reik

Minsters of Communion
Cathy Rowe, Marcus Clark

Verger
Roy McAlpine

Acolytes
Jon Garcia
Kenny Okeke
Trocari Griffith-McCalop

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trinity's 2021 "Giving Tree" Gifts Due Today, 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

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

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 as we support again the Ahli Hospital in Gaza where all people are in great need of medicine, electricity and everyday needs. 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 today before and after the 10:00 service. Every little bit helps our siblings of the Holy Land! Kate Smith: AFEDJ missionary, kate48smith@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.

Church by the Pond - Saturday, December 18

Trinity is rounding out another year in its longtime commitment to the Church by the Pond/Feeding in the Park ministry. Thanks to the leadership of Christ Church Cathedral, and the generosity of many area faith communities, a worship service followed by distribution of lunches and personal care items is held every Saturday in Bushnell Park at 2PM.

Our next opportunity to serve in this ministry is **Saturday, December 18.**

- We'll meet in the Trinity kitchen at 12:30 to prepare bag lunches, entering though 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, led by Rev. D.
- We'll distribute our lunches, gifts and personal care items following the service, and finish around 3:00.

All parishioners and families are welcome. Volunteers will observe the mask and social distancing protocols in place for in-person worship.

Please contact me if you have any questions, or if you are planning to participate, so that we can coordinate social distancing.

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Greening of the Church Set For December 19

This year's "greening of the church" will take place after the 10:00 a.m. service on December 19. You're invited to help with this festive project beginning right after the service, when, our Advent services ended, it's time to deck the church in its Christmas finery.

It takes many willing hands to decorate our beautiful worship space for Christmastide; plan to be on hand to help with this enjoyable task. Members of our altar and flower guilds will be available to show you what to do.

Notes on Year End Giving

For your contributions of cash or checks to appear on your 2021 year-end statement, they must be **received in the Trinity Church office by Wednesday, December 29.** Due to holiday schedules, contributions received after December 29 will be posted to Trinity's bank account in January, and will appear on your 2022 giving statement (even if they are in payment of a 2021 pledge).

If you plan to donate by stock to Trinity Church, please contact Financial Manager, Fran Times-Mack at ftimesmack@trinityhartford.org or 860-527-8133 ext. 206 before you or your broker initiate the stock transfer. Stock transfers can take up to two weeks.

Thank you for your support of Trinity Church!



A service of Holy Eucharist to support those experiencing grief, loss, or sadness during the holiday season.

If you are facing the Christmas season with a heavy or anxious heart, please do plan to attend. Everyone is welcome.



For more information and directions, visit www.trinityhartford.org, or call 860-527-8133

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Christmas Flowers and Music



If you would like to contribute to the 2021 Christmas flowers and music in memory of a friend or family member, or as an offering of thanksgiving, please fill out the form below and **send it to the parish office, along with your check, by Friday, December 17.** Checks, which may be for any amount, should be made payable to Trinity Church and earmarked “Christmas Memorials.” Names of those in whose memory contributions have been made will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.



TRINITY CHURCH CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS - 2021

I enclose a check for \$_____ for the Trinity Church Christmas flowers and music in memory of/thanksgiving for:

(Please print)

Contributed by: Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Designate my contribution for (check one): ☐ Flowers ☐ Music ☐ 50/50 Flowers & Music

Saturday
December 18
7:00pm

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Lessons & Carols

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 12th	Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
10:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
Monday, December 13th	
5:00 P.M.	TCRJ Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday, December 14th	
1:30 P.M.	Loaves and Fishes Prep (Kitchen)
2:00 P.M.	Women Together (St. John's Church)
6:00 P.M.	Choir School of Hartford (Choir Room)
Thursday, December 16th	
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 17th	
7:00 P.M.	Blue Christmas Service (Church)
7:00 P.M.	NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)
Saturday, December 18th	
12:30 P.M.	Feeding in the Park Prep (Kitchen)
2:00 P.M.	Church by the Pond (Bushnell Park)
7:00 P.M.	Lessons & Carols (Church)
Sunday, December 19th	Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
10:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
11:15 A.M.	Greening of the Church (Church)



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