TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 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 worshiping 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.

In order to make it easier for us to get to know each other, we ask everyone **NAMETAGS**

> 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 Iars 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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

PRELUDE

Chorale on Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

1982 Hymnal #61





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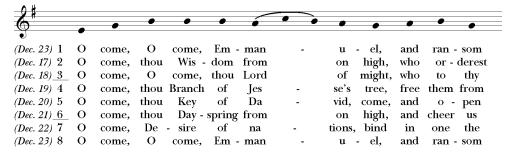
Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. *People Glory to God for ever and ever.*

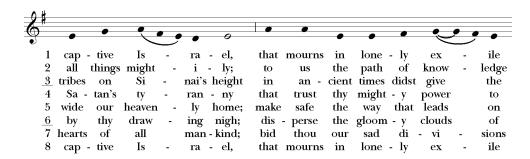
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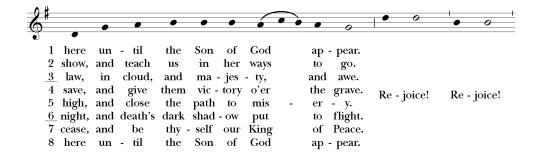
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Verses 7 and 8

1982 Hymnal #56









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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE FIRST READING Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,

whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

and he shall be the one of peace.

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

People Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 15 BCP 91



Please note that each line is followed by 4 bell tolls.

- 1 (My soul) doth magni/fy the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in / God my / Savior
- 2 For he hath re/garded

The lowliness of / his hand / maiden.

- 3 For behold from /henceforth
 - All generations / call me / blessed.
- 4 For he that is might hath magni/fied me.

And / holy / is his Name.

- 5 And his mercy is on them that / fear him Throughout all /gener/ations.
- 6 He hath showed strength with / his arm;

He hath scattered the proud in the imagi/nation / of their hearts

7 He hath put down the might / from / their seat.

And hath exalted the / humble / and meek.

8 He hath filled the hungry with / good things,

And the rich he hath sent / empty / away.

9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant / Is/rael.

As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and /seed for / ever.

10 Glory to the Father and / to / the Son,

And to the / Holy / Spirit.

11 As it was in the beginning, / is /now.

And will be for/ever/ Amen.

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

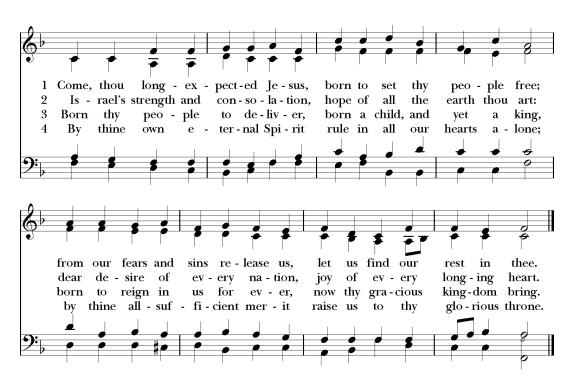
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

1982 Hymnal #66



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Stuttgart, melody from Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesange, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

THE GOSPEL Luke 1:39-45

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Silence for reflection.

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

From Enriching Our Worship*

The Rev. George Chien (UMC, MCC)

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.

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

mercy."

Intercessor For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity

of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

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

People Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For this city Hartford, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let

us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

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

let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering,

let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and

captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed: we pray

for all those who were killed by gun violence last week, especially those killed in the city

of Hartford, and for those killed by tornadoes, 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 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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand. 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. At his feet the six-winged seraph. Cherubim, with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence, *As with ceaseless voice they cry:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. People

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:



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 *All*

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

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

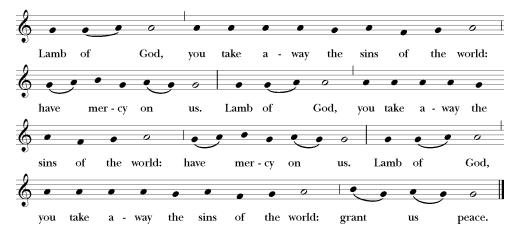
Save us from the time of trial,

And deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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



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 Variations on In Dulci Jubilo

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

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

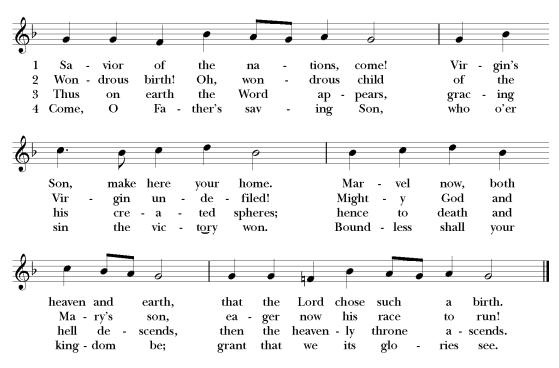
rewarded with unending life.

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.



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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 Noel Suisse

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1792)



LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for David Barrett; Carmen Belgrave & Laquisha and Anthony Springer; Basil & Joy Bennett and The Goodwin Legacy Circle.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Luke/St. Paul, Bridgeport; St. John's, Bridgeport; St. Mark's, Bridgeport; for the children of the world, the Bishops' Fund for Children, and all ECCT ministries for children at risk.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

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; Helen Strassner; Lindsey Tengatenga; 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 tornadoes, 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 Rosa Puget Kavanagh, grandmother of Carrie Margeson Shea and Owen Margeson; 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 The Rev. George A. Chien (UMC, MCC) – Preacher

Readers

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

Intercessor

Cecilia Timothy (8:00 am) Suzanne Blancaflor (10:00 am)

> Music Director Michelle Horsley

Altar Flowers
George Chien, Percy Williamson

Virtual Vergers

Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano, Ben Wolgang

Intercessory Prayer Team Kitty Peterson, Anne Rapkin

Minsters of Communion Mark MacGougan

> Verger Roy McAlpine

Acolytes Kenny Okeke, Malik Allen-Thomas Tro Moo

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Announcements

TODAY – Please stay and help with the Greening of the Church after the 10:00 am Service.

Easier ways to Pledge and Give

Exciting news! You can now make a Pledge for 2022 as well as pay your pledge or make any other donation with just your smartphone. On the back of the bulletin you'll find a QR code for making a 2022 Pledge and a QR code to make a pledge payment or any other donation to Trinity. Simply open the camera on your smartphone, focus it on the desired QR code, follow the link, and fill out the information from there. If you have any questions please talk to Rev. D., Casey, or Jake.

Trinity's 2021 "Giving Tree" - Thank you!

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we met all the requests of the children from Covenant to Care and Trinity Academy, and the gifts have been distributed!

Merry Christmas to all!

Thank you from Dianne Bowens-Waller

Hello Trinity Church! Thank you so much to my church family, Rev. D., the Casserole Ministry, and Intercessory Prayer Team. Your support in both prayers and food has helped so much as I recuperate from my injury. I send my love, blessings and prayers and look forward to seeing you all when I return to church!

The Sunday Paper Junior

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!

Women Together

In the new year, Women Together begins a new, 7-week series on the book *The Cloister Walk* by Kathleen Norris. All women are welcome to attend. Currently, women from Trinity, St. Monica's, St. John's, and friends attend this weekly discussion and fellowship group. The meetings take place on Tuesdays, beginning January 4th, from 2:00-3:15 in the Reception Room at St. John's, with all attendees wearing masks. At the meeting on Jan. 4th, we'll cover pages 1-52. For more information, please contact Cathy Rowe (crowedy@yahoo.com) or Linda MacGougan (macgougans@gmail.com).

Upcoming Christmas Services

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, Dec. 26th, 10:00 am One service – Morning Prayer

Sunday, Jan. 2nd, 9:00 pm - 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.

COMPLINE a short, contemplative service of chant and sung prayer at the end of the day First Sundays at 9:00pm November 7th • December 5th January 2nd • February 6th • March 6th Trinity Episcopal Church at 120 Sigourney St. Hartford, CT

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 19th The 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church) 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church) 11:30 A.M. Greening of the Church (Church)

Tuesday, December 21st

6:00 P.M. Choir School of Hartford (Choir Room)

7:00 P.M. Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, December 23rd

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 24th Christmas Eve – Office is closed

5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)

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

9:30 P.M. Musical Prelude (Church)

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

Saturday, December 25th Christmas Day

No Services

Sunday, December 26th The First Sunday after Christmas

10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer (Church)







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