

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 2022

10:00 A.M.

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING



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Good Morning!

Whether this is your first time at Trinity, your first time in a long time, or if you're here every Sunday, we are delighted that you are worshipping with us this morning.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS	If you are new to Trinity, we hope that you will introduce yourself and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the Church. Restrooms are located in two places. Exit through the rear doors of the Sanctuary and go to your right. The white doors on your left are the restrooms. Restrooms can also be found if you exit the door at the front right of the Sanctuary and go down the hall toward the exit to the parking lot. The restrooms are on your right once you pass the fireplace.
SUNDAY MORNING MASK POLICY	<u>Masks at indoor services are strongly encouraged.</u>
NAMETAGS	In order to make it easier for us to get to know each other, we ask everyone to wear a nametag. If you do not have a reusable nametag, there are stickers and markers at each entrance. If you would like to have a reusable nametag made for you, please print your name on the clipboard next to the trays of reusable nametags.
KIDS IN CHURCH	Copies of 'The Sunday Paper Junior' coloring sheets and crayons are available at each Sanctuary entrance. Each week the coloring sheet will highlight an aspect of the Scripture for the day and includes notes to help parents talk to their kids about the theme. Please feel free to let your kids color and otherwise be themselves during the worship service. All are welcome as they are, including kids!
INTERCESSORY PRAYER	Private intercessory prayer is available with members of our Intercessory Prayer team in the side aisle while Communion is being distributed at the 10:00 AM service. Additionally, there are Prayer Jars at each entrance to the Sanctuary where you can share prayers requests that will be prayed over for the next month.
ABOUT OUR WORSHIP	Most of the worship service is printed in this leaflet. Music that is not printed in the leaflet can be found in <i>The Hymnal 1982</i> (the red book on the shelf under the chair in front of you) or in <i>Lift Every Voice and Sing II</i> (the red, black, and green book found on a cart at each entrance). We stand, if able, for the hymns and stand or kneel, according to one's personal tradition, for prayer.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

DECEMBER 18, 2022

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on “Es ist ein Ros entsprungen” Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Hymnal 1982 #81

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.


Presider
People

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


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



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

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.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

BCP 702



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading / Joseph like a / flock; *
 shine forth, you that are en/throned up/on the / cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, / Benjamin, and Ma/nasseh, *
 stir up your / strength and / come to / help us.
- 3 Restore us, O / God of / hosts; *
 show the light of your / countenance, and / we shall be / saved.
- 4 O LORD / God of / hosts, *
 how long will you be angered
 de/spite the / prayers of your / people?
- 5 You have fed them with the / bread of / tears; *
 you have given them / bowls of / tears to / drink.
- 6 You have made us the de/rision of our / neighbors, *
 and our / enemies / laugh us to / scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O / God of / hosts; *
 show the light of your / countenance, and / we shall be / saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the / man of your / right hand, *
 the son of man you have / made so / strong for your/self.
- 17 And so will we never / turn a/way from you; *
 give us life, that we may / call up/on your / Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD / God of / hosts; *
 show the light of your / countenance, and / we shall be / saved.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

People *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN

How Bright Appears the Morning Star

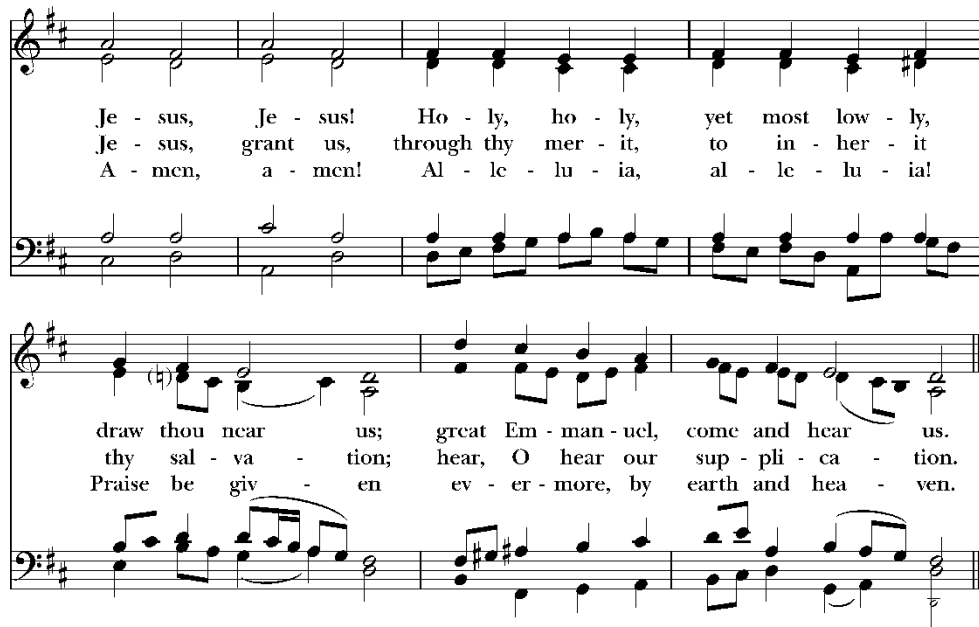
Hymnal 1982 #497

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
 and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

SERMON

Mrs. Anne Rapkin

Silence for reflection.

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

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

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM II

BCP 385

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

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

Silence

*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).

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

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

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

Silence

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 359

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Candles Are Bright

Bert Landman

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

1982 Hymnal #S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

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

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command,

All *We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People *AMEN.*

Presider 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.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail. If you would like to have a blessing instead of receiving Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available on request. We are offering wine and grape juice by intinction only. Please remember that if you do not wish to receive wine, receiving Bread only imparts the full benefit of the Sacrament.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Thou Shalt Know Him

Mark Sirett (b. 1952)

Thou shalt know him when he comes, Not by any din of drums,

Nor his manners, nor his airs, Nor by anything he wears.

*Thou shalt know him when he comes, Not by a crown nor by a gown,
But his coming known shall be, By the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.*

Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen. Amen.

Presider Let us pray.

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

THE BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

People *Amen.*

Presider May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

People *Amen.*

Presider May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

People *Amen.*


Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Ever-abiding Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People *Amen.*

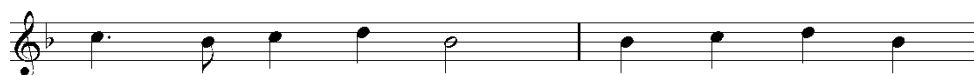
RECESSIONAL HYMN

Savior of the Nations Come


Hymnal 1982 #54



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

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 XII

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

*You may choose to stay for the postlude (and express a spoken “amen” afterward if you’d like),
but it is never expected! You may leave after the final hymn if you’d rather.
Please feel comfortable to make whatever choice is best for you.*

8:00 am Worship in Advent

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

LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Sheldon & Riley Sutton and Shannon Lee; Lindsey, Ngoni & Sekai Tengtenga; Jannel, Shquia, Jordan, Malik, Aaliyanna & Matthew Thomas and the Flower Guild.

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 Anglican Church of Korea.

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

Special Prayer Request

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

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

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

**The Rev. D. Littlepage – Presider
Mrs. Anne Rapkin – Preacher**

Readers

Anne Rapkin (10:00 AM)
Boo Morton (10:00 AM)

Intercessor
(10:00 AM)

Ministers of Communion
Suzanne Blancaflor

Verger

Acolytes

Jon Garcia

Intercessory Prayer Team
Valerie Pogue, Jon Reik

Director of Music
Michelle Horsley

Welcome/Announcements
Mark MacGougan

Virtual Verger
Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano

Altar Flowers
Jannel Thomas, Carla Griffith

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Announcements

TODAY! The Greening of the Church

Each year on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, after the 10 AM service, the Nave of Trinity Church is transformed from Advent Blue to a festal display of red, white, gold, and green. There are banners to be changed, wreathes and garlands to be hung, and much more. Many volunteer hands and hearts help this joyful work to go forward quickly. **Please plan to get your after-church coffee and refreshments and then join us in the Nave to prepare the space for the celebrations that will follow on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.**

Advent Reflection Series

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

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

Thursday Morning Zoom Information: Meeting ID 880 7395 3968 Passcode 996527
Call in phone number 929-436-2866



Christmas Pageant 2022

Trinity's Christmas Pageant will be held on Christmas Eve at the 5:00 pm service. If your child (or you) would like to participate, please contact Amity Gaige at [awgaige at gmail.com](mailto:awgaige@gmail.com).

Last Call for Christmas Flower / Music Memorials

Please submit your Memorial requests to the office **no later than Monday, December 19th** so they may be published in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. Forms are found in the North and South Narthexes.

Communion for the Sick or Homebound

If you or a parishioner you know would like be added to the list for at-home communion, please call the office and speak with Barbara (860-527-8133 ext 204) or email office at trinityhartford.org.



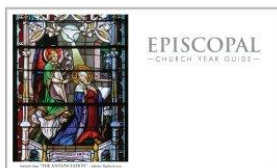
Communion to for the Homebound

Holy Land Giving Tree AFEDJ - Help for Ahli Hospital

The Holy Land Giving Tree will again be set up in Goodwin Hall (Coffee hour is back!). The Outreach team will offer pictures of the needy children of the Diocese of Jerusalem, and festive olive wood ornaments for your own tree or as a gift. Your donations support the Ahli Hospital in Gaza where all people are in great need of medicine, electricity and everyday items. This is our international outreach to a place where our own religion began. Covid 19, as well as the usual unrest, has made this a very bad time for all who live in Gaza. If you can't make it to church, we ask that all checks be made out to AFEDJ (American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem) with Ahli Hospital in the memo and sent to the church office. All money is sent weekly, directly to the AFEDJ Center.

Our tree will be set up in Goodwin Hall today. Please stop by!

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



2023 Liturgical Calendars

Rev. D invites you to take a 2023 liturgical calendar home with you.



Why use a liturgical calendar?

You can participate in the calendar of the church seasons.

It brings texture to our gathered worship. The object and definition of our worship never change, but observing the Christian year allows our corporate worship to reflect all the feelings and nuances of the gospel events.

Even if you have not grown up using the liturgical calendar it may be helpful to realize our faith is a continuation of the faith of believers throughout the centuries.

And you'll recognize that the colors of the days correspond with the colors of the altar hangings!

Calendars can be found on the welcome table in Goodwin Hall. Please take one calendar per family.

Vestry Meeting Invitation

The Vestry will meet on Tuesday, December 20th at 7 pm in person and online (Meeting ID: 857 1776 4576 Passcode: 847853).

Vestry meetings are open to any member of the parish. Members of the parish are especially invited to bring concerns and feedback to the Vestry during the “Feedback from Congregation” section of the meeting which begins at about 7:20/7:30. (The first 15-20 minutes of the meeting are a time of reflection and connection). Members who choose to do so are welcome to come only to the beginning of the meeting to share concerns or are welcome to stay for the entire meeting.

Please note that if there are conversations that are confidential in nature, visitors to the meeting will be asked to excuse themselves for that portion and then will be invited back in.

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT: The Trinity Church Cookbook

A Taste of Trinity: Recipes from Around the World is a special cookbook, representing recipes from the many countries and American regions represented by the Trinity parish--the Caribbean Islands, Denmark, Eastern Europe, Germany, Great Britain, Guyana, India, Italy, Nigeria, the Middle East, the American South and Southwest, and New England. *A Taste of Trinity* contains 140 recipes for breads, main dishes, vegetarian specialties, and desserts, many of them perfect for Christmas dinner.

If you would like to purchase a copy of *A Taste of Trinity*, please contact Barbara Roos in the Trinity Office or Anne Rapkin (860-521-5992, anne.rapkin@gmail.com).

Copies of the cookbook will be on sale today after both the 8:00am and 10:00am services.

\$12 per copy or \$10 each for three or more copies. Please note that all sale proceeds are dedicated to Kateri Medical Mission, which provides basic medical and dental services to under-served people in towns and rural areas of Nigeria.

Notes on Year End Giving

For your contributions of cash or checks to appear on your 2022 year-end statement, please note the following. If you are dropping off a check, it must be **received in the Trinity Church office by Thursday, December 29**. Anything mailed must be postmarked by 12/31/2022 and any on-line contributions must be in by 12/31/2022.

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.

REMINDER: Please make every attempt to turn in your 2023 Pledge Card before the year's end.
Please contact the office (office at trinityhartford.org) if you need a pledge card.

Thank you for your support of Trinity Church!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 18th

8:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.
11:30 A.M.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Morning Prayer Rite II (Church)
Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
Greening of the Church (Church)

Tuesday, December 20th

6:00 P.M.
7:00 P.M.

Choir School Rehearsal (Church)
Vestry Meeting (Library / Zoom)

Thursday, December 22nd

7:00 A.M.
12:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M.
7:00 P.M.

Advent Reflection (Zoom)
Noonday Prayer (Chapel)
Choir School Rehearsal (Church)
Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, December 23rd

7:00 P.M.

NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Saturday, December 24th

5:00 P.M.
9:30 P.M.
10:00 P.M.

Christmas Eve

Holy Eucharist Rite II w/ Christmas Pageant (Church)
Musical Prelude (Church)
Festal Christmas Eucharist Rite II (Church)
Incense will be used

Sunday, December 25th

10:00 A.M.

Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church) One Service Only

Vestry of Trinity Church

Leslyn Clark, Warden * Timothy Watt, Warden * Kitty Peterson, Clerk
Casey Rousseau, Treasurer * Jake Troiano, Assistant Treasurer
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