

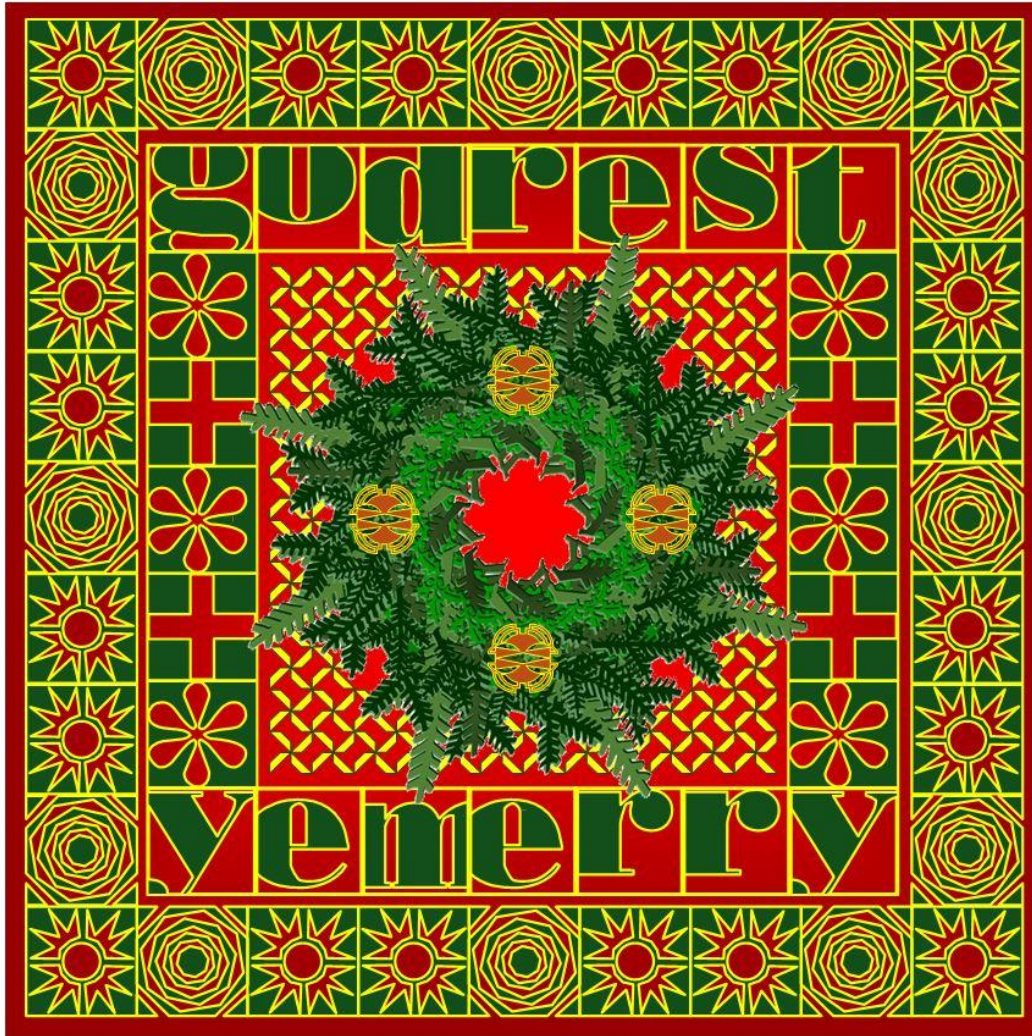
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2024

7:30 P.M.

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING



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Welcome!

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

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.

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!

If you need to step out of the service with your infant or toddler and are in search of a quiet space to spend a few moments, the parent room (at the end of the North Narthex past the door to the Memorial Garden) is open during this service. There is no child care attendant so all children must be accompanied at all times by their parent / guardian.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

DECEMBER 24, 2024

7:30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRELUDE

7:00 P.M.

Of the Father's Love Begotten	Divinum Mysterium, plainchant
Sonata in G minor, No.1, adagio	Johann Sebastian Bach
Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella	Traditional French Carol, Arr. Mark Hayes
Midnight Noel <i>"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear and the First Noel"</i>	Traditional Carols, Arr. Mark Hayes
In the Bleak Midwinter	Gustav Holst, Arr. Keith Christopher
Schafe können sicher weiden, BWV 208 <i>Sheep may safely graze</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach

Participants:

Trinity Adult Choir
The Choir School of Hartford
Laura McLaughlin violin
Ryan F. Burns, tenor
Krista Morgor, Head Chorister, soprano
Faith Wada, Prefect, soprano

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand.

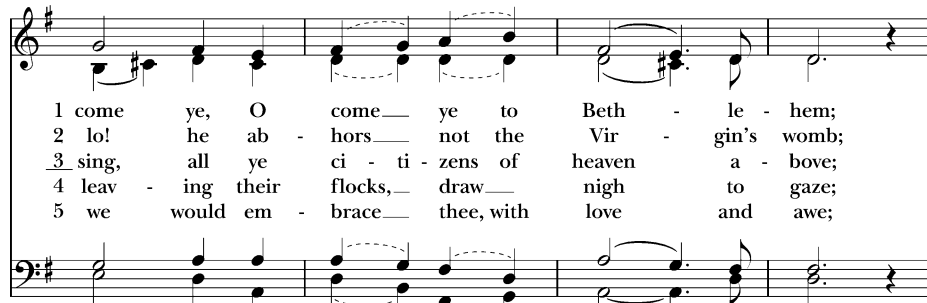
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, all Ye Faithful

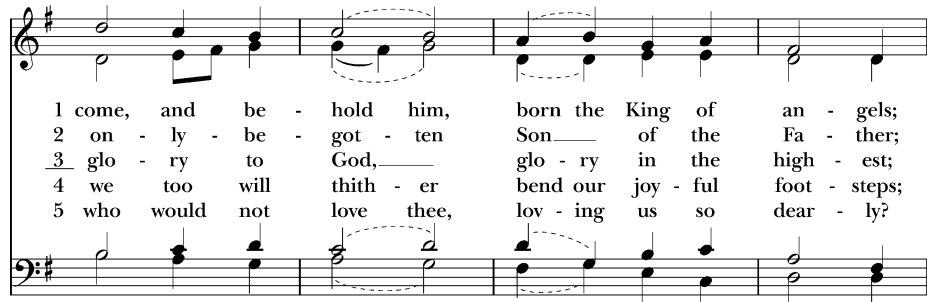
Hymnal 1982 #83



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 *4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 *5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

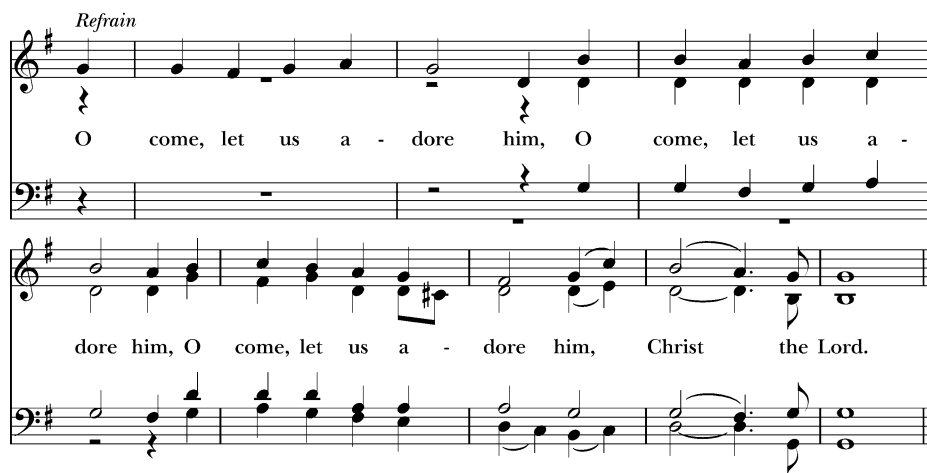


1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;



1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
 dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The *English Hymnal*, 1906.

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.

GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard on High

1982 Hymnal #96 verse 1

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.

Refrain
Glo - - - - - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -
- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of staves. The first two systems contain the main verses of the hymn. The third system begins the refrain, which is repeated in the fourth and fifth systems. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding vocal parts. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People *Amen.*

Please sit.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

People *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.



- 1 Sing to the LORD a / new / song; *
sing to the LORD, / all the / whole / earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and / bless his / Name; *
proclaim the good news of his sal/vation from / day to / day.
- 3 Declare his glory a/mong the / nations *
and his / wonders a/mong all / peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and / greatly to be / praised; *
he is more to be / feared than / all / gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, / they are but / idols; *
but it is the / LORD who / made the / heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and mag/nificence of his / presence! *
Oh, the power and the / splendor / of his / sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you / families of the / peoples; *
ascribe to the / LORD / honor and / power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor / due his / Name; *
bring offerings and / come in/to his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the / beauty of / holiness; *
let the / whole earth / tremble be/fore him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The / LORD is / King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will / judge the / peoples with / equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and / all that is / in it; *
let the field be joyful and / all that / is there/in.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the / LORD when he / comes, *
when he / comes to / judge the / earth.
- 13 He will judge the / world with / righteousness *
and the / peoples / with his / truth.

Please sit.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

What Child is This?

Hymnal 1982 #115

Unison or harmony

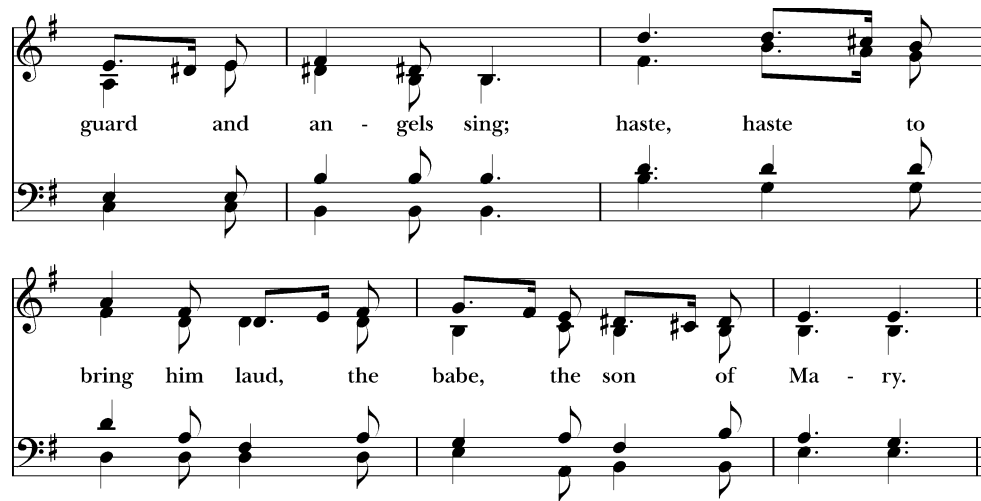
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds



Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
 and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

Please sit.

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

From Enriching Our Worship*

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

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

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

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

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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.

Please sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Away in the Manager

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Please stand or adopt another posture of prayer.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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

SANCTUS

1982 Hymnal #S130

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

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

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

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

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

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

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

Presider

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command,

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 in the language of our hearts,
All

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

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

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

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

Please sit.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ave Maria

Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

Please stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Presider Let us pray.

All 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, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

People *Amen.*

Presider May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

People *Amen.*

Presider May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

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 forever.

People *Amen.*

HYMN

Silent Night

Hymnal 1982 #111

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910).

Presider Tonight old dreams die and new dreams come to life. The Promise is fulfilled!
 People *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.*

Presider Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.
 People *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.*

Presider Our candles illuminate our story. Dawn invades midnight.
 The Light of the world has come.
 People *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.*

Presider And this light is a light for all, igniting a flame within the soul, warming us from within,
 radiating love, lighting our lives with the presence of God-come-alive in human flesh
 within us and among us now and always.
 People *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill to all.*

*We invite you to carry the light of Christ out into the world in your hearts and actions, and to place
 your extinguished candle in the receptacles located by the doors.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joy to the World

Hymnal 1982 #100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, far as the curse is
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
3 far as the curse is found, far
4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
peat the sound - ing joy,
as the curse is found,
won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let bless the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE Sing We Now of Christmas, Noel Nouvelt Setting by Douglas Wagner

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.



+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rev. Yejide Peters Pietersen – Presider & Preacher

Readers

Faith Wada, Martha Freimuth

Intercessor

Alan Rice

Ministers of Communion

Jacqui Lucier

Virtual Vergers

Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano

Director of Music

Markus Centola

Altar Guild

Mary Register, Kitty Peterson, Cathy Rowe, Marcus
Clark, Cecelia Timothy

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Please Welcome The Rev. Yejide Peters Pietersen

Trinity is delighted to welcome The Rev. Yejide Peters Pietersen as today's presider and preacher.

The Rev. Yejide Peters Pietersen joined the staff at Berkeley Divinity School, the Episcopal seminary at Yale, as its Associate Dean and Director for Formation in July 2021. A graduate of The University of Michigan (B.A.) and Yale University (M.Div.), before the recent appointment, the Rev. Peters Pietersen served as vicar of St. Chad's with St. Mary's and St. Alkmund's in Shrewsbury, England. Her experience also includes nine years as rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Briarcliff Manor, NY, associate rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Richmond, VA, and board leadership in organizations such as Forward Movement and Rural Migrant Ministries.

LET US PRAY

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 & all ECCT ministries for children at risk.

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

We pray for:

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

Faye, Elizabeth and
Hannah Aliene & their children
Elizabeth Pierce
Fred Margeson
Isabella Gevarra
Cassandra Watson
Sonia Watson
Krystal Reid and
Adrian MacLeach
The Wallace Family
Nancy Miller
Phillip Andrews (brother of
Dianne Bowens-Waller)
Margaret Daniel
Tony Charron Vreeland
(son of Peter Vreeland)
Winifred Costa
John E. Robinson
Grace Crooks
Philip Green (son of Peter &
Anne Green)

Stephanie Holland (niece of
Kitty Peterson)
J.B. Parke
Jennifer Stephens
Laurie Lavoie
Paulette McCurdy
Rhonda McKenzie
Carmen Belgrave
Kate Smith
Katie Reynolds
Louise Krippenstapel
Carlene Lewis
Judy Miller
Valentina Moore
Lindsey Tengtenga
Richard Green (brother of
Peter Green)
Donald Bowens (son of
Dianne Bowens-Waller)
Peter Vreeland



Christmas message from Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe

Dear People of God in The Episcopal Church:

Among the Christmas Gospels, Luke is surely the crowd pleaser. Nearly our entire visual vocabulary of Christmas—the manger, the shepherds, the angels—comes from the second chapter of Luke. Thanks to Luke, we all know the answer to the trivia question, “Who was Quirinius?”

But if you go to church on Christmas morning, or if your congregation’s custom is to read a last Gospel on Christmas Eve, you will hear the beginning of **the Gospel of John**, which includes other words we all know: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...” Christmas does not truly begin for me until I hear those words.

While Luke paints us a picture of a noisy and chaotic birth, in John we encounter the powerfully quiet mystery of the Incarnation. John brings us the astonishing truth that God lived among us as a person, “full of grace and truth,” ready to share the pain and sorrow of being human.

Especially this year, our hurting and divided world is desperate for the Incarnation. We live, as have many generations before us, in a time of fear, division, and instability. The Enemy has turned us against one another, sometimes in our own families and communities. The land of Jesus’ birth is torn apart by violence and tremendous suffering, and across the globe, we have hardened our hearts against the strangers among us. All too often, we hear voices that claim the mantle of Christianity calling most loudly for exclusion and conquest.

As Episcopalians, we must resist the urge to retreat from this broken world. Instead, we have been called to model our life together on a different vision of God’s kingdom. Contrary to the world’s expectations, we have bound ourselves together in a global community, following the Risen Christ together despite our differences. We know that death, suffering, and enmity are not the last word, and we proclaim it every time we gather at God’s table.

At Christmas, we can make our unity a witness to the world. Every day, in congregations and communities across our church, you are feeding the hungry, binding up the brokenhearted, caring for the vulnerable, and transforming lives through the power of the gospel. We can also proclaim God's presence by giving to our church's historic ministries that are working to alleviate suffering at home and abroad:

- **Episcopal Migration Ministries**, which is working to resettle refugees and create welcoming communities for migrants in the face of fear.
- **American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem**, which brings hope and healing to vulnerable families across the Holy Land.
- **Episcopal Relief & Development**, which advances lasting change in communities affected by injustice, poverty, disaster, and climate change.

Most of all, we can commit our lives to creating a world that is more just and more loving, in which the grace and truth that came down to us at Christmas is kindled all year long. Especially this year, as we begin our ministry together, I am grateful to be working toward this vision with you.

May God bless you and all those you love this Christmas and always.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "+ Sean". The plus sign is a simple cross, and the name "Sean" is written in a cursive, flowing script.

The Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe
Presiding Bishop



**THE 2024 CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND FLOWERS
HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**



Arnold & Kathleen Gleave
Pat & Hal Nelson
Barbara & George Derrick
JoEllen & Clyde Jansing
Kay & Karl Nelson
Anne Rapkin
William Shaw Crandall
Raymond B. Wilson
Robert L. Wilson
Bruce and Kathleen Wilson
William and Lillian Sandford
H. Mae Brown
Elizabeth Johnson
Hector Phelps
Andrew Onderdonk
Bruce Williamson
Richard Boucher
Steve Smith
Orchid Lyons Brown
Samuel E. Brown

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 22nd

10:00 A.M.

11:30 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church)

Greening of the Church (Church)

NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Tuesday, December 24th

7:00 P.M.

7:30 P.M.

Christmas Eve

Choral Prelude

Christmas Eucharist (with use of incense)

Wednesday, December 25th

**The Office and Buildings are closed in
Observance of Christmas Day**

Friday, December 27th

7:30 P.M.

NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Sunday, December 29th

10:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

The First Sunday after Christmas

Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church)

NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

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Kathryn Lees, Office Admin
Tom Villano, Finance Manager
Vinnie Pacileo, Facilities Manager
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