TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2021 5:00 PM



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.

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.

MASK POLICY Masks at indoor services are now required for those who are

vaccinated and non-vaccinated.

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

> to wear a nametag. If you do not have a reusable nametag, there are stickers and markers at each entrance. If you would like to have a reusable nametag made for you, please print your name on the clipboard next to the trays of

reusable nametags.

KIDS IN CHURCH Copies of 'The Sunday Paper Junior' coloring sheets and crayons available

> at each Sanctuary entrance. Each week the coloring sheet will highlight some aspect of the Scripture for the day and includes notes to help parents talk to their kids about the theme. Please feel free to let your kids color and otherwise be themselves during the worship service. All are welcome as they

are, including kids!

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

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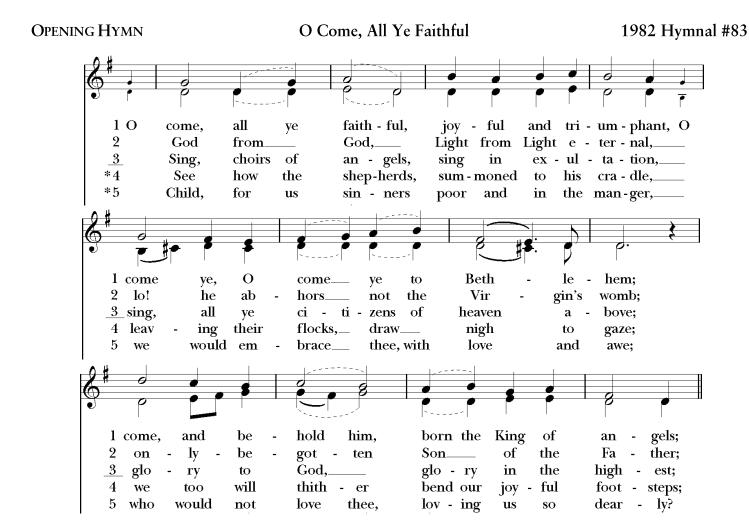
PRELUDE

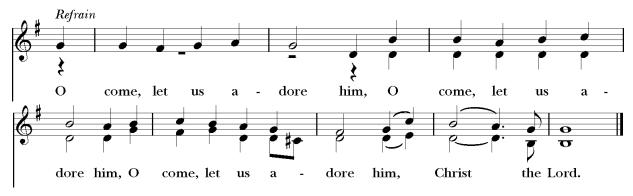
The Holly and the Ivy - Traditional Amy Arlin and Michelle Horsley, voice

Prelude on "The Holly and the Ivy"

Herbert Sumison (1899-1995)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD





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

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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

Angels We Have Heard On High **SONG OF PRAISE** 1982 Hymnal #96 (verse 1 only) An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night, the moun-tains ech - o - ing their brave de - light. and in re - ply Refrain Glo ri - a Glo

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

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.

PSALM 96 BCP 725

- 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 salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among 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 magnificence 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 into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before 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 therein.
- 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.



THE GOSPEL Luke 2:1-14

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!"

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GODLY PLAY CHRISTMAS STORY

Ms. Nancy Crandall

THE NICENE CREED

From Enriching Our Worship*

All

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate

he suffered death and was buried.

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

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM IV

BCP 388

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live

together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. (Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that

we may honor one another and serve the common good. (Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources

rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. (Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in

them, and love one another as he loves us. (Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and

hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. (Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially the Rev. Helen Moore, that

your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in

your eternal kingdom. (Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Silence. The people are invited to add their petitions silently or aloud.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

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 God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Traditional

Amy Arlin and Michelle Horsley, voice

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Traditional

arr. Larry Shackley (b. 1956)

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 our thanks and praise.

Presider

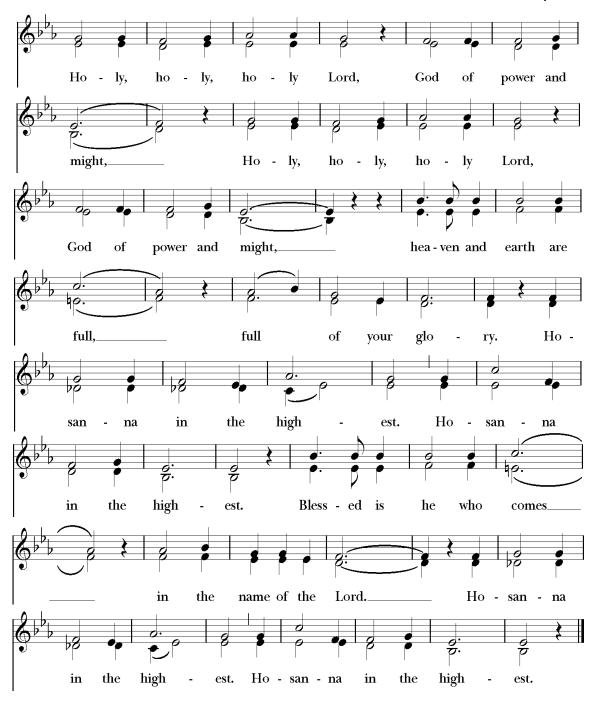
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you 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



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, O Father,

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

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 sons and daughters; 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 *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.

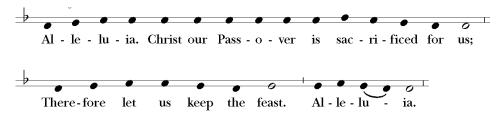
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

1982 Hymnal #S152



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.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Alfred Burt Carol Medley

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1952)

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.



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

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 1982 Hymnal #111 Si lent night, ho night, lv all is calm, Si lent night, lv night, shep ho herds quake Si lent night, night, ho lv Son of God, gin all bright round vir ther and child. from ven the sight, glo ries stream hea a - far, at love's pure light diant beams from thy ho - ly face. Ho - lv in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep inhea - ven - ly heaven - ly hosts_ sing al le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is with the dawn of re deem ing grace, Ie - sus, Lord, at Sleep peace. in hea ly peace. ven born! Christ, the Sa vior, is born! birth. Je Lord, thy birth. sus, at

Please extinguish your candles by waving your hand back and forth over it instead of blowing on it. 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.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia. People

Stille Nacht (Op. 55, No. 8) **POSTLUDE**

Gunther Gottsche (b. 1953)



+ LITURGICAL LEADERS +

The Rev. D. Littlepage – Presider Ms. Nancy Crandall - Godly Play Story

Reader and Intercessor

Freya Watt

Music Director Michelle Horsley

Altar Flowers George Chien, Percy Williamson

Virtual Vergers Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano, Ben Wolgang

Verger Roy McAlpine

Minster of Communion Kate Byroade

> Acolyte Jon Garcia

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Kit Hastings
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An Excerpt From Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Christmas Message 2021 'In the name of these refugees, let us help all refugees'

A number of years ago I read a book by Roberta Bondi who at that time was teaching at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. The title of the book was "To Love as God Loves." Professor Bondi in that book looked at and examined early Christians. And one of the things she observed was that early Christians saw their vocation of following Jesus as learning how to love as God loves. And that was the title of the book, "To Love as God Loves."

If that is true, as I believe it is, when we look at the New Testament stories of Jesus, and particularly the stories around Christmas, we see early glimmers of Jesus showing us how to love as God loves. The Christmas stories found in Matthew and in Luke, for example, actually show us something about God's way of love.

We all know the Christmas stories, the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes as it's found in Luke's gospel, the baby that's born of Mary, the stories of Mary while she was pregnant meeting her cousin Elizabeth, and the words of the Magnificat—"My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

We know the stories of Mary giving birth in the manger because there was no room for them in the inn, the stories of the shepherds out on the field beholding the angel choir— "Gloria in Excelsis Deo." The stories of a baby born is the story of beauty, a story of hope; for as the Jewish tradition says, every child who is born is a reminder that God is not finished with the world yet. In this case, the baby that was born was named Jesus.

Matthew tells the same story but highlights other dimensions that remind us profoundly of the way God loves. In Matthew's story, the child is born and there is great beauty in it, but there is some difficulty, even in the relationship between Mary and Joseph when they discover that she is with child before they're actually married. But an angel intervenes and tells Joseph in the dream that this child is God's miracle.

And so Joseph accepts his responsibility and cares for Mary and the baby Jesus who is to be born. And all moves along well. And in Matthew's version there is the star, the Magi or the wise men who come from afar, but then the story takes a dark turn. And all of a sudden the same beauty that surrounded the birth of a child now is tinged by an ugliness of tyranny, the ugliness of injustice, the ugliness of hatred, the ugliness of unbridled selfishness as King Herod hears rumors of a rival to his throne being born and begins plans to execute children to stamp out his rival. In Matthew, that is the context for the birth of Jesus.

And Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus when he is born are forced to flee as refugees seeking political asylum, eventually in Egypt, because of the wrath of King Herod. They are saved from the destruction, but many do die.

The Christmas stories are reminders that this Jesus came to show us how to love as God loves. And one of the ways we love as God loves is to help those who are refugees, those who seek asylum from political tyranny, poverty, famine, or other hardship.

The Christian vocation as Jesus taught us is to love as God loves. And in the name of these refugees, let us help all refugees.

God love you. God bless you. And, this Christmas, may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

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 26th The First Sunday after Christmas

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

Thursday, December 30th

12:00 P.M. Noonday Prayer (Zoom)

Friday, December 31st New Year's Eve – Office is closed

Sunday, January 2nd The Second Sunday after Christmas

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

9:00 P.M. Compline (Church)







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