

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 29, 2024

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 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.
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	<p>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!</p> <p>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 the 10 AM service. There is no child care attendant so all children must be accompanied at all times by their parent / guardian.</p>
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 prayer 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 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

DECEMBER 29, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Les Bergers from *La Nativité*

Olivier Messiaen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

1982 Hymnal #96

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

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

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

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

1982 Hymnal #S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Please sit.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

PSALM 147

BCP 804

- 1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.]
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Please sit.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

People *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

The Snow Lay on the Ground

Hymnal 1982 #110

1 The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,
 2 'Twas Ma - ry, daugh - ter pure of ho - ly Anne,
 3 Saint Jo - seph, too, was by to tend the child;
 4 And thus that man - ger poor be - came a throne;

when Christ our Lord was born On Christ - mas night. Ve -
 that brought in - to this world the God made man. She
 to guard him, and pro - tect his mo - ther mild; the
 for he whom Ma - ry bore was God the Son. O

ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num. Ve -
 laid him in a stall at Beth - le - hem; the
 an - gels hov - ered round, and sang this song, Ve -
 come, then, let us join the heaven - ly host, to

Refrain
 ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 ass and ox - en shared the roof with them. Ve -
 ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 praise the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num. Ve -
 ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.

Words: Source unknown, 19th cent. Music: Venite adoremus, melody adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944); harm. Leo Sowerby (1895-1968).

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

Please sit.

SERMON

Rev. Yejide Peters Pietersen

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,

*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).

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. 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.

A PRAYER FOR TRANSITION

All Assist us, Lord, in living hopefully into the future. In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside and to recognize our potential for creative response. Help us to develop a reasonable optimism when confronted by “the new” and to guard against our own defensiveness. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time. All this we ask in the name of your Child, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 a manger

1982 Hymnal #101



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 * 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Words: Traditional carol. Music: *Cradle Song*, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Please stand or adopt another posture of prayer.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE & GENEROSITY

Presider Gracious God,
 All in these times of anguish and distress, we turn to you with hearts full of gratitude. We thank you for the incredible power of your compassionate love that sustains us. Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of participating in the work of your Spirit, binding us together as a community of faith and shaping us into the body of Christ—a caring and nurturing parish family.

Empower us, Lord, to be faithful stewards of our time, talent, and treasure. May our gifts reflect your generosity and help us build the City of God, the only true sanctuary in our world. Amen.

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

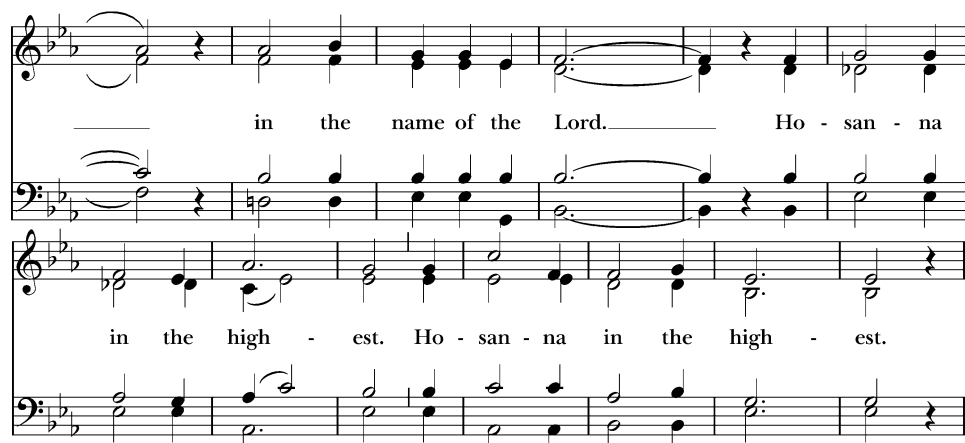
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother;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



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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

1982 Hymnal #S164

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

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.*

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: In dulci jubilo, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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

Intercessor

Ministers of Communion

Ushers

Neill Derick, Sonia Watson

Intercessory Prayer

Jon Reik

Altar Guild

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

Director of Music

Markus Centola

Virtual Vergers

Casey Rousseau
Jake Troiano

Altar Flowers

Peter Green

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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.

Today's Guest Organist - Madison Thompson

Madison Thompson is a senior at Trinity College (Hartford) where she studies organ with Christopher Houlihan. At Trinity, Madison is a recipient of the John Rose Organ Scholarship, sings in The Chapel Singers, and serves as Assistant Chapel Organist. In addition, Madison serves as Organ Scholar at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Catholic Church in Hartford, CT under the direction of Dr. Gabriel Lofvall. This past year, Madison spent a semester studying organ in France with Jean-Baptiste Robin, professor at the Versailles Conservatory, and furthered her studies in music at the Schola Cantorum in Paris.

LET US PRAY

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Mark's, Bridgewater; Good Shepherd, Bristol; St. Paul's, Brookfield; Trinity, Brooklyn; For soup kitchens & food pantries & all ministries that feed those who go without.

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

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



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Elizabeth Johnson
Hector Phelps
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A Message from the Transition Prayer Team

As we continue to lift Trinity Church and our pastoral transition, please join us for a few minutes of prayer in the Memorial Chapel after the Postlude at the conclusion of the Sunday service. Members of the Prayer Team include George Chien, Nancy Crandall, Cathy Rowe, Kate Smith and Peter Vreeland. If you want to join us via Zoom, speak to one of the members for more information.

Notes on Year End Giving

For your contributions of cash or checks to appear on your 2024 year-end statement, please note the following. If you are dropping off a check, it must be received in the Trinity Church office by Sunday, December 29th. Anything mailed must be postmarked by 12/31/2024 and any on-line contributions must be in by 12/31/2024.

If you plan to donate by stock to Trinity Church, please contact Financial Manager, Tom Villano at finance at 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 2025 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!

Book Group - January 31

Trinity's Book Group kicks off the new year with the book *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese. Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, the book is set in Kerala, India, and follows three generations of a family that is part of a Christian community that traces itself to the time of the apostles. The meeting will be on Friday, January 31st, from 7-9 pm, at the home of Steve Zhitnik in West Hartford. Everyone's welcome to attend Book Group meetings, whether it's regularly or just once! We start with dessert, and the book discussion follows. Please let Steve know if you plan to attend (s.zhitnik@snet.net) so he'll know how many goodies to prepare; some may even be from Kerala!

What is Godly Play??

Godly Play is a wonderful way to tell stories of faith—Bible stories, baptism, church seasons, and others in ways that allow us to enter the stories as “children”, and discover the riches that are waiting there for us all.

The stories are told very simply with simple props and without interpretation or moral instruction.

After a story is presented, we work with the story props, or create whatever they choose in response to what they feel most important or most interesting in the story.

What a gift to bring to our families!

Our Godly Play room is on the second floor of the Education building and welcomes students 2 1/2 and up into our multiage classroom every first, second, and third Sunday.

To comply with safe church guidelines we must have two adults 18 yrs and older in our class.

If this is a ministry you would like to explore, please contact Nancy Crandall in person or by texting at 860-503-3353

Weekly Calendar

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)

Wednesday, January 1st

**The Office and Buildings are closed in
Observance of New Year's Day**

Friday, January 3rd

7:30 P.M.

NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Sunday, January 5th

10:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

The Second Sunday after Christmas

Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church)

NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Trinity Office Staff

Kathryn Lees, Office Admin
Tom Villano, Finance Manager
Vinnie Pacileo, Facilities Manager
Markus Centola, Director of Music

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