

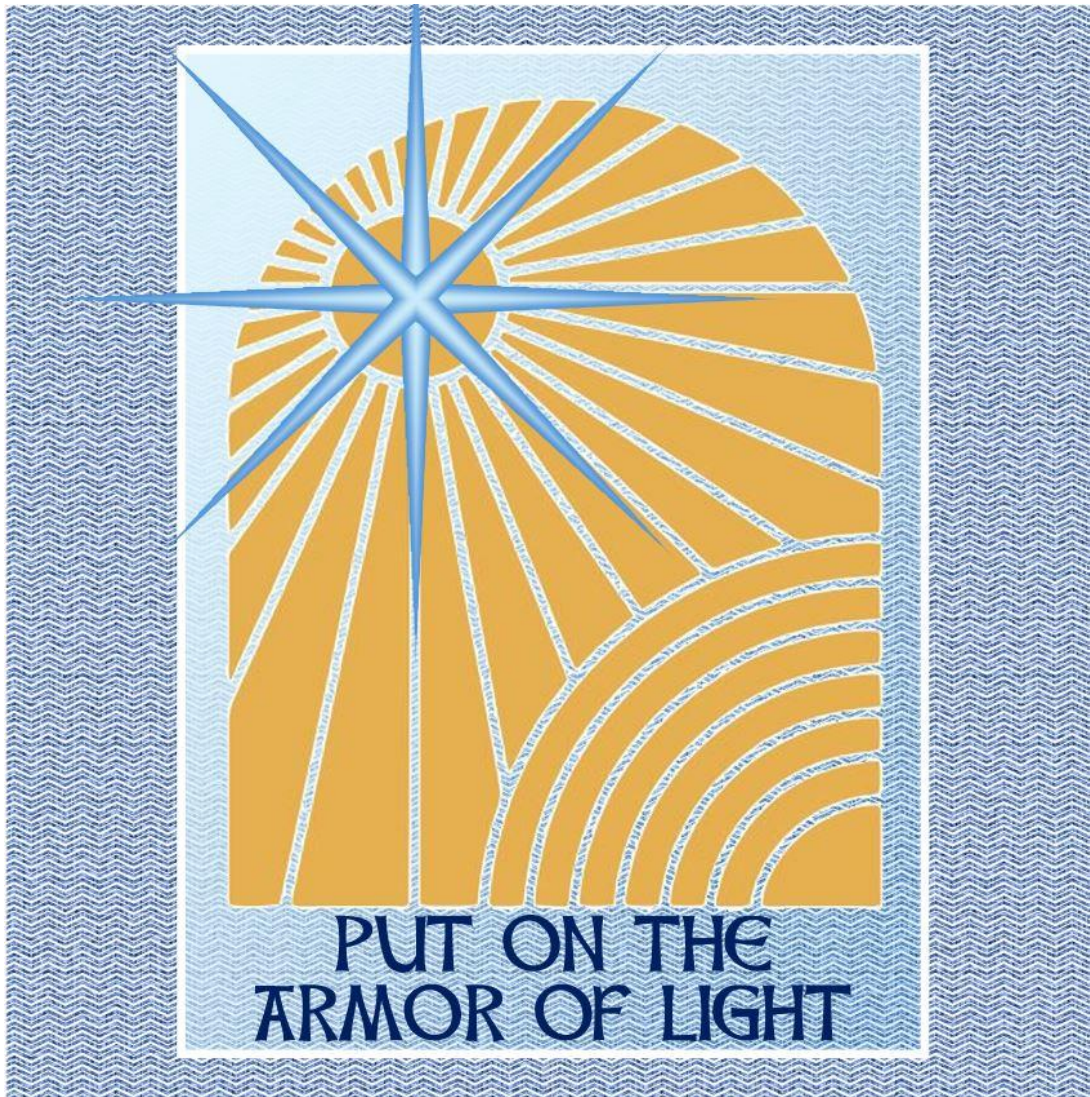
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 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 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.

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 Coloring notebooks and crayons are available at each Sanctuary entrance. 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 the 10 AM service. There is no child care attendant so all children must be accompanied at all times by their parent / guardian.

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 *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.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

DECEMBER 1, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Bereite dich, Zion (Prepare Thyself, Zion)
Weihnachtsoratorium, Arie No. 4

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

1982 Hymnal #57

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

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.

KYRIE

1982 Hymnal #S96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Please sit.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

PSALM 25:1-9

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- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my / trust in / you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my / enemies / triumph / over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be / put to / shame; *
let the treacherous be disap/pointed / in their / schemes.
- 3 Show me your / ways, O / Lord, *
and / teach / me your / paths.
- 4 Lead me in your / truth and / teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted / all the / day / long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your com/passion and / love, *
for / they are from / ever/lasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and / my trans/gressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the / sake of your / goodness, O / Lord.



- 7 Gracious and / upright is the / Lord; *
therefore he teaches / sinners / in his / way.
- 8 He guides the humble in / doing / right *
and teaches his / way / to the / lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are / love and / faithfulness *
to those who keep his / covenant / and his / testimonies.

Please sit.

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Watchmen tell us of the night

1982 Hymnal #640

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise
2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -
3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo - ry -
scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its
dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

Two groups may sing antiphonally, alternating by sentences.
 Words: John Bowring (1792-1872). Music: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry (1841-1903).

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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.

A PRAYER FOR TRANSITION

BY: THE REV. CANON KRISTI PHILIP

All Ever-present God,
 You call us on a journey to a place we do not know.
 We are not where we started.
 We have not reached our destination.
 We are not sure where we are or who we are.
 Be among us, we pray.
 Calm our fears, save us from discouragement,
 And help us to stay on course.
 Open our hearts to your guidance so that our journey to this
 Unknown place continues as a journey of trust.
 Amen.

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. 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

Ave Verum Corpus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

*Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a sweet foretaste
in the trial of death!*

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

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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 every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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

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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, O Father,

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 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 We now pray in the language of our hearts, as our Savior Christ has taught us,

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

The Father's Love

Simon Lole (b. 1957)

Please stand.

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

On Jordans Stormy Banks I Stand

LEVAS #9

1. On — Jor-dan's storm-y banks I stand, — And cast a wish-ful eye;
 2. All — o'er those wide-ex-tend-ed plains, Shines one e-ter-nal day;
 3. No — chill-ing winds or poi-s'nous breath — Can reach that health-ful shore;
 4. When shall I reach that hap-py place — And be for-ev-er blest?

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1. To Ca-naan's fair and hap-py land, Where — my pos-ses-sions lie.
 2. There God the Son for-ev-er reigns, And — scat-ters night a-way.
 3. Sick-ness and sor-row, pain and death, Are — felt and feared no more.
 4. When shall I see my Fa-ther's face, And — in God's bos-om rest?

Fine

D.S. Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land, *D.S.*

I am bound for the prom-ised land, I am bound for the prom-ised land;

Words: Samuel Stennett (1727-1795)
 Music: American Melody; adapt. Rigdon McCoy McIntosh (1836-1899); arr. Norman Johnson
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THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

Emmanuel Comes

arr. Mark Hayes (b.1953)

Composed based off of Latin Hymn "O Come, O Come Emanuel" and Matthew 1:23 "Emanuel"

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.



The Aumbry Candle is lit this week to the glory of God and in loving memory of Valerie Holder.



LET US PRAY

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church, Ansonia; St. Paul's, Bantam; Christ Church, Bethany; Postulants & candidates for Holy Orders; the Commission on Ministry & its members.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

We pray for:

Boo Morton and Suzanne Blancaflor	Faye, Elizabeth and Hannah Aliene & their children	Stephanie Holland (niece of Kitty Peterson)
Ricardo "Ricky" Elliott	Elizabeth Pierce	J.B. Parke
Robin Hardy	Fred Margeson	Jennifer Stephens
Edward Elmore	Isabella Gevarra	Laurie Lavoie
Gloria Caraballo	Cassandra Watson	Paulette McCurdy
Ms Ledbetter	Sonia Watson	Rhonda McKenzie
Doreen Myrick	Krystal Reid and Adrian MacLeach	Carmen Belgrave
Johanna Ramos	The Wallace Family	Kate Smith
Kenneth Timothy	Nancy Miller	Katie Reynolds
Merides Matos	Phillip Andrews (brother of Dianne Bowens-Waller)	Louise Krippenstapel
Barbara Jean Elmore	Margaret Daniel	Carlene Lewis
Cheryl	Tony Charron Vreeland (son of Peter Vreeland)	Judy Miller
Lennox	Winifred Costa	Valentina Moore
The Lugo and Torres Families	John E. Robinson	Lindsey Tengtenga
Daryl Todd	Grace Crooks	Richard Green (brother of Peter Green)
The Wentgertzman Family	Philip Green (son of Peter & Anne Green)	Donald Bowens (son of Dianne Bowens-Waller)
The Swiatek Family		Peter Vreeland
Bp. Michael Curry		
Saydie Eggleston		
Viola Cleo Bradshaw		

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith – Presider & Preacher

Readers

Janet Wilkinson

Intercessor

Ministers of Communion

Cathy Rowe

Ushers

Neill Derick, Zaida Martinez, 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

George Chien

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Trinity's 2024 Giving Tree - Blessing of Gifts December 8

All the children's gift tags have been chosen - and many gifts have already been placed around the baptismal font. All of the gifts will be blessed in our service on Sunday, December 8 and sent on their way for distribution, so please be sure to return your gift by that morning.

Questions? Please contact Penny Pearson

Women Together - December 3

Women Together: a group that gathers weekly to explore our Christian faith and practice through book discussion, prayer and fellowship. We will meet on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:15 pm in the reception room at St. John's (679 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT).

On Tuesday December 3, 2024 we will begin discussing *In the Bleak Midwinter through Advent and Christmas with Christina Rossetti by Rachel Mann © 2019*. If you haven't read the book, you are welcome to come and join the discussion anyway. "This book explores the power of Advent and the joy of Christmas through the poetry of Christina Rossetti. Best known for her poems-turned-carols *In the Bleak Midwinter* and *Love Came Down at Christmas*, Rossetti's rich and wondrous faith provides an inspiring seasonal companion. For each day from Advent Sunday to the Epiphany, Rachel Mann selects a poem and reflects on it, drawing on Rossetti's many other writings including her devotional journals and commentary on biblical narratives. At a time when commercial pressures are at their most intense, this volume aims to lead readers to an encounter with God's time and space, to find our true identity beyond all that would limit and diminish our humanity."

The books we choose are usually available at libraries, [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and other booksellers. WT has been attended by women from St. John's, Trinity, St. James and St. Monica's. Please contact Cathy Rowe if you would like additional information.

2025 Stewardship Packets Available

If you have not received a 2025 Stewardship packet in the mail, packets are available on the tables next to the Sunday bulletins, or you may contact the Church Office to be sent a packet - 860-527-8133 x204. We hope to have all pledges received by December 1 so that we can look ahead to 2025 at Trinity's financial commitments.

Advent Quiet Day: Saturday, December 7, 2024

The Companions of the Holy Cross invite you to a Quiet Day at St. Albans Church in Simsbury, on December 7, from 10 to 1. Lunch of homemade soups is included. Our Quiet Day will be led by The Rev. John Van Siclen, Chaplain to the Hartford Chapter. The reflections offered for the Quiet Day will be on "Thresholds". In Celtic spirituality, thresholds are seen as opportunities for growth, self-discovery, and deeper connection with the spiritual world.

Our vocation statement is: Companions are a community of women, Christ's disciples, called by God to a life of prayer, transformation, and reconciliation within ourselves, within our Companionship, within our faith communities, and within the whole of creation.

Please contact Kate Smith: Kate48smith@comcast.net for questions and if you wish to attend.

ADVENT 2024 AT TRINITY CHURCH

The Flower Guild of Trinity Church invites you to share in preparing our sacred space for the Season of Advent. Advent is a period of four Sundays preceding Christmas, this year beginning on December 1st.

As in the past, we will decorate the windowsills of the nave with manger scenes (also called creches or nativities.) Many such nativities have been donated over the years but there is always room for more. If you would like to give or loan a creche this Advent, please bring it in to church on Sunday in November or December. We especially enjoy nativities reflecting a diversity of traditions and ethnicities, and in various styles of artistry.

Manger scenes will remain on display through the Christmas season and will be removed after Epiphany.

Through the Advent season our Advent wreath will be lit each Sunday, and greenery and candles will begin to fill our space and our entryways. The church's large nativity will be placed in the baptistry. After the 10 AM service on Sunday, December 22, there will be a Hanging of the Greens, where volunteers are invited to help change the hangings on the altar and in the nave from Advent blue to Christmas white and red. We'll arrange poinsettias and other Christmas flowers that day, hang wreathes and garlands, and generally prepare the space for Christmas Eve, when we will celebrate with one service at 7:30 PM.

Your help in making all these things happen will be much appreciated.

Volunteers Needed for our — Carols ~ Crafts ~ Cookies! On December 8th

Our holiday celebration of Carols ~ Crafts ~ Cookies event is just around the corner, and we'd love your help to make it fun and successful!

Here's how you can pitch in:

- **Assist at the Craft Table:** Help others create ornaments for the Goodwin Hall Christmas tree.
- **Bring Holiday Treats:** Share your favorite homemade cookies or holiday goodies.
- **Request a Carol:** Drop your Christmas tune request in the box outside the sanctuary by **Dec. 1.**
- **Kitchen Help:** Warm up hors d'oeuvres on Sunday morning.
- **Set Up and Serve:** After the worship service, help set out the food for all to enjoy.
- **Clean Up Crew:** Lend a hand in tidying up after the event.
- **Decorating:** Join us on **Saturday, Dec. 7th at 1:30 pm** to set up and decorate for the event.

If you'd like to volunteer, please reach out to:

Kate Byroade (Byroade@comcast.net), **Cathy Rowe** (crowedy@yahoo.com) or **Linda MacGougan** (macgougans@gmail.com)

As the saying goes, "The more, the merrier!" Let's make this festive occasion a true celebration for our community at Trinity!

Join Our Choir! You're Invited!

We know you've heard it before, but we want to remind you: **Everyone is welcome to join our choir!** Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love to make a joyful noise, there's a place for you here.

Why Join?

- Share your love of music
- Build friendships within our church community
- Enrich our worship experience together

When: Rehearsals every Thursday, 7:00 -8:30 p.m.

Where: The Choir Room

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to connect and contribute! If you have any questions or want to learn more, feel free to reach out to the Director of Music, Markus Centola, email: mcentola@trinityhartford.org.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 1st 10:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.	The First Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church) NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)
Tuesday, December 3rd 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Choir School Rehearsal (Church) Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)
Thursday, December 5th 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Choir School Rehearsal (Church) Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)
Friday, December 6th 7:30 P.M.	NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)
Sunday, December 8th 10:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.	The Second Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church) NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

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