

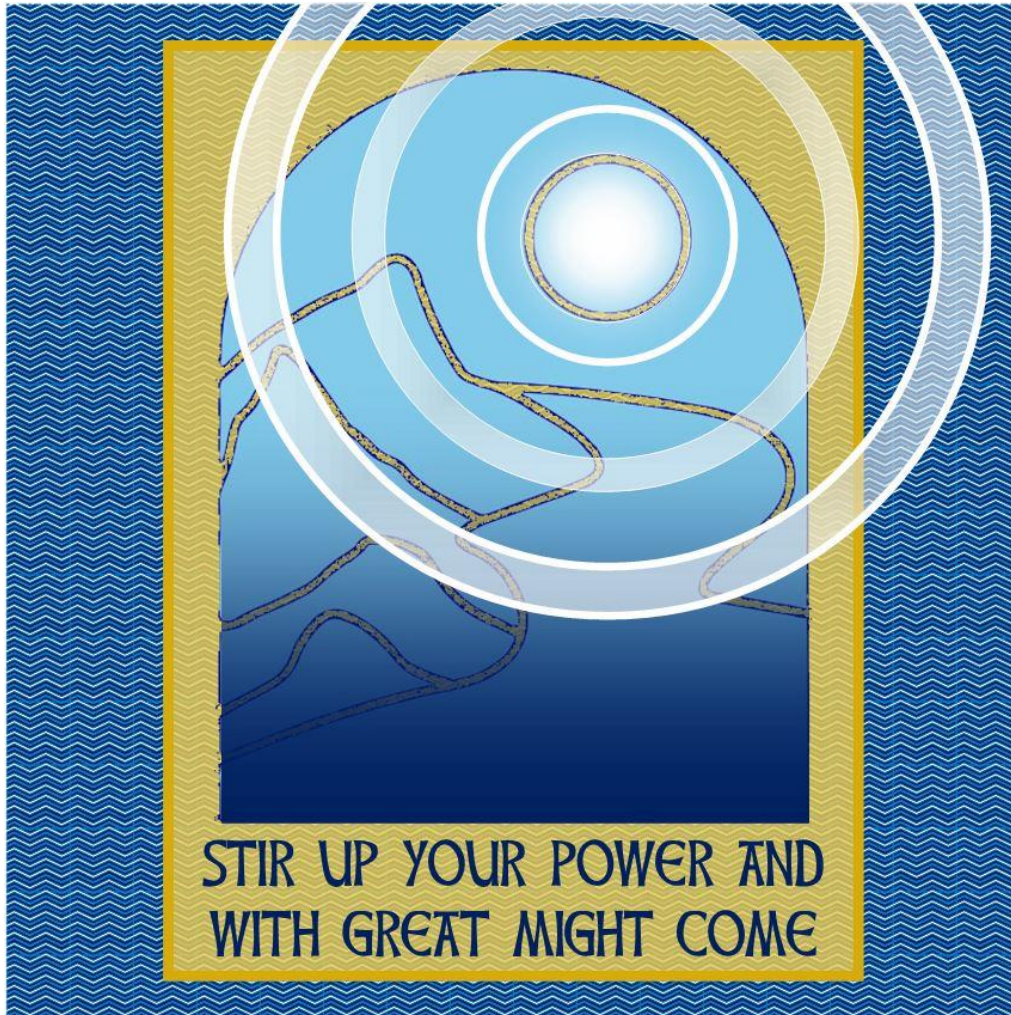
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 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	<p>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!</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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

DECEMBER 15, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Andante (from "Water Music Suite")

George Frideric Handel
(1685–1759)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

1982 Hymnal #59

Descant

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935).

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Please sit.

THE FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

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

Please stand.

Refrain

I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the

Lord, who's my sure de - fense and my friend.

Surely, it is God who **saves me**; *
 I will trust in him and not be **afraid**
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
 and he will be my **Savior. Refrain**

Therefore you shall draw water with **rejoicing** *
 from the springs of **salvation**.
 And on that day you shall **say**, *
 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his **Name; Refrain**

Make his deeds known among the **peoples**; *
 see that they remember that his Name is **exalted**.
 Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great **things**, *
 and this is known in all the **world. Refrain**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your **joy**, *
 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of **Israel**.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spirit**: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen. Refrain**

Words and Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949) from *Fraction Anthems, Canticles, and Chants*. Copyright © 1997 Carl Haywood.

Please sit.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

1982 Hymnal #68

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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,
 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 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.

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.

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. 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

Pie Jesus

Andrew Lloyd Weber

*Pie Jesu
Qui tollis peccata mundi
dona eis requiem*

*Merciful Jesus
Father, who takes away the sins of the world
Grant them rest*

*Agnus Dei
Qui tollis peccata mundi
dona eis requiem
sempiternam requiem*

*Lamb of God
Father, who takes away the sins of the world
Grant them rest
Everlasting rest*

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 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:

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

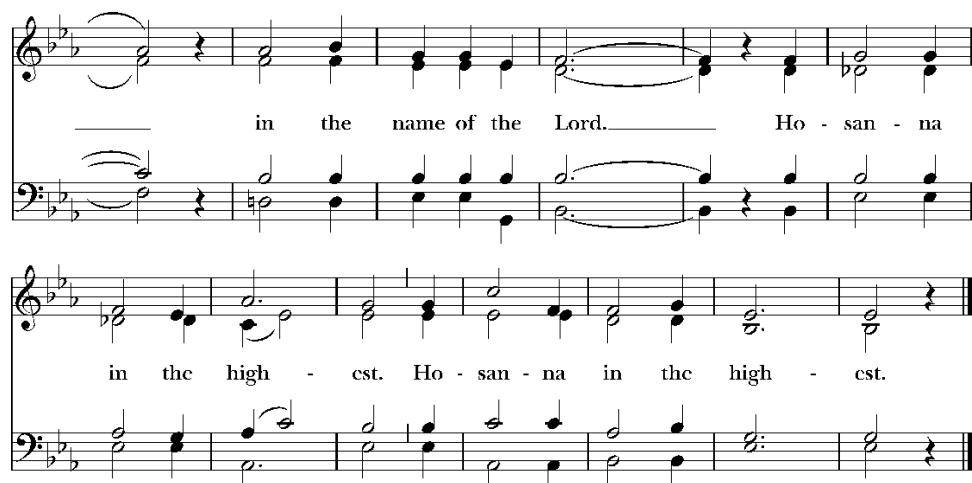
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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, 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.

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

Above Him Stood the Seraphim

Richard Dering

Please stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

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.*



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a____
 2 O____ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God____ en - du - reth, the____



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst____ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The____
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they____ per - ish, like
 feed his____ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our____ God____ may go!
 na - tions shall____ pass like a dream____ a - way;
 lead them, and____ bring them____ safe to his fold.

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THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Wayfarin' Stranger

Southern American Folk

*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.*

LET US PRAY

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Stephen's, Bloomfield; St. George's, Bolton; Trinity, Branford; Calvary St. George's, Bridgeport; Those who advocate at the local, state, national, or global level for the poor, the lonely & the oppressed.

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

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

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rev. Yejide Peters Pietersen – Presider & Preacher

Readers

George Chien
Kate Smith

Intercessor

Linda MacGougan

Ministers of Communion

Ushers

Neill Derick, Zaida Martinez, Sonia Watson

Intercessory Prayer

Kitty Peterson

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

Jannel Thomas

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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.

A Message from the Transition Prayer Team

As we continue to lift up 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.

Volunteers Needed - December 17

In preparation for Christmas, the office is looking for volunteers to come in Tuesday December 17th at 12pm to help prepare the handheld candles for the Christmas Eve service. If you have any questions please reach out to the office at (860) 527-8133 ext. 204. Any help would be appreciated!

2025 Calendar Sharing - Last Day

Sunday December 15 will be the last day for the box of 2025 calendars in Goodwin Hall. Any calendars remaining after our service will be taken to Church by the Pond for Trinity's day on December 21. Thanks to all who brought in their excess calendars - and be sure and take one if you still need one!

Vestry Meeting Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Vestry meetings are open to any member of the parish. Members of the parish are especially invited to bring concerns and feedback to the Vestry during the "Feedback from Congregation" section of the meeting which begins at about 7:20/7:30. (The first 15-20 minutes of the meeting are a time of reflection and connection).

Members who choose to do so are welcome to come only to the beginning of the meeting to share concerns or are welcome to stay for the entire meeting. Please note that if there are conversations that are confidential in nature, visitors to the meeting will be asked to excuse themselves for that portion and then will be invited back in. If you are interested in attending, please email wardens @ trinityhartford.org for the Zoom link.

Church by the Pond - December 21

Trinity's next opportunity to participate in this ministry led by Christ Church Cathedral is Saturday, December 21.

- We'll meet in the Trinity kitchen at 12:30 to prepare bag lunches, entering through the outside door to the kitchen.
- At 1:45 we'll bring those lunches to Bushnell Park, where we'll participate in the worship service by the pond.
- We'll offer our lunches and additional items following the service, and finish around 3:00.

All parishioners and families are welcome! Please contact Percy Williamson or Penny Pearson if you have any questions, or to note that you are planning to participate.

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

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.

Christmas Offering for AFEDJ-2024

The Vestry has designated that loose plate and special envelope offerings from Christmas will be sent to the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The Diocese of Jerusalem spans across Israel and the Palestinian Territories, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon and, through its schools, hospitals, and other institutions, meets a wide variety of needs, regardless of religious or ethnic identity. AFEDJ is an organization that raises funds to support these institutions and the ministries they provide.

In this time of war in Gaza, it is especially important that we support the ministry of the Ahli Hospital and all the other organizations that AFEDJ assists. Life in the entire Palestinian Territories has been uprooted. By helping the ministry and mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem we are an active part of living into and working for the peace that is so desperately needed. Please be generous!

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *“May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.” Psalm 122:7-8*

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 15th

10:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

The Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church)

NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Tuesday, December 17th

6:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

Choir School Rehearsal (Church)

Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, December 19th

6:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

Choir School Rehearsal (Church)

Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, December 20th

7:30 P.M.

NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

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)

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