

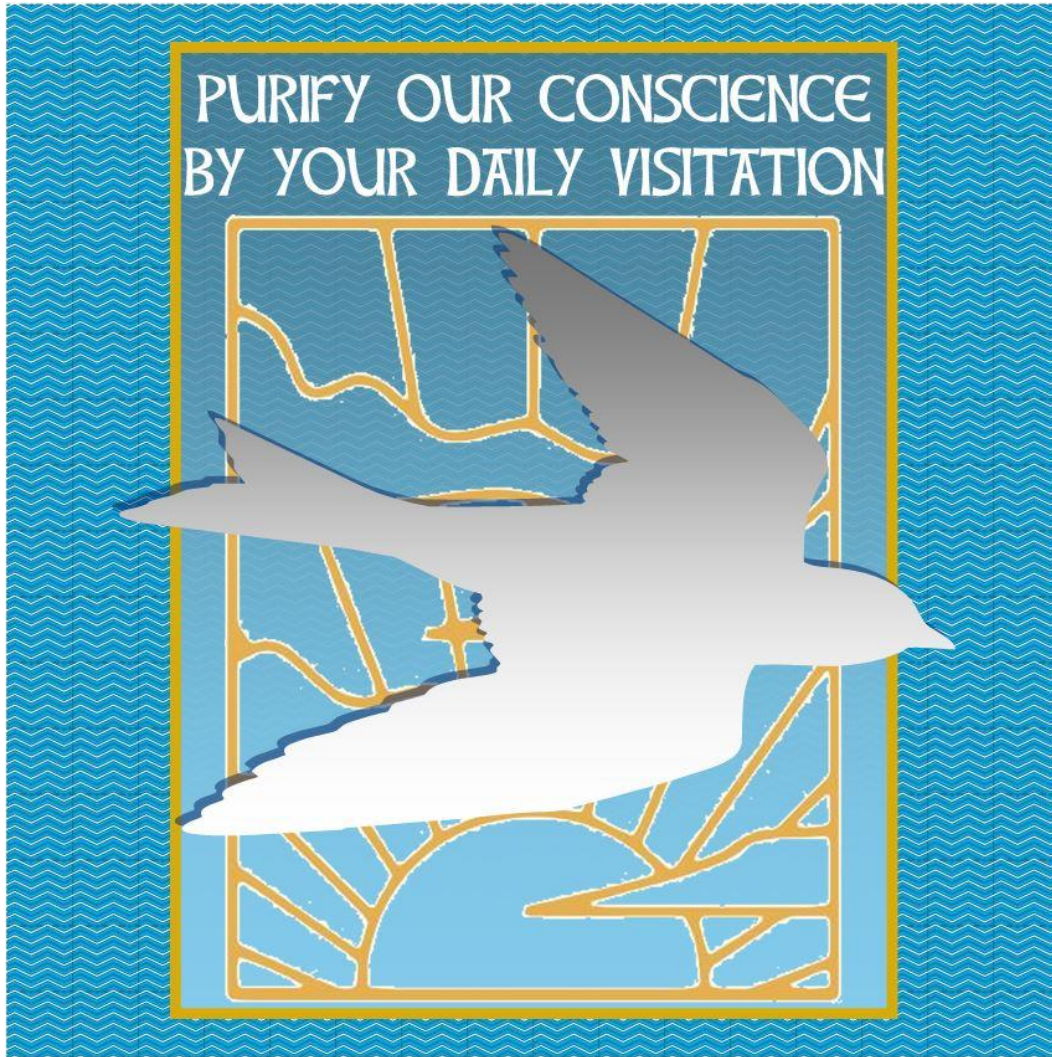
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

DECEMBER 22, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Ave Maria

Johann Sebastian Bach / Charles Gounod


THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand.


PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel


1982 Hymnal #56



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

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,

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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; 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

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,

whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

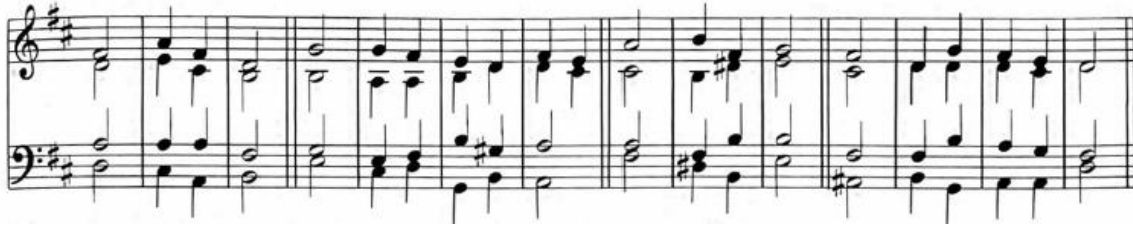
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

and he shall be the one of peace.

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

People *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.



My soul doth / magnify the / Lord, *
 and my spirit hath re/joyced in / God my / Savior;
 For / he hath re/garded *
 the / lowliness / of his / handmaiden.
 For be/hold from / henceforth *
 all gener/ations shall / call me / blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath / magnified / me, *
 and / holy / is his / Name.
 And his mercy is on / them that / fear him *
 throughout / all / gener/ations.
 He hath showed / strength with his / arm, *
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagi/nation / of their / hearts.
 He hath put down the / mighty from their / seat, *
 and hath ex/alted the / humble and / meek.
 He hath filled the / hungry with / good things, *
 and the rich he hath / sent / empty a/way.
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his / servant / Israel, *
 as he promised to our forefathers, /
Abraham and his / seed for / ever.

Please sit.

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
 but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings
 you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
 (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

People *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

1982 Hymnal #66

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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

Please sit.

SERMON

Cn. Sarah Woodford

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

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.

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.

*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).

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. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Please sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

BCP 830

All *O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Gabriel's Message

Old Basque Noel arr. Philip Ledger

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, Most Highly favored lady, Gloria!"*

*"For known a blessed mother thou shalt be, All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!*

*Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "to me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!*

*Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say, "Most highly favored lady, Gloria!"*

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.

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

1982 Hymnal #S130

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

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

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

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

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

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

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

Presider

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, 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

The musical notation consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

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



Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

Please sit.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ave Maria

Giulio Caccini (1551-1618)

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Sing of Mary, Blest is She!

Vincent Uher

1. Sing of Ma - ry, blest is she! Mo - ther of the Sa - viour!
 2. Sing of Jo - seph, vexed was he, Trou - bled and per - plex - ed
 3. Sing of Je - sus, blest is he In the Lord's Name com - ing,
 4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph join us now And all saints in glo - ry
 5. Glo - ry be to God on high! Glo - ry in the high - est!

"Yes!" said she to Ga - briel's plea, "Yes!" to God for - ev - er.
 Till an an - gel in a dream Peace to him di - rec - ted.
 Born in great hu - mi - li - ty Eve - ry per - son lov - ing,
 As we tell his love for all In the sa - cred sto - ry.
 Peace on earth, good - will to all From the Lord Most High - est.

"Yes!" for ev - ery wo - man born. "Yes!" for ev - ery na - tion.
 "Take the vir - gin as your wife. Love her ba - by whol - ly.
 Prince of Peace and Coun - sel - lor Won - der - ful the tel - ling!
 An - gels, shep - herds, and the kings To Christ's side are run - ning.
 Bles - sings come for eve - ry - one, Gra - ces to God's cre - dit

"Yes!" for child - ren yet un - born. "Yes!" for all cre - a - tion.
 Love the in - fant as your life. He's God's Son most ho - y."
 Came to earth to save us all And to share his bles - sing.
 Let all peo - ple rea - dy now For his se - cond com - ing.
 From the Fa - ther with the Son Through the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

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THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Coventry Carol
Inspired by Frederic Chopin's Nocturne in E minor, Op. 72, No. 1.

Arr. Faye Lopez

*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.*



Please Welcome Cn. Sarah Woodford

Sarah Louise Woodford is ECCT's Canon for Communication & Media. She has ten years of experience in lay ministry and communication strategies for religious non-profits. She lives in New Haven with a black Manx cat named Lady and is working on her first novella.

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

LET US PRAY

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Luke/St. Paul, Bridgeport; St. John's, Bridgeport; St. Mark's, Bridgeport; For the children of the world, the Bishops' Fund for Children & all ECCT ministries for children at risk.

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

We pray for:

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

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

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

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

Cn. Sarah Woodford – Presider & Preacher

Readers

Walton Brown-Foster
Martha Freimuth

Intercessor

Ministers of Communion

Cathy Rowe

Ushers

Neill Derick, Zaida Martinez, Sonia Watson

Intercessory Prayer

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

The words of the service are taken from *The Book of Common Prayer*.

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If you would like to contribute to the 2024 Christmas flowers and music in memory of a friend or family member, or as an offering of thanksgiving, please fill out the form in Goodwin Hall and return by Monday, December 23 at 9 am. Checks, which may be for any amount, should be made payable to Trinity Church and earmarked "Christmas Memorials" and sent to the parish office. Names of those in whose memory contributions have been made will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

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!

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.

Tuesday, December 31, 6 p.m.
Grace Church
55 New Park Ave

First Evensong of
Holy Name

Watch Night

The Haven Schola (which is
open to all) will start the
evening with candlelit
Evensong

With our guest homily, we
will shift into congregational
hymnsing with prayers for
justice and peace



Community Dinner and (more!) singing to follow

Feel free—but not obligated!—to bring a dish to share

After dinner, caravan to St Monica's for more Watch Night at 10!

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 22nd

10:00 A.M.

11:30 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church)

Greening of the Church (Church)

NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Tuesday, December 23rd

7:00 P.M.

7:30 P.M.

Christmas Eve

Choral Prelude

Christmas Eucharist (with use of incense)

Wednesday, December 25th

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

Friday, December 27th

7:30 P.M.

NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Sunday, December 29th

10:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

The First Sunday after Christmas

Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church)

NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

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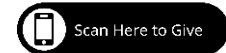
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