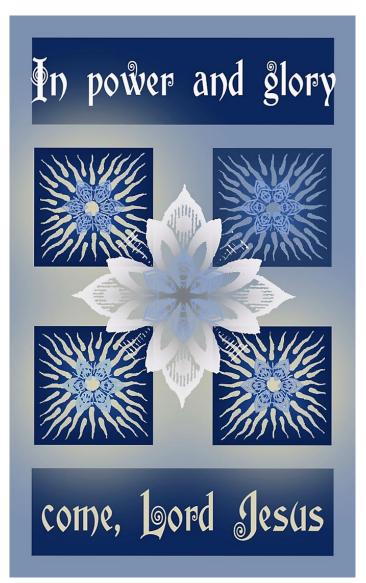
# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

# **DECEMBER 11, 2016 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.**A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING



#### **COVER ART WORK**

We thank The Rev. George Chien for creating our cover artwork.

#### **HEARING ASSISTIVE DEVICES**

If you'd like to borrow a hearing assistive device for the service, please speak to an usher.

#### WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We're glad you're with us! If you are new to Trinity, please introduce yourself to the clergy and the greeters and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the church so we can stay in touch.

#### **COMMUNION**

If you require a gluten-free communion wafer, please advise minister priest communion and we will provide one for you. At communion, if you prefer consecrated grape juice rather than wine, after receiving the bread, proceed to the Minister holding a ceramic chalice at the end of the Communion rail. If for whatever reason you do not wish to receive Communion today, you are invited to come to the rail to receive a blessing, indicating your wish by crossing your hands over your chest.

#### ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

We invite you to be a full participant in our worship of God. This service may use parts of the Order for the Holy Eucharist from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and Enriching Our Worship, and music from The Hymnal 1982, Lift Every Voice and Sing and the Wonder Love and Praise hymnals. We stand, if able, for the hymns, and stand or kneel, according to one's personal tradition and ability, for prayer.

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#### Rector's Advent Message

A voice cries out 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'

--Isaiah 40:3

Advent is traditionally known as an "in between" time. Liturgically, it is the beginning of a new liturgical year, signaling for Christians a period of reflection on a time when Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah, was yet to be born. It is a period when we try, as best we can, to develop a sense of anticipation – a time when we sort through the wilderness of our own lives and seek to prepare a way for His coming afresh into our hearts.

Advent 2016. It seems as though the entire world around us is in transition, in an "in between" time. We see a lot of wilderness in our future, and the road ahead seems anything but straight. Global relations among nations are in flux, and our government in the United States is facing a seismic transition, creating even more uncertainty. Our own Episcopal church, as well as other Christian denominations, is coming to grips with what many are calling "the post-Christian era" when Christianity no longer enjoys the privileged position of cultural and political significance it once had, and we Christians are learning the importance of interfaith collaboration and cooperation as together we seek to achieve Isaiah's vision of a better, more just, more peaceful society.

In this Advent 2016, I invite you to join with one another and reflect on that vision of Isaiah – a vision that we Christians believe is fulfilled in the life and teachings of Jesus the Christ. Please join us as you are able throughout this season of Advent and through Christmastide as together we pray and reflect on how we, as brothers and sisters of Jesus, can be part of bringing that vision closer to reality in our own time.

Your Brother in Christ, The Rev. Donald L. Hamer Rector

#### 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: In Dulci Jubilo

Johann Michael Bach

INTROIT: People Look East Arr. John Leavitt

People, look east.

Time is near of crowning of the year, Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east: Sing today: Love, the guest is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch when night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together. People look east and sing today. Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Him who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley humming with the word,

The Lord is coming.

People, look east and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

OPENING HYMN: #72 "Hark the Glad Sound"

Richmond

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE THE THIRD SONG OF ISAIAH

(Led by Mr. Johnson Ramsaur, Cantor)

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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 be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord,

the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert:

the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,

and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it,

but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,

nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there,

but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,

and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness,

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

Silence for reflection.

Reader

Please stand for the Psalm.

PSALM 146:4-9

C. H. H. Parry

- 1 I was glad when they / said to / me, \*
  "Let us / go to the / house of the / LORD."
- 2 Now our / feet are / standing \* within your / gates, / O Je/rusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is / built <u>as a</u> / city \* that is at / <u>uni</u>-ty / with it/self;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, ★
  the / tribes of the / LORD, \*
  the assembly of Israel, ★
  to / praise the / Name of the / LORD.

Sung to second half of chant

- 5 For there are the / thrones of / judgment, \* the / thrones of the / house of / David.
- 6 Pray for the / <u>peace of Je</u>/rusalem: \*
  -- / "May they / <u>prosper</u> who / love you.
- 7 Peace be with/in your / walls \* and / quietness with/in your / towers.
- 8 For my brethren and com/panions' / sake, \* I / pray for / your pros/perity.
- 9 Because of the house of the / LORD our / God, \* I will / seek to / do you / good."

Please be seated.

SECOND LESSON: James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

Peace be to you and grace from him Who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God,

Who was and is and is to come;

Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,

Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,

For Christ is coming, is coming soon,

For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,

And night shall be no more;

They need no light nor lamp nor sun,

For Christ will be their All!

*Please stand for the Gospel.* 

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

Celebrant

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

> When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ. People

Please be seated.

**SERMON** 

Ms. April Alford-Harkey, D.Min.

Silence for reflection.

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> 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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:

Leader

O God, our hope and our desire, in joyful expectation of your coming, we pray for your Church and for the World. O Wisdom from on high: we long for your coming as a woman longs for the birth of her child, as the refugee longs for home, as the humble poor longs for justice. Be present in and among us in this season of expectation and waiting. Pause

Leader People Lord Jesus, Come Soon.

Leader

O Lord of might: we lift before you all who have answered the call to serve the world through your Church. For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Ian and Laura our Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God that through our actions people may see and know the Kingdom of God that is already and not yet. Pause

Leader People Lord Jesus, Come Soon.

Leader

O Root of Jesse: Spring forth in this world your branches of truth, mercy, compassion, and joy. Ground all those who proclaim your name in your unending and never failing love, that amidst pain and fear all people may find rest and protection in your branches. Pause

Leader

Lord Jesus,

People

Come Soon.

Leader

O Key of David: you open and none can shut, you shut and none can open. Welcome into your wide embrace all those who have died, remembering Gladys Courtemanche, Jacques Kacou Nthohou (father of Marthe Annan-Kingsley) and Tilly Giansanti (aunt of John Doyle), and K.C. Koshy (grandfather of Anju Mathew), and especially Lillian C. Sandford, in whose loving memory the flowers in the church are offered. We pray also for those who will die this week that they may meet their Lord in faith and hope. Pause

Leader

Lord Jesus,

People

Come Soon.

Leader O Morning Star: shine your light upon those who live in darkness and the shadow of

death. Illumine with your celestial brightness those who mourn, that through their tears

they may see the promise of your eternal and everlasting hope and joy. Pause

Leader Lord Jesus, People Come Soon.

Leader O King of the Nations: inspire all the leaders of this world, especially Barack our

President, Dannel our Governor, Pedro our Mayor, Luke our Mayor-elect, and all those who live and work in our communities that we may seek justice, and promote the dignity

of every human being. Pause

Leader Lord Jesus, People Come Soon.

Leader O Emmanuel: Come among us and be present to us. Let our lives be transformed by your

grace that when we are weak we may have strength, when we are broken we may be healed, and when we are distressed we may be comforted, that we may be set free from all that holds us in bondage. We pray especially for those things we hold in our hearts. I

invite your petitions, either silently or aloud. Pause

Leader Lord Jesus, People Come Soon.

Celebrant Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love.

By your coming break forth in us, as you break into the world, that we may prepare in our lives a place for your indwelling spirit, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you

live and reign, now and forever.

People AMEN.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence for reflection.

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our

lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus

Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in

eternal life.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet one another.

Please be seated.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY: #66 "Come Thou, Long Expected Jesus"

Stuttgart

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer 2

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Please remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts. People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep

and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet,

as a mother cares for her children,

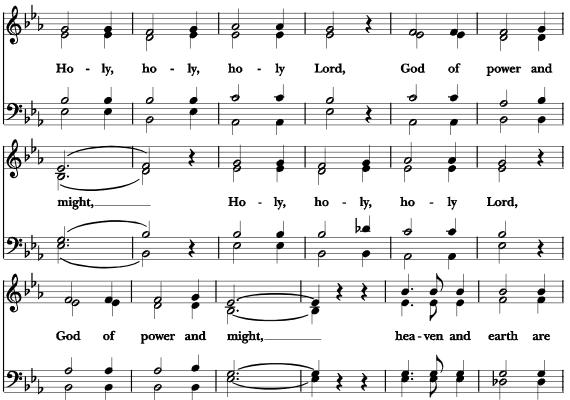
you would not forget us. Time and again you called us

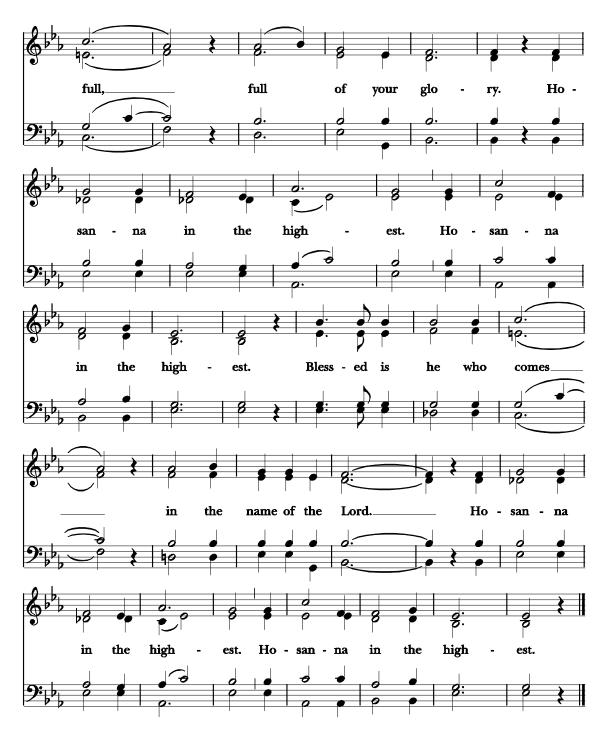
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS: Hymnal #S 130

Franz Peter Schubert





Celebrant

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death

and to reveal the riches of your grace,

you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,

that she might conceive and bear a son,

Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,

healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself

yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People AMEN.

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Celebrant

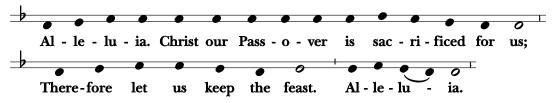
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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



Celebrant 'People '

The gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are.

May we become what we receive.



COMMUNION HYMN: #182 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

James Quinn





POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant

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.

CLOSING HYMN: LEVAS #12 "We're Marching to Zion"

Lowry

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people.

**DISMISSAL** 

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Toccata in e minor

Johannes Pachelbel

Johnson Ramsaur, organ

OUR WORSHIP AS A GATHERED COMMUNITY IS OVER.

OUR WORSHIP, THROUGH SERVICE TO THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE, BEGINS ANEW.

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The flowers this morning are offered in loving memory of Lillian C. Sandford.



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#### + ASSISTING AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING +

Readers & Intercessors: Verger: 10:00 a.m. Ray Wilson 8:00 a.m. Janet Wilkinson 10:00 a.m. Anne Green Acolytes: Kate Rousseau 10:00 a.m. Kachi Onoh Alan Rice

Davonte Griffith Zech Stephens-Walker Lay Leader Hosts: 10:00 a.m. Peter Green

Marcus Clark

**Healing Prayer Team:** 

Tro Moo

Altar Guild: 8:00 a.m. Dianne Bowens-Waller

10:00 a.m. Kitty Peterson 10:00 a.m. Kathy Steinwedell

> Louisa Cummings Ushers:

Flowers: 10:00 a.m. Claire Blissett

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8:00 a.m. Jim Bradley 10:00 a.m. Peter Vreeland Duncaster:

> Shakeem Williams Al Shuckra

Emeka Igboanugo Hospitality:

Mark MacGougan Rich McMenamy

**Eucharistic Visitor:** Boo Morton

> Al Shuckra Penny Pearson, fruit

# <u>Advent and</u> <u>Christmastide at Trinity</u>

## Saturday, December 24

5:00 P.M. Family Christmas Service and Christmas Pageant

9:30 P.M. Christmas Prelude Featuring Christmas carols, Anthems and Motets with Choirs, Organ, Brass, Strings and Percussion

10:00 P.M. Festival Christmas Eucharist with the Trinity Choir, The Choir School of Hartford, organ, brass, strings and percussion

## Sunday, December 25

9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist with Sermon and Carols (one service only this day)

# Sunday January 1

9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist with Congregational Lessons and Carols (one service only this day)

There will be no childcare on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

#### Staff

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