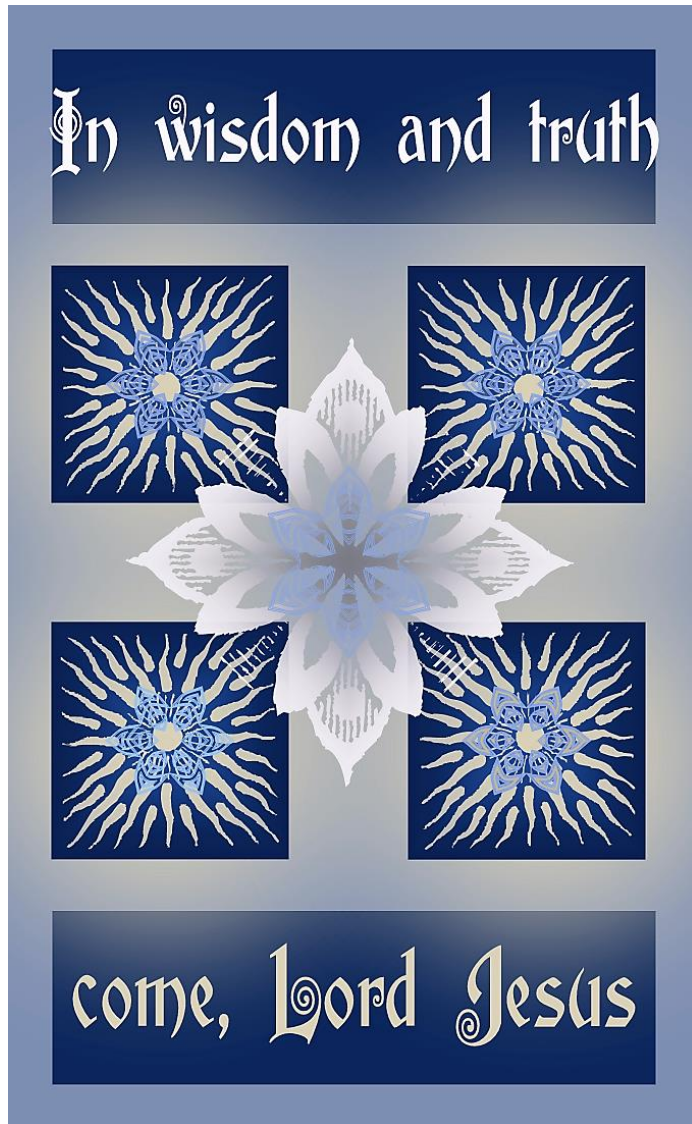


TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 18, 2016 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING



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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 the priest or minister of 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.

As we enter 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: *Veni Emmanuel*

Pietro A. Yon

INTROIT: *Gaudete Anonymous*

Gaudete, gaudete! Christus est natus
Ex Maria virgine: Gaudete!

Tempus adest gratiae, Hoc quod optabamus
Carmina laetitiae Devote redamus.

Deus homo factus est Natura mirante,
Mundus renovatus est A Christo regnante.

Ezecheelis porta clausa per transitur
Unde Lux est orta Salus invenitur.

Ergo nostra contio psallat iam in lustris,
Benedicat Domino salus Regi nostro

OPENING HYMN: #497 "How Bright Appears the Morning Star"

Wie Schön Leuchtet

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant 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.

TRISAGION: #S 102 (*Sung three times*)

Alexander Archangelsky

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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 be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

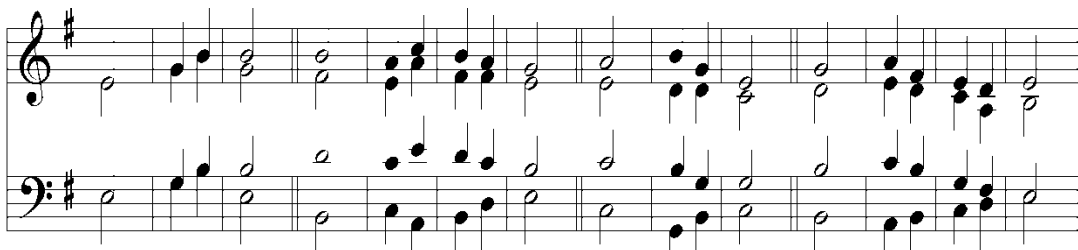
People Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

Please stand for the Psalm.

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

Bert Landman



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading / Joseph like a / flock; *
shine forth, you that are en/throned up/on the / cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, / Benjamin, and Ma/nasseh, *
stir up your / strength and / come to / help us.
- 3 Restore us, O / God of / hosts; *
show the light of your / countenance, and / we shall be / saved.
- 4 O LORD / God of / hosts, *
how long will you be angered de/spite the / prayers of your / people?
- 5 You have fed them with the / bread of / tears; *
you have given them / bowls of / tears to / drink.
- 6 You have made us the de/rision of our / neighbors, *
and our / enemies / laugh us to / scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O / God of / hosts; *
show the light of your / countenance, and / we shall be / saved.

- 16 Let your hand be upon the / man of your / right hand, *
the son of man you have / made so / strong for your/self.
- 17 And so will we never / turn a/way from you; *
give us life, that we may / call up/on your / Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD / God of / hosts; *
show the light of your / countenance, and / we shall be / saved

Please be seated.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

SEQUENCE ANTHEM: LO, HOW A ROSE, E'RE BLOOMING

ARR. MARK SCHWEIZER

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

Please stand for the Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of
the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with
her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Smith

Silence for reflection.

Please stand for the Creed.

THE NICENE CREED

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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.

Leader 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 Lord Jesus,
People 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 Lord Jesus,
People 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 especially Henry Randall, in whose loving memory the flowers in the church are offered and for Gladys Courtemanche, Bill Edwards, Jacques Kacou Nthohou, Tilly Giansanti, K.C. Koshy, and all those who will die this week that they may enter that place of eternal rest where sorrow and pain are no more. *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, Donald, our President-elect, Dannel our Governor, Luke our Mayor, 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

Deacon 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: #475 "God Himself is With Us"

Tysk

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:

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

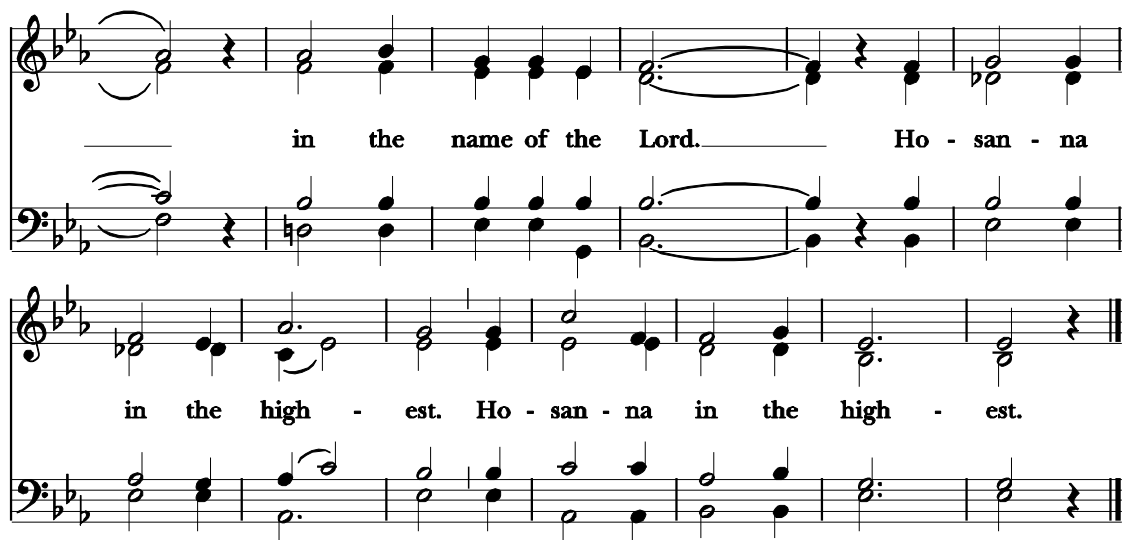
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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



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,
 with [_____ 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

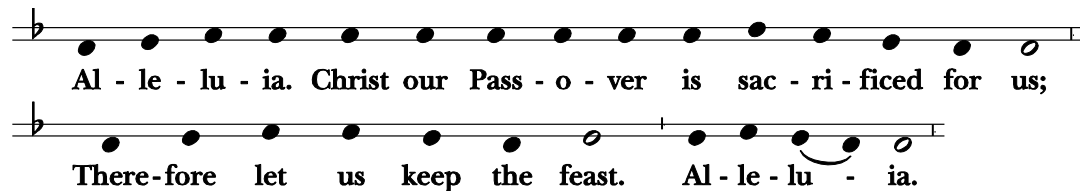
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Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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 The gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are.
People May we become what we receive.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: #56 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Veni, Veni, Emmanuel

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.



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to

1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is

1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
 2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
 4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
 5. com-ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

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 Brevis*

Daniel Gawthrop

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 Henry Randall.

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+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING +

Vergers:

10:00 a.m. Roy McAlpine

Acolytes:

10:00 a.m. Elizabeth Rousseau
Suliman Foster
Leroy Bohlen
Jordan Thomas
Malik Thomas

Altar Guild:

8:00 a.m. Marion Pereira
Cecelia Timothy
10:00 a.m. Carmen Belgrave
Claire Blissett

Flowers:

Jane Harris

Ministers of Communion:

8:00 a.m. Marion Pereira
10:00 a.m. Althea Francis
Kate Rousseau
Franklin Ude
Advetus Bohlen

Eucharistic Visitor:

Althea Francis

Readers & Intercessors:

8:00 a.m. Cecelia Timothy
10:00 a.m. Kate Smith
Percy Williamson
George Chien

Lay Leader Hosts:

10:00 a.m. Percy Williamson
Ruth Rose

Healing Prayer Team:

10:00 a.m. Jon Reik

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10:00 a.m. Carla Griffith
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Destini Troiano
Kaylee Troiano

Duncaster:

Ray Wilson

Hospitality:

Jo-Ann Sadosky
Diane Bowens-Waller, fruit

Advent and Christmastide at Trinity



Wednesday, December 21

7:30 P.M. Service of Remembrance and Hope

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)

Friday, January 6

12:10 P.M. Epiphany Holy Eucharist Service *(in the Chapel)*

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



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