

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Holy Eucharist-Rite II Christmas Eve Year C December 24, 2025

6:30pm

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Please observe silence in the Sanctuary before the service begins.

**PRELUDE** 

"O Holy Night" by Adolphe Adam

sung by Juliette Harrison

Please stand as able.

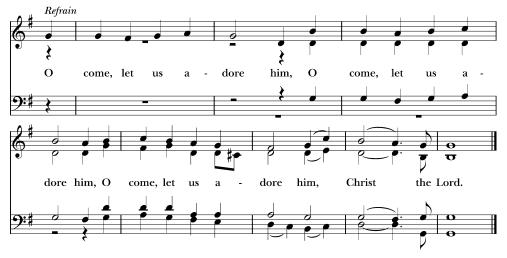
# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Adeste Fideles" The Hymnal 1982, Blue Hymn book, #83 (vs. 1 – 6)

# O come, all ye faithful

The Hymnal 1982, #83





6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The *English Hymnal*, 1906.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **ACCLAMATION**

The congregation remains standing

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

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

# **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Celebrant Let us ask God to prepare our hearts for worship

# Celebrant and People

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.* 

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the

Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 9:2-7

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness-

on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,

and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors

and all the garments rolled in blood

shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,

a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;

and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 96

Please read with me responsively by whole verse.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

#### THE NEW TESTAMENT: Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the letter to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

#### **GRADUAL**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" The Hymnal 1982, Blue Hymn book, #79 (vs. 1 – 3)

# O little town of Bethlehem

The Hymnal 1982, #79



Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893). Music: St. Louis, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908).

#### THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14(15-20)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

# People Glory to you, Lord Christ

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see~ I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### **SERMON**

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

Please stand as able.

#### THE NICENE CREED

The Book of Common Prayer p. 358

Celebrant and People

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.

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

# The Priest and People say together:

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.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Rise Up Shepherd, and Follow" *Traditional Spiritual*Sung by the Trinity Choir

#### DOXOLOGY

The Hymnal 1982, Blue Hymn book, #380 (vs. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand as able.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 372

**Eucharistic Prayer D** 

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.

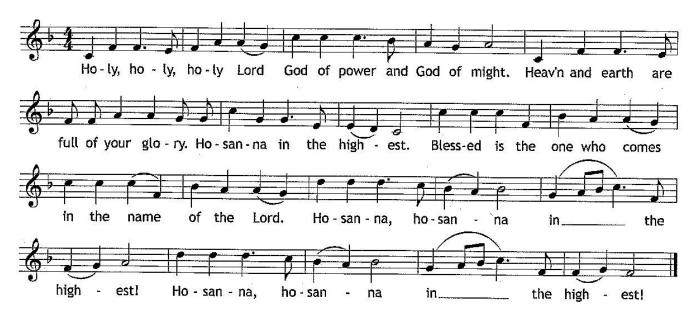
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915) Arranged: Julia Huttar Bailey; used by permission

#### Sanctus



We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, You loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus 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 Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

# Presider and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Presider continues.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Justin, our archbishop; Sean, our presiding bishop; Bonnie, our bishop, Chip, our priest, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek the truth.

Remember all who seek healing and comfort.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 364

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

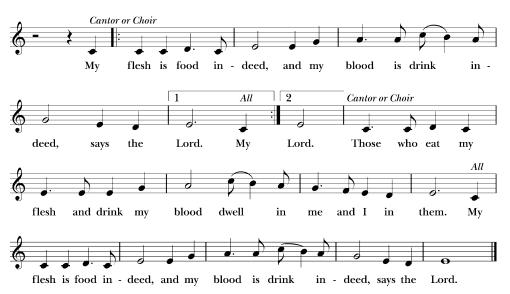
#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### **FRACTION**

The Hymnal 1982, Blue Hymn book, #S169

# The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: My flesh is food indeed

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #169



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# THE INVITATION

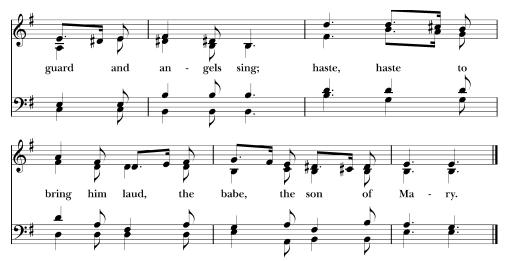
#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

"Greensleeves" The Hymnal 1982, Blue Hymn book, #115

# What child is this, who, laid to rest

The Hymnal 1982, #**115** 





Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871.

What child is this, who, laid to rest, #115 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871.

# "Away in a Manger" The Hymnal 1982, Blue Hymn book, #101

#### The Hymnal 1982, #101

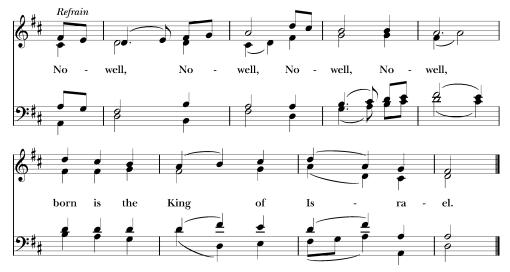


Words: Traditional carol. Music: Cradle Song, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, #101 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Traditional carol. Music: Cradle Song, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

#### The Hymnal 1982, #109





6 Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

The first Nowell the angel did say, #109 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: English Carol, 18th cent. Music: The First Nowell, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); alt. refrain harm. and desc. Healey Willan (1880-1968). Alternative setting with descant, Copyright © 1926, by Oxford University Press, Inc.

Please stand as able.

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
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

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Silent Night" The Hymnal 1982, Blue Hymn book, #111 (vs. 1-3)

# **DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "The Snow Lay On the Ground" Tune: Venite Adoremus adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas

The candles are extinguished.

The service ends.

# CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS - 2025

#### Altar Flowers Have Been Contributed by:

#### **Amber Chadwick**

In memory Linda Goerge and Larry Chadwick

#### The Dapsi-Morse Family

In memory of

Joe & Marlene Dapsi

Kirby & Jeane Wilson

Joseph and Catherine Dapsi

Al and Kathy Lipinski

Kirby Lowell Wilson

Dean & Vicky Wilson

Frank & Betty Harkai

Tom Wilson

Vicky McPhail

Joseph and Barbara Morse

#### In thanksgiving for

Mollee Morse

Haylee & Connor Sampson

Hunter Morse & Alexis Gonzalez

Kenedee Morse & Lexio Cerroni

#### Kathy Graham

In memory of Elizabeth LaChance

In thanksgiving for Rob, Debbie, Jamie, Jack & Chrissy

#### Deb Green

In thanksgiving for All My Blessings

#### Cheryl Richison

#### Tommy & Barb Smith

In thanksgiving for Family

#### Virginia Truran

In memory of Don Truran, Jonathan Truran, & Lindsey Lada

#### Harry & Cheri Van Gelder

In memory of Don & Carrie Van Gelder, and Al & Marge Hayward

In thanksgiving for our grandchildren

#### Ron, Carole, & Chris Wepler

In memory of
Percy Aldo Wepler
LuVern James Wooge, Sr.
Dorothy Eleanor Wooge
LuVern James Wooge, Jr.
Caroline Barrie
Edward Tanner
Dorothy Tanner
Willian Wooge
Grace Wooge

# HAPPENING TODAY

Trinity choir 12/24.

Christmas Eve service of Holy Eucharist will be at 6:30pm. Luminaries to light the path.

# HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Christmas Day service at 10am. Rev. Teresa will be providing musical accompaniment.

# **UPCOMING**

Sunday, December 28 - Holy Eucharist and Baptism of Jude Patrick Southward. Cake provided at coffee hour.

December 31 - New Year's Eve service with Eucharist, 5:45pm.

Warm-up those voices!! All are welcome to join the Trinity choir resuming in September. We rehearse at 9:15 am and sing the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. No experience is necessary. Please share your time and talent with our Trinity community in this uplifting ministry! Choir dates into 2026:

1/4, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15, 3/1, 3/15, 3/29 (Palm Sunday), 4/5 (Easter Sunday), 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, 6/7

Monday, January 5 - Annual Reports due to church office.

# ONLINE GIVING

Fulfill your pledge or support the many other ministries of Trinity using your card or checking account. It's fast and easy. Set up recurring payments for the year all at once. There is a guide sheet. You'll find them on a table in the narthex, or clink on the "Ways to Donate" tab on the website to get started. Contact the office with questions, either by office@trinitybell.org or 734-699-3361.

<u>PRAYERS AND CELEBRATIONS</u> (Please email your prayer requests to <u>office@trinitybell.org</u>. We will remove people from the prayer list monthly, unless otherwise notified by email at office@trinitybell.org).

#### For those in need of healing:

Ron Wepler Gabby Burton Cheryl Miller Claire Isabel Kandler Iim Poethke Annette Herrera Steve Copeland Michael & Betty Iulie Gilliam Bill Demarr Ike Rednour Dave Tremper Kathy Graham's brother Bob Bob Laughlin Lou Downey Tricia Fairman Riley Abigale Matthew Gladen Tony and Family Paul Downey Cynthia Connor Sampson Jody Gladen Tyler Mahnke Haylee Morse Sharon McCluskey Pattie Matt Menke Mark Kuschel Valarie Altizer Deb Harris Cat & Roy Clark Mary Hill

Ron Roger

#### Those Who Have Passed Away:

Liam Clark

#### Other:

Flood victims

Gaza/the Middle East, Russia/Ukraine, and all areas worldwide where armed conflict exists

#### For those in the military:

Ethan Fulton, Alex Miret, Jr., Joshua Muse

#### For our worshipping communities:

Lincoln Park - St. Michael & All Angels La Romana, DR - Church of the Incarnation

#### For those celebrating birthdays/anniversaries this week:

Birthdays

12/21 Lucille Wilson12/26 Fiona Gray

#### TRINTY VESTRY Please keep the Vestry in your prayers

Sue Carpenter, Sr. Warden Ron Wepler, Jr. Warden

Gabby Burton Hannah Diaz

Bonnie Martin

Sharon Peters

Vance Power Brenda Thom

Appointed: Cyndi Hernandez-Treasurer, Pat Gearns - Secretary

# REV. CHIP DISCHINGER'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Rev. Chip's office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday 9:30am-3:30pm, office phone: 734-699-3361, cell phone: 248-329-2089.

# MINISTERS FOR THE SERVICE

Celebrant: Rev. Chip Dischinger Welcomers: Darryl & Maria Conliffe

Musician: Jenifer Dapsi-Morse Streaming: Amber Chadwick, Nancy Copeland,

Robin, violin Ed Hernandez, Deb Williams, Daryl Royal

Crucifer/EM: Eddy & Erica Fulton Altar Guild: Kathy Graham, Moulda Waldron, On call: Amber

Chadwick

**Lector:** Brenda Thom

Flower Guild: Patrice Anderson, Gabby Burton, Brenda Thom