

Trinity Episcopal Church

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Eucharist Rite II
December 24, 2022 – 4:00 pm



The Very Rev. Canon Bill Dunn, Officiating

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church!

We are blessed that you have come to worship with us today.

Our service, based on the practice of the early church, is drawn from the Book of Common Prayer, the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible, and other sources approved for our use by the Episcopal Church USA. Please enjoy the drama of our worship, watch to see what others do, and follow this service bulletin. Sing the hymns, pray the prayers, and join us in celebrating God's love for us all.

Episcopalians consider all baptized persons to be members of Christ's Church. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are invited to come to the Lord's Table and receive the Lord Jesus Christ in the consecrated Bread (or Host) and Wine.

To receive communion, accept the Host in the palm of your hand, consume it, and guide the chalice to your lips. For intinction (dipping the Host into the Wine), leave the Host in your palm for the minister.

If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come to the altar for God's blessing through a priest. For a blessing, cross your arms on your chest. If you cannot come to the altar rail, the ministers will gladly bring communion to you in your pew. Just let an usher know.

If you enjoy your time with us, consider coming back and asking about our ministries in the areas of worship and music, prayer, community outreach, women's and men's spirituality, communications, and Christian education. You may also be interested in Trinity Episcopal Preschool, which serves 30+ children of preschool age.

May God richly bless you, this day and forever!

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath (standing) Christmas

Celebrant: "Today we light all the candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning, The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, the third candle is JOY, and the fourth candle us LOVE. The center candle is the Christ candle." *The candles are lit.*

Scripture: "Isaiah 9:6 – For to us a child is born, to us a son us given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Prayer: "O God of hope, peace, joy, and love. As Mary and Joseph welcomed you into the world, now help us welcome you into our lives. Give us courage to hope; strength to seek peace. Fill our spirits with joy; and our hearts with love. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all." **Amen.**

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Liturgy of the Word

Hymn <i>"Joy to the world"</i>	Hymnal 100
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Gloria	BCP 356
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Procession of Baby Jesus	
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Prayers of the People – Form III	BCP 387
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Announcements	
Hymn <i>"Go tell it on the mountain"</i>	Hymnal 99

Holy Communion

After receiving the offering the celebrant says the following

All things come of thee, O Lord

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)	BCP 361
Sanctus	BCP 362
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364
Administration of Holy Communion	
Hymn <i>"Away in a Manger"</i>	Hymnal 101
Post Communion Prayer	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn <i>"Hark! The herald angels sing"</i>	Hymnal 87
The Dismissal	BCP 366

Lessons for December 25, 2022

Collect of the Day

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

The Response

Psalm 96

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 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."
- 11 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.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

The Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

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