The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two Feast of the Incarnation December 24, 2024 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.

Prelude Still, Still, Still Pastorale (from Sonata No. 1) (8:00) Christmas Fantasia

arr. Mark Hayes Alexandre Guilmant Jason W. Krug

Trinity Ringers

A Moment of Silence

The Word of God

Processional Hymn (please stand, as able)
O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1-3, 6)

Hymn 83

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come, and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; only-begotten Son of God the Father; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Section: Christmas 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 Meter: Irr.

The Opening Sentences

BCP, p. 355

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

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.*

Angels We Have Heard on High (vs. 1 and 3)

Hymn 96

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing, Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Section: Christmas Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813–1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887–1958) Copyright: Words: By permission of Fleming H. Revell Company. Meter: 77. 77 with Refrain

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons (The people sit)

A Reading from the book of 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.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

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. *Refrain*
- 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. *Refrain*
- 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! *Refrain*
- 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. *Refrain*
- 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. *Refrain*
- 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. *Refrain*

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus (2:11-14)

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.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn (please stand, as able)

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night

Hymn 94

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind; "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.

"To you, in David's town, this day is born of David's line the Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:

"The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed, all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace; good will henceforth from heaven to men begin and never cease."

Section: Christmas Words: Nahum Tate (1625–1715) Music: Winchester Old, melody from The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1592; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1922; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891–1971) Copyright: Music: Descant by permission of Novello and Company Limited. Meter: CM

The Gospel Luke 2:1-20

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

Parents of Small Children: Please know that infants and small children are welcome to worship with you. For your convenience, the parlor is available with sound if needed. The ushers will be happy to show you where the parlor is located.

The Sermon
The Sermon

(8:00 p.m.) The Rev. Joanna Unangst (11:00 p.m.) The Rev. Frank Samuelson

BCP, p. 358

The Nicene Creed
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

As we join the angels, archangels, prophets and martyrs to celebrate with joy the birth of the Son of God, let us offer prayers and thanksgivings to God who gives new birth to sons and daughters in every place. By the birth of the timeless Son of God to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

We pray for the appointment of the next Archbishop of Canterbury, for our Presiding Bishop Sean, for our Bishops Andrew, Brian, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, and for all bishops, priests and deacons.

We also pray for all holy people of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all believers who put their trust in the Incarnate Son of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the conversion of the whole human race to our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering our most glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow in Jesus Christ who unites our lives to yours and who is Lord for all eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace (please stand, as able)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

By your Baptism you are welcome to receive communion with us. Gluten free wafers and wine are available at the Altar Rail on the Gospel side (left side as you face the Altar). These wafers and the wine are separate from the wafers made of wheat. Please let the priest know you wish gluten free by putting your palms face down. If you have mobility concerns and need to stay in your seat but would like to receive communion, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

The First Noel Dan Forrest

Doxology

Prayers at Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven.

People Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation.

People Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your people for the work of your Church.

People Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D	BCP, p. 372
Sanctus	S125
The Lord's Prayer	BCP, p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	
Agnus Dei	S161
Fraction Anthem	S167
Communion Meditation O Holy Night	Adolphe Adam
Alan Huffman, Tenor	
Communion Hymns	
O Little Town Of Bethlehem	Hymn 79
What Child Is This?	Hymn 115
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear	Hymn 89

Post Communion Prayer

Lighting of the Candles

The acolytes will come up the aisle and light candles. Please light your neighbor's candles.

Night of Silence Daniel Kantor

BCP, p. 365

Silent Night Hymn 111

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round you virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Section: Christmas Words: Joseph Mohr (1792–1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820–1885) Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787–1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824–1910) Meter: Irr.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn Joy to the World

Hymn 100

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

Section: Christmas Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685–1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792–1872) Meter: CM with Repeat

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

Postlude Toccata on "Mendelssohn".

Page C. Long



Associate Rector - The Rev. Frank Samuelson
Associate Rector - The Rev. Joanna Unangst
Deacon - The Rev. Russ Oechsel
Director of Music - Micki Balog
Music Associate and Principal Organist - Jack Balog
Coordinating Verger — Richard Bosley

Rector - The Rev. Dr. Gerald Sevick (Retired) Deacon - The Rev. John Vancamp (Retired)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so happy that you chose to worship with us today. Trinity is a wonderful place to be! Please fill out the Guests Card you see in the pews. It's so simple! You can scan the QR code and it will contact Jennifer Davenport for membership information or any questions. We are glad you are here!

(1) elcome to Trini

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes for grades 7-12 start in January! We will meet on 1/12, 1/26, 2/2, 2/23, 3/2, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13 during Community from 6-8pm. Confirmation will be on Easter Sunday, April 20 at 10am. Please contact Jennifer at jdavenport@trinitywoodlands.org for registration.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

Epiphany marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas. We will celebrate Epiphany on Sunday, January 5th from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Come by and join in our camel and donkey rides and visit with the Wise Men!

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Please join us on January 19th after the 10 a.m. in the Nave for our annual Parish Meeting.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sunday, January 12, Baptism is available during all three services. The Baptism Class is Saturday, January 11, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Horner Room. Please contact Melanie Sheffield in the church office if you have any questions or you would like to sign up for Baptism. Childcare for the class is available by reservation. If you need childcare, let Melanie know as soon as possible.

FAITH EXPLORERS

Faith Explorers will begin a study of The Four Vision Quests of Jesus by Steven Charleston beginning 1/8/25 and concluding on 3/5. We meet in the Youth Community Building every Wednesday at 12:30 for community and begin the discussion at 1:00. Bring a bag lunch for our Community Time. Contact Bev Redd at 610-304-6630 or bevvredd@gmail.com for more information.

NAMI FAMILY AND FRIENDS SEMINAR

Join NAMI Greater Houston and Trinity Episcopal Church for the NAMI Family and Friends seminar. NAMI Family and Friends informs individuals who have loved ones with a mental health condition how to best support them. It's also an opportunity to meet other individuals and families in similar situations and gain community support. The seminar is led by facilitators with lived experience of supporting a family member with a mental health condition. They will walk you through the following topics: Understanding diagnoses, treatment, and recovery, effective communication strategies, the importance of self-care, crisis preparation strategies, NAMI and community resources. Join us by registering at register@namigreaterhouston.org. The seminar is set for Saturday, January 11, 2025, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Children's Ministry Building.

CHILDREN'S NURSERY & CHAPEL

During the 10AM service children ages 3-8 are invited to Children's Chapel for their own Liturgy of the Word. We sing songs, say kid versions of the prayers their adults are saying in Big Church, read the same scripture from Big Church from a children's Bible, have a mini children's sermon, and sing some more Bible songs. They return to their adults in the Big Church at the Peace. Mrs. Jen, Mrs. Holly, Mtr. Joanna, and Fr. Frank takes turns leading Children's Chapel and would love to see your kiddos!

YOUTH COMMUNITY

Calling all 7th-12th graders! Youth Community every Sunday from 6-8 p.m.! We will meet in Butler Hall for dinner and games, and then move to the Youth Community Building (YCB) for small group Bible study. Bring a friend! Follow us on Instagram @trinity.youth.community, and join our band on the Band App!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing: Violet, Virlen W., Lindsey S., Curt H., Sarah K., Matt H., Andy H., Anthony N., Scott C., Bonnie, Marta A., Amanda A., Curt G., Barry B., Sheila W., Gus D., Shirley, Kate, Cortney, Theresa, Steve, Trudy and Katie

Thanksgiving: Deacon Russ Oechsel

Guidance: Chris, Scott and Ryan

Death: Nancy Farrell



Trinity Episcopal Church

The greens and poinsettias have been given to the glory of God by the following people:

- ❖ John Albright & Susan Lorimer in thanksgiving for the many ministries of Trinity Church
- Mary Alice & Ken Baker in memory of our mothers; Norah Baker, Jessie Napier, Dorothy Hayward
- ❖ Mary Alice & Ken Baker in memory of our fathers; Wesley Snow, William Napier, Rev. David Baker
- * The Bardenhagen Family in memory of Patricia Bosley
- The Bardenhagen Family in memory of Hank Bardenhagen
- ❖ Pat &Betsy Batey in memory of Bill & Virginia Batey, Sy & Betty Bichler
- Andy & Geneen Boyd in memory of Bobbie Sue Boyd
- ❖ Andy & Geneen Boyd in memory of Steve Valerio
- Andy & Geneen Boyd in thanksgiving for Annabelle Boyd
- Andy & Geneen Boyd in thanksgiving for family and friends
- ❖ Franka Correia in memory of Manning Correia & Joel Correia
- Susan Jo Costonzo in memory of Nancy Kay Holmes
- ❖ Susan Jo Costonzo in memory of James Mark Costonzo
- Susan Jo Costonzo in thanksgiving for my sisters Janet and Judy
- Susan Jo Costonzo in memory of Dona Chapman Holmes
- ❖ Bill & Debbie Cox in thanksgiving for God's many blessings
- Stoney & Donna Cox in memory of Betty Conley and in thanksgiving for Brea & Kelley
- ❖ Jennifer & John Davenport in thanksgiving for Ellie, Reagan, and Garrett

- Scott and Kelly Frnka in memory of our fathers; Bill Cunningham and Jerome Frnka, and in thanksgiving for our children and the birth of Grant William McKenzie, our grandchild.
- Allison & Mike Gilbert in memory of Grip Gripon
- Allison & Mike Gilbert in thanksgiving for our children; Grip, Kaitlin, and Emma Gilbert and for our parents, family, and friends
- * The Hagle Family in memory of Oliver & Georgia Littlejohn, TJ Luhnow
- Vickie Frnka in memory of Jerome and in thanksgiving for children and grandchildren
- ❖ Dan Hauser and Marlene Beauhall in memory of Carol Hauser, Jim Beauhall, Cosette Hauser and in thanksgiving for Becky Steiner, Carol Fredrickson
- Clay & Tricia Hinson in memory of Leona & Jake Hinson
- Clay & Tricia Hinson in memory of Helen & Cliff Parker
- * Pam Holman in loving memory of Orville Holman, Raul Garcia
- ❖ Will and Gay Holt in memory of parents Ed and Ruth Holt
- ❖ Will and Gay Holt in memory of parents Wally and Joy Curry
- Will and Gay Holt in thanksgiving for Grandchildren Isla, Owen, and Emmi, and Mac and Emma
- ❖ Chuck and Mary Ann Howard in thanksgiving for James, Anny, Ethan
- ❖ Alan & Beverly Huffman in thanksgiving for Andrea Huffman
- ❖ Barbara & Bill Johnson in memory of Dorothy & James Haldane, Thelma & Jack Johnson and in thanksgiving for our church family.
- ❖ Barbara & Bill Johnson in memory of Patricia Haldane Bosley
- David Jonash in memory of Carolyn Jonash
- ❖ David Jonash in memory of Edmund & Marie Jonash
- Paula King in memory of Vern King
- ❖ Sam and Brittany Kneisley in memory of our loving Grandparents and in thanksgiving for Molly, Harrison and Colette
- Cheryl & Mark Littlejohn in memory of T.J Luhnow and in thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren
- Pottsie in thanksgiving for Jackson, Archie and Mary
- ❖ Pottsie in thanksgiving for Ellie and Zac
- ❖ Peggy & Stan McGinley in memory of parents; Woods & McGinleys & Daniel Lawrence and in thanksgiving for the Trinity Episcopal Church in The Woodlands

- ❖ Meghan Miller Freeman in memory of Ruby Miller, MaryAnn Miller, Cheryl Estes, John Brendan Miller, Addison Seamus Miller
- ❖ Miguel & D'Arcy Montalvo in memory of Juan Montalvo and Harvy & Helen Elder
- ❖ Martha Morrison in memory of Walter, Morgan & Matthew
- Linda Lewis in memory of Rollin & Clara Jones, Rev. Canon Roger R. Jones, Alan Jones and in thanksgiving for great grandson Matthew
- ❖ Bob & Margie Mullenix in memory of David Henry
- ❖ John & Leszlie Nedelka in memory of John & Virginia Nedelka, Herb & Annelle Smith
- Paul & Kathy Painter in memory of Nathan and in thanksgiving for Kaitlyn, Carson, Callie & Flora
- ❖ Jerry & Polly Perciful in thanksgiving for our family
- ❖ D.K. Poplawski in memory of Gary, Mike, Jim & Eric Laura and in thanksgiving for MaryAnn
- ❖ Bev & Randy Redd in thanksgiving for Emma & Luke Andrews
- ❖ Pat & Bob Rivenes in memory of Cindy & John Jobe
- Connie Rogers in memory of Alan & Edward Rogers and in thanksgiving for our grandchildren & great grand children
- **❖** Mimi Romig in memory of John Romig
- ❖ Leslie M. Rosenblatt in memory of our brothers Donald, Ralph and sister Harriet
- ❖ Tony Santavicca in memory of my sisters Marie Berryhill & Anne Power
- * Rev. Gerry & Kay Sevick in memory of Kenneth & Ruthie Boyd-Robertson (Kay's parents) and in thanksgiving for the blessings received from Trinity
- Frank & Joan Slater in thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren
- * Chris Stedman in memory of Edward Stedman Jr.
- Laurel & John Stevens in memory of Tim Stone and in thanksgiving for Meredith Stone
- * Roger & Kay Sykes in thanksgiving for our grandchildren
- Jack and San West in memory of Mary Ann & Virginia and in thanksgiving for our family.
- ❖ Jane Whitcomb in memory of Jimmie Humphreys Whitcomb
- Melissa & Bob Wolfe in memory of our parents and in thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren