



TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
December 10, 2023 • 10:30am

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All are welcome.

You are invited to stay following worship for coffee and snacks, and to connect with other parishioners, staff and clergy in the Church Undercroft.

If you are a guest today, welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. Please help us to connect by signing our online guestbook (scan the QR code) or visit with one of our greeters and clergy.



For more information, visit us online or call the church office at (504) 522-0276.



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Children in Church

Changing tables are located in the accessible stalls of both bathrooms in the Undercroft and Bishops Hall foyer.

Nursery and Big Kid Care is available from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Our High School Ministry Team is here to welcome our littlest church members age 3 and under with joy and excitement! Big Kid Care is available for older children who would rather hang out in the library and read, do homework, color or hang out while parents participate in any of our 9:15 formation and/or worship offerings. RSVP for Big Kid Care is required. Email abond@trinitynola.com.

The Pray Ground is located at the front, left of the church and serves as a place where children can experience worship while being physically comfortable during the 10:30 am service. Spirit Bags, soft materials, and books are available in this space. We are all here to help each other out so please don't stress.

To Parents: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.

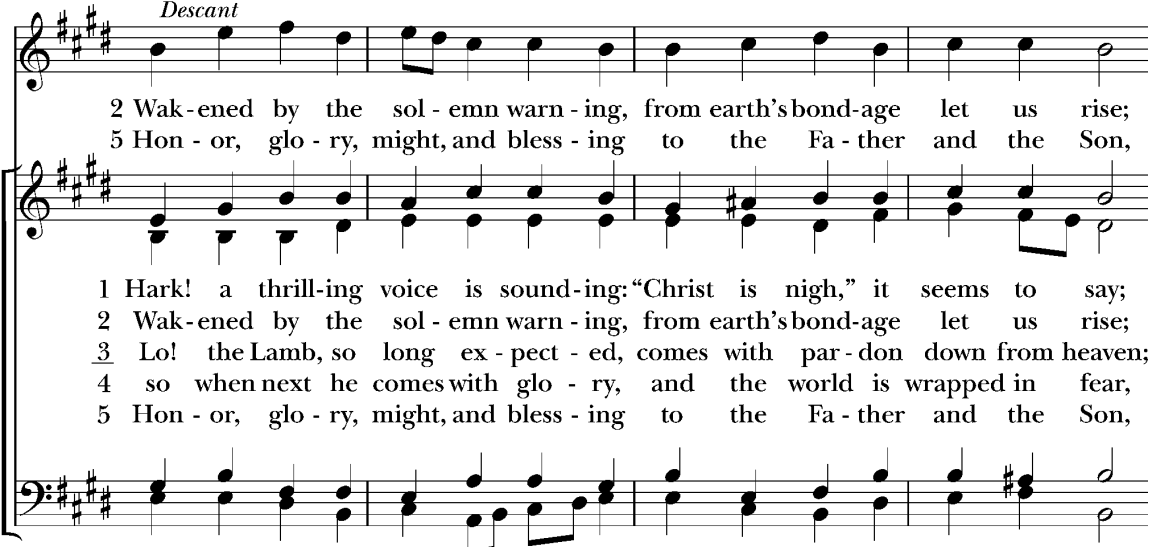
To the Members of our Parish: The presence of children is a gift to the Church! They are members of our community and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to the parents.

Prelude, *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come)*, BWV 659

J.S. BACH

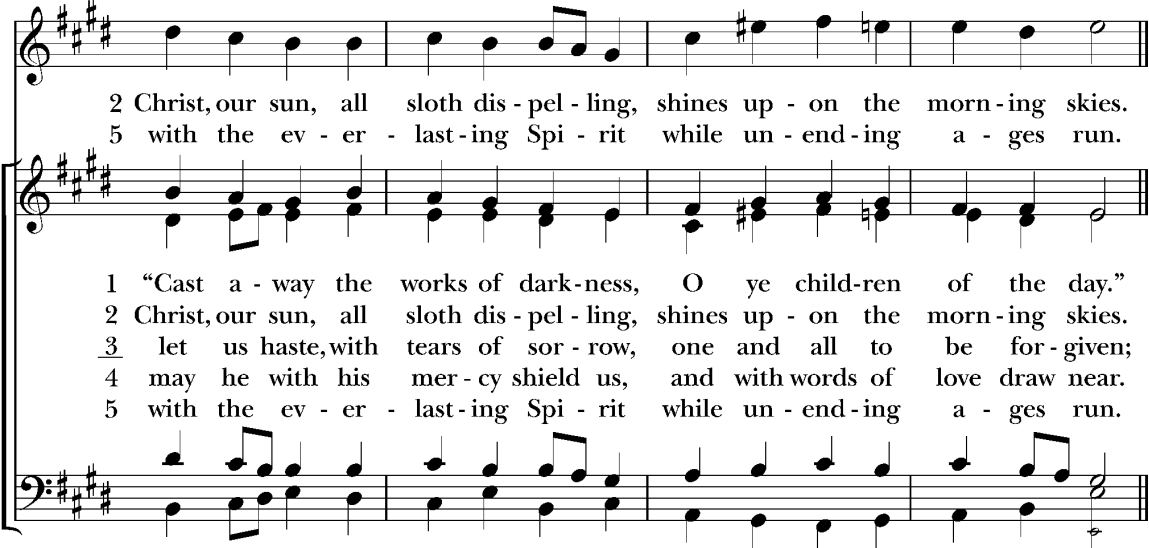
Opening Hymn, *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding (Merton)*

Descant



2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

∞ The Lighting of the Advent Candles

Celebrant People of Zion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations.

People **And the Lord shall make the glory
of his voice to be heard in the joy of your heart.**

Celebrant Give ear, O ruler of Israel.

People **You who lead Joseph like a sheep. (Isaiah 62)**

Trisagion, Holy God (Plainsong/Ford)

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is a simple, rhythmic plainsong style. The lyrics are: Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. The score repeats the first two phrases three times.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

∞ The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *People* **Amen.**

The Word of God

∞ The First Reading

ISAIAH 40:1-11

The People sit.

Comfort, O comfort my people,” says your God. “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.” A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**



All **You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.**

Choir I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

All **Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

Choir The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; 15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn, *Comfort, comfort ye my people (Psalm 42)*



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



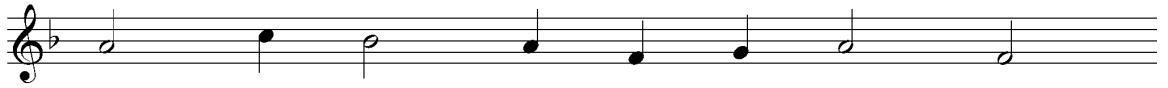
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

∞ The Holy Gospel
All stand.

MARK 1:1-8

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

∞ The Sermon

THE REV. ANDREW R. THAYER

∞ The Nicene Creed

All stand and say together

**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

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Shannon our Bishop; and for all
bishops and other ministers;
People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation . . . Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life . . . We will exalt you,
O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal
kingdom . . . Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.

∞ The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.
People **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.**

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another.

∞ Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem, *Salvation is Created*

PAUL TSCHESNOKOFF

Salvation is created for the people of all nations.
O God almighty! We praise thee, O God, mighty Father!
Alleluia.

∞ The Doxology

Please stand as you are able.

With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to thee to

serve thy cause and share thy love with all hu - man - i - ty. O_

thou who gav - est us_ thy - self in Je - sus Christ thy Son, help

us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

∞ The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord is 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant proceeds with the Proper Preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus, Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)

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

God of power and might, heaven and earth are

full, full of your glory. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef staff, with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, with some rests. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

The People stand as able.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 he 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line. It consists of a single treble clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef staff, with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, with some rests. The melody is simple and clear, suitable for a celebrant and people.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

∞ The Lord's Prayer

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Choir

O Em - man - u - el,

All

be known to us in the break-ing of the Bread.

Choir

O Em - man - u - el.

All

This is the true Bread, which comes down from heav - en.

Choir O Em - man - u - el.

All Who - ev - er eats this Bread will live for - ev - er.

Al - le - lu - ia!

∞ The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and was raised for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

∞ The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Anthem, *Zion, at Thy Shining Gates*

BOHEMIAN CAROL,
ARR. GEORGE GUEST

Zion, at thy shining gates, Lo, the King of Glory waits,
Haste thy monarch's pomp to greet, Strew thy palms before his feet.

Christ, for thee their triple light, Faith and hope and love unite;
This the beacon we display To proclaim thine advent day.

Come and give us peace within, Loose us from the bands of sin,
Take away the galling weight Laid on us by Satan's hate.

Give us grace thy yoke to wear, Give us strength thy cross to bear,
Make us thine in deed and word, Thine in heart and life, O Lord.

So, when thou shalt come again, Judge of angels and of men.
We with all thy saints shall sing Alleluias to our King.

Communion Hymn, *Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face (Nyack)*



1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
2 Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;
3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need
4 Mine is the sin, but thine the right - eous - ness;



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;
an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing Blood.



here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
it is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;
Here is my robe, my re - fuge, and my peace;



and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.
thy Blood, thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

∞ Sending Out Lay Eucharistic Visitors

All stand. Those who will visit the sick, home bound, and hospital bound are called forward.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one Body, for we all share one Bread, one Cup.**

∞ The Post Communion Prayer

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.**

∞ The Blessing

Recessional Hymn, *The King shall come when morning dawns (St. Stephen)*

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

∞ The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
 Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude, *Es ist das Heil uns kommen her* (Salvation Is Come to Us), BuxWV 186

DIETERICH BUXTEHUDE

Today's Worship Leaders

PREACHER: The Reverend Andrew R. Thayer
 CELEBRANT: The Reverend Annie Knazs Jung
 DEACON: The Reverend Carol Borne Spencer
 ORGANIST: Paul Weber

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Featured Events

Polishing Party (December 16) - We need extra hands to help make our silver and brass shine before our Christmas services. Gather Saturday, December 16, 9:30am-11:00am in the church sacristy. Contact Beverly Lamb at beverlylamb1127@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP.

Audra Ryes Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons (December 20) - Support Audra at her ordination to the diaconate on Wednesday, December 20 at 6:00pm, at Christ Church Cathedral. Audra will be ordained along with Austin Wendt from our Diocese.

Christmas Memorial Flowers and Music

Christmas Memorial Flowers and Music - Help adorn our worship space for Christmas and honor or remember a loved one by giving to the Christmas Memorial Flowers and Music fund. All gifts, great and small, are appreciated. You can give online at <https://trinitynola.com/christmas-memorials/> or via mail. Please send the names and your donation to the church office, attention: Ashley Eastham, (or by email to aeastham@trinitynola.com) and indicate whether your dedication is intended for Christmas Flowers or Christmas Music. The dedications will be printed in the bulletins for Christmas Eve services. The deadline for submissions is December 15.

Worship and Music

The Tuesday Morning Eucharist is held weekly at 7:30am in the Chapel.

YogaMass (January 6) - On Saturday, January 6 from 10:30am - 12:00pm, join us for yoga and eucharist. Register at bit.ly.com/TrinityYogaMassRegistration.

Advent at Trinity

Trinity's Digital Advent Calendar (December 3 - December 25) - Advent helps us get ready to enter the Mystery of Christmas. Sometimes, people walk right through a mystery and don't even know it's there. We need a way to get ready. On the first day of Advent, Sunday, December 3, we will launch a digital advent calendar filled with messages, resources, and activities to help you and your family get ready to enter and come close to a mystery like Christmas.

Advent Home Eucharists (December 13) - On three Wednesdays in the season of Advent, Trinity will offer in-home Eucharists hosted by Trinity parishioners. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather and worship with a small group of church family - a chance to connect with familiar faces and meet someone new. Attendees are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvres to share. Please register on the website or by contacting Rev. John Pitzer at jpitzer@trinitynola.com. The final host is Fritz and Gwathmey Gomila, at 1847 State Street, New Orleans, LA 70118.

Beginnings, A Study for Advent (December 10, 17, and January 7) - Explore the beginning of Jesus' ministry as presented in the Gospels of Mathew, Mark and Luke, and John. Each presents different facets of Jesus' life and teaching, and each in its own way, shares clues for understanding the gospel in the birth narrative. As we prepare for Christmas, take this opportunity to understand in a robust way *who* we are waiting for and what it means in our time and context. This class meets during for three Sundays, at 9:15am in the Parish House and is led by the Rev. Andrew R. Thayer. Register at <https://bit.ly/beginadvent>.

Evening Prayer with Healing: A Light in the Darkness (December 12) - While the holidays can be a time of joy, it can also be a season of darkness and longing for people experiencing a loss, illness of a loved one, or simply the burden of too much going on in our lives. Join us for a healing service of music and light. Please join us at 6:00pm in the Chapel on the second Tuesday of the month.

Krewe de Voix Christmas Concert (December 16) - Krewe de Voix, directed by Paul Weber, will offer its annual Christmas concert in Trinity's renewed sanctuary on Saturday, December 16 at 3:00pm. The program will feature this all-professional, 12-voice ensemble, joined by a chamber orchestra in J. S. Bach's festive Advent Cantata "Wachet auf! Ruft uns die Stimme" (Awake! Calls the Voice to Us!). The concert will also include Krewe de Voix's favorite holiday carols and a cappella pieces. A \$15 suggested donation will be taken at the door. Kicking of its 8th season, don't miss Krewe de Voix's treasured holiday tradition at Trinity!

Children's Christmas Liturgy (December 17) - *See under Children, Youth & Families.*

Advent 4 Service (December 24) - The last Sunday in Advent happens to be Christmas Eve - which can be confusing. On Sunday, December 24, Trinity will host the 10:30am service only, observing the final Sunday in Advent, later that afternoon, Christmas arrives! See the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day schedule below.

Christmas Giving Opportunities

Christmas Giving Tree for Anna's Place Youth (Due December 14) - Anna's Place youth programs offer a comprehensive arts-based curriculum in a safe and nurturing environment to help alleviate the inequalities that disproportionately affect communities in poverty. Sponsor the Christmas wish list of one specific youth by selecting a name off of the Christmas Giving Tree in the Church Undercroft. The deadline for returning wrapped presents is Thursday, December 14.

Gifts for Seniors at Clover (Order by December 15) - This year we will continue the tradition of providing Christmas gifts for the Clover (formerly Kingsley House) Adult Day Care Program. Gift packages are curated and purchased directly from Trinity Treasures. Stop in Trinity Treasures or contact tgrant@trinitynola.com to order by December 15.

Christmas Ministry Cards - Need a thoughtful Christmas gift? Christmas Ministry Cards are \$20 each and benefit a Trinity ministry. Cards may be purchased outside of Trinity Treasures in the church undercroft, or at coffee hour on Sunday mornings, December 3, 10 and 17.

Christmas Essentials Envelopes (Deadline December 20) - Selected families from Clover (formerly Kingsley House) and Jesus Project Ministries will receive a Christmas Essentials Envelope (value of \$150) containing a \$100 gift card to WalMart and a \$50 gas card. To donate, contact jpitzer@trinitynola.com. The deadline to give is December 20.

Christmas Collection for Incarcerated Youth (Deadline December 20) - Children incarcerated in the New Orleans area often come from extreme poverty and very difficult circumstances. This Christmas season we are collecting the following donations: paperback books, softcover activity books, board games, travel size hygiene products, black socks, prepackaged candy and snacks. Items can be left in the collection boxes outside of Bishops Hall.

Christmas at Trinity

Children's Christmas Liturgy (December 17) - *See under Children, Youth & Families.*

Christmas Eve Services (December 24) - 4:00pm and 9:30pm in the Church

Christmas Day Worship (December 25) - 10:30am in the Church

Church Offices are Closed Friday, December 22 and Monday, December 25, as well as Monday, January 1. Offices close at 12:00pm on Friday, December 29.

Children, Youth and Families

Guild of the Christ Child (GOTCC) - Is your family growing? Please let us know! If you are expecting, adopting, fostering, and anything in between, please email Maria Elliott at melliott@trinitynola.com so that we can pray for you and your family. Upon the arrival of a new family member, our Guild of the Christ Child ministry team delivers a basket of love to your front porch.

Godly Play - Trinity Episcopal Church invites children PK3 to 5th grade to enter into a deeper and more playful relationship with God. The children meet during the "Sunday school hour" from 10:30am to 11:15am. Classes are organized by grade. After class, the children are led by their respective Godly Play mentors to join their families for communion. Sometimes we're a little late. *There is no Godly Play Sunday, December 24 or Sunday, December 31 during school break.*

Children's Christmas Liturgy (December 17) - Our Children's Christmas Liturgy will take place Sunday, December 17 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. The children will show us the way to Bethlehem. After this simple yet joyful service, we will gather in the circle drive to share in some holiday cheer under the twinkling lights of an old magnolia tree. While we sip hot cocoa, children will have a chance to spend time with Gumdrop, our beloved donkey who has carried Mary down our aisle for over 30 years. Contact Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com.

Adult Formation

Daily Meditations emails are offered each morning on Monday-Saturday so that you can begin your day with a reminder that you are Christ's Beloved! These meditations are written by clergy and parishioners using a bit of scripture from the Daily Office as a starting point, a brief reflection accompanied by art/music. If you wish to subscribe or if you'd like to try writing occasionally, please contact Maria Elliott at melliott@trinitynola.com. Visit the Daily Meditation Archive at trinitynola.com/daily-meditations.

Sundays

12 Steps Are for Everyone meets Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the Church Board Room. For more information contact Patty Justice at justicepatty8@gmail.com or (504) 430-6644.

Faith and Fiction meets Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the Trinity School Library classroom. This group reads selected short stories and looks for glimmers of the divine, illustrations of God's grace, and insights about how to live our lives in accordance with the teachings of Jesus. There is a Zoom option for those unable to attend in person. Contact Merry Touns (merryparis@yahoo.com) to get on the mailing list. *There is no Faith and Fiction Sunday, December 24 or Sunday, December 31.*

Weekdays

The Men's Prayer Breakfast meets Wednesday mornings from 6:30am - 8:00am for a home-cooked breakfast and Bible study with the rector, The Reverend Andrew R. Thayer. *There is no Men's Prayer Breakfast Wednesday, December 27 and Wednesday, January 3.*

Called to Serve

Trinity Treasures volunteers are needed Tuesdays through Fridays. Please contact Tina Grant at tgrant@trinitynola.com for more details.

Trinity Restorative Justice Committee - Inspired by Christ, the Trinity Restorative Justice Committee was formed to support Trinity's mission to "do justice" with a focus on the needs of at-risk youth and young adults in the city of New Orleans, supporting them and their families to avoid entry or re-entry into the Louisiana criminal legal system. To learn more about related volunteer opportunities visit www.trinitynola.com/restorative-justice/ or contact The Rev. Carol Spencer at cspencer@trinitynola.com.

Fighting Hunger Swiftly - Support TLF and enter to win 2 tickets to Taylor Swift's Eras Tour in New Orleans - October 27, 2024 - This raffle is an opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those less fortunate. For every \$50 ticket, you purchase, you'll be providing 22 hot and nourishing meals to those in need through Trinity Loaves & Fishes. The raffle drawing will happen July 12, 2024. A maximum of 1,000 tickets will be sold. Visit <https://givebutter.com/NOLASWIFT> to purchase tickets!

Trinity Episcopal School

The Morris Curtis Bethea Jr. Scholarship at Trinity School - The Patrick F. Taylor Foundation and Dr. Morrison C. Bethea have generously created the Morrison Curtis Bethea, Jr. Fund that provides financial-need based scholarship to qualifying students to attend Trinity Episcopal School. Priority for these scholarships is given to children of parishioners of Trinity Church, but others with financial need are also eligible. If you or someone you know has a child whom you believe would thrive in Trinity's program, applications are available on the Trinity School webpage at www.TrinityNola.org or by contacting Sheldon Schmidt, Director of Admissions, at sschmidt@trinitynola.com.

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The Reverend Andrew R. Thayer	Rector
The Reverend John M. Pitzer	Associate Rector for Administration and Outreach
The Reverend Annie Knazs Jung	Associate Rector
The Reverend E. Gary Taylor	Head of School
The Reverend Robert B. Hadzor	Trinity School Chaplain / Assisting Priest
The Reverend Carol Borne Spencer	Deacon
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Pledge forms are in the Narthex, outside the Chapel, in Bishops Hall, and always available online trinitynola.com/pledge/.

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Trinity 2024: Together We Build, is a joint Church and School \$13 million fundraising effort to create a more functional and attractive campus for the Trinity community. This is Trinity's first capital campaign in over a decade and is comprised of seven capital projects and an endowment for the maintenance and upkeep of these projects. For more information visit www.Trinity2024.org.

