

Trinity Episcopal Church



The Second
Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 4, 2022

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

The Service of the Word

¶ Worship in the form of quiet meditation begins with the prelude.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Hymn 59

MERTON

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People *You come to your people and set them free. Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 TRISAGION

Hymnal S 100

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*

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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

THE PSALM

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;
and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymn 65

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Payne

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

Intercessor As we prepare the way of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who will baptize us with the Holy Spirit and fire saying, *Come, O Holy One, and save us.*

For the Church: remembering especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin our bishop, that we may live boldly as disciples and be instruments of transformation for the world. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For this parish family, that we may bear witness to God's reign by living in harmony with one another and be filled with joy and peace in believing. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For the renewal of all creation, that God will heal the divisions amongst people and the wounds within nature, that God's plan for the earth may flower and all may benefit from the blessings of creation. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For the prophets in our day, and for those who call us to face the truth, live the truth, and speak the truth to one another, that they may be strengthened by the Spirit of God. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For an end to violence in our cities and families, that the Spirit of God will transform hearts, help people recognize the dignity of each person, and thwart those who seek to kill or injure others.

Come, O Holy One, and save us.

For those everywhere who suffer from the power of nature and the cold of winter, for the hungry and the homeless, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially Bonnie, Linda, and others we now name, that they may find hope and courage in the power of God's spirit. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For all those who have died, remembering especially those we now name, that they may find God's holy mountain a haven of peace and glory. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

In the communion of blessed Mary the God-bearer, Nicholas of Myra and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant O Root of Jesse, who comes as a sign of God's justice, hear our prayers and help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you, in the name of Jesus Christ the Savior. **Amen.**

CONFSSION OF SIN

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

*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 neighbours 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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

The Service of the Table

OFFERTORY

People, look East

Malcolm Archer

People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth, and set the table. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Guest is on the way. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there: Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Rose is on the way. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Star is on the way. Angels, announce to man and beast Him who cometh from the East. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People *We lift them to the Lord.*
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

SANCTUS

Hymnal S 130

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Andrew the Apostle, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 forever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S 164

COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table. You may receive communion, or you may come for a blessing.

ANTHEM

Hark, a thrilling voice

Eric H. Thiman

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding; "Christ is nigh," it seems to say; "Cast away the dreams of darkness, o ye children of the day!" Wakened by the solemn warning, let the earthbound soul arise; Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling, shines upon the morning skies. Lo! The Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from Heaven; let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven; that when next He comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear, with His mercy He may shield us, and with words of love draw near. Christ, to Thee be endless glory, from all men

on earth be praise, Who from heaven wilt come to save us, and redeem from sinful ways. Honour, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son, with the Everlasting Spirit, while eternal ages run. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All *God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Empower us by your Spirit
always to proclaim
your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

HYMN

Christ is the world's true Light

Hymn 542

ST. JOAN

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

Fughetta on 'People, look East'

Richard Shephard



Service participants

**December 4, 2022
The Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m.

Sheri Majczan	Altar Guild
Ken Grieshaber	Reader
Steve Filko	Usher

10:30 a.m.

Rob Baser	Altar Guild
Dick Ditterline	Reader
Joyce Meinke	Intercessor
Michelle Mills	Usher
Ross Mangina	Usher
Pat Sisson	Coffee Hour
Matt Golomb	Digital Media Producer

Choir

Bailey Fulginiti, Soprano
Stacy Gabel, Alto
Christina Shoemaker, Alto
Andrew Roberts, Tenor
Jonathan Boksam, Bass
Mark Shoemaker, Bass

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK
December 4, 2022

Our Partner-Parish:

St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland in Emmaus



In the Diocese of Bethlehem:

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols, our Bishop
Calvary, Tamaqua

In the Anglican Communion:

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

Please pray especially for:

- ❖ Linda Cortis, facing a challenging health issue.
- ❖ Bonnie Jones (aunt of Sara Klingner), hospitalized with Covid.

Please pray for others in need:

Randy Alderman, Christine Buckles, Tim Burgess, Cliff Carr, Joan Dawson, Laci Anne Erker-Hough, Connie Evans, Sue and Dick Ditterline, Roger Hartline, Brooks Holborn, Ernest Kully, Jody Miller, Patti Pasda, Charmaine Roman, Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril, Judy and Barry Smith, Carol and Jack Vickrey.

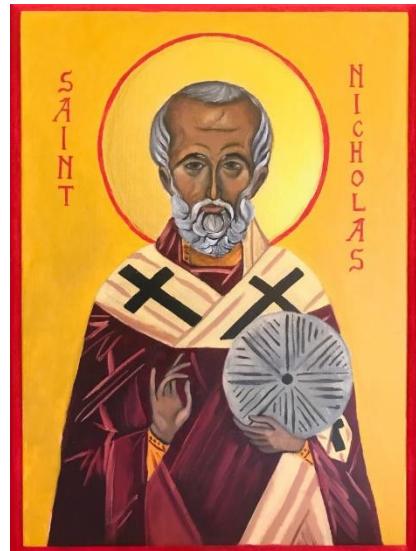
To have a name placed on the parish prayer list, please send an email to:
prayerlist@trinitybeth.org - by noon on Wednesday. Names will remain on the list for a month.

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra

born around 342 C.E.

December 6 is the Feast Day of St. Nicholas of Myra. Take a look at the windows around you and notice the icons and figurines of St. Nicholas. These represent part of the collection of Father Cliff Carr. Back in the late 1970s, Father Cliff was invited to a continuing education event with Episcopal military chaplains stationed in Europe. While there, he visited the *Christkindlmarkt* (Christmas Market) in Frankfurt, Germany, and became entranced by the history, practice, and spirit of St. Nicholas, and so began his lifelong collection of St. Nicholas figurines and icons. We are grateful that Father Cliff is sharing those with us today.

Nicholas is famed as the traditional patron of seafarers and sailors, and, more especially, of children. As a bearer of gifts to children, his name was brought to America by the Dutch colonists in New York, from whom he is popularly known as Santa Claus.



Very little is known about the life of Nicholas, except that he suffered torture and imprisonment during the persecution under the Emperor Diocletian. It is possible that he was one of the bishops attending the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea in 325. He was honored as a saint in Constantinople in the sixth century by the Emperor Justinian. His veneration became immensely popular in the West after the supposed removal of his body to Bari, Italy, in the late eleventh century. In England almost 400 churches were dedicated to him. (adapted from *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make sure to check the weekly congregational email for other announcements, and for *Tidings from Trinity*, our church newsletter containing additional information.

All undesignated offerings received on the third weekend of each month will be given to the Rector's Discretionary fund. You may also write a check to Trinity with "Rector's discretionary account" written on the subject line. Your generous support enables the Rector to assist members of our parish family at moments of crisis and at times of unexpected need.



About Trinity Episcopal Church

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