

Trinity Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

22 December 2024 at 10:30 AM

Welcome to Trinity Church! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today.

We invite you to observe a period of silent contemplation before the service begins. Please refrain from cell phone use before and during the service.

Page numbers marked **BCP** are from the Book of Common Prayer in your pew rack. The music for our service can be found in the red *Hymnal 1982*. Numbers marked with an **S** are found in the front section of the Hymnal. If you need any assistance, please feel free to ask a neighbor.

PRIVATE PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

COVER ART

by "Master M.S." (believed to be Marten Swarcz)
(Hungarian), 1506
Hungarian National Gallery, Budapest
See Luke 1.39-56

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

The Liturgy begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

PRELUDE

Please stand for the Processional Hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 66

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

TUNE: *Stuttgart*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE DECALOGUE

BCP 350

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 352

KYRIE ELEISON

SETTING: Betty Pulkingham (1928-2019)

Freedom Mass

Smoothly
Cantor **All** *mp*

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Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

son. Chris - te e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri e e - le - i - son. rit. (v)

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Lessons.

FIRST LESSON

Micah 5.2-4

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL – Psalm 80.1-7

Qui regis Israel

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?**

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
 "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
 but a body you have prepared for me;
 in burnt offerings and sin offerings
 you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
 (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel

SEQUENCE HYMN 265

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

TUNE: *Gabriel's Message*

THE GOSPEL

St. Luke 1.39-56

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
 Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
 and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
 and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

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

THE SERMON

Fr. Geoffrey Mackey

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

THE PEACE

BCP 360

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

Announcements may be made at this time.

With a strong pulse

Cantor **All**
S A *mf*
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
T B *mf*

pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

Smoothly

Cantor **All**
S A *mp*
Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: have
T B *mp*

mer - cy on us. you take a - way the sins of the

world: grant us, grant us peace.

The People may remain standing or kneel after the Sanctus

THE CONSECRATION

BCP 368

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Traditional*)

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI

SETTING: Betty Pulkingham (1928-2019)

Freedom Mass

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

COMMUNION MUSIC

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1. Peo-ple, look east. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
 2. Fur-rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant-ed
 3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall
 4. An-gels an-nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to

year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the
 there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in
 brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as
 earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the

People, look east and sing to - day:
 hearth and set the ta - ble. People, look east:
 course the flower may flour-ish.
 sun and moon to - geth - er.
 word, the Lord is com-ing. People, look east:

Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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 MUSIC: Trad. French carol; harm. by Martin Shaw, 1928
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Serving This Week

Presider: Fr. Geoffrey Mackey (5:30p, 8a & 10:30a)

Lectors: Tim Northrup (5:30p); Mary Thomas (8a); Kim Couch, Bob Harris (10:30a)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Northrup (5:30p); Connie Bookman (8a); Michael McKibben, Scott Ramsay (10:30a)

Crucifer: Jacob Miller (10:30a)

Altar Guild: Jennie Brannon (8a); Cara Bowen, Julie Matheny (10:30a); Susie Fitcher, Carol Snyder (Friday); Sherry Smith (5:30p)

Ushers: Dan Thomas (5:30p); J.T. Thomas (8a); Mark Edwards, Mike Matheny (10:30a)

Musicians: Lori Clark (guitarist, vocalist), Bob Harris (vocalist) (5:30p); Marie Mallory (organist, pianist) (10:30a)

Coffee Hour: Olivia Mezick (10:30a)

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Carty Ramsay (**S**), Larry Nutter (**M**).

The Altar Flowers this week are given by Connie & Jim Batten to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for family and friends at Christmastime.

This Week at Trinity

MONDAY	11:00 a.m.	Monday Feeding Ministry (Trinity Hall)
TUESDAY	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (Bob Evans, Traffic Circle)
	5:00 p.m.	Lessons & Carols
	10:30 p.m.	Music Prelude
	11:00 a.m.	Festival Midnight Mass (with incense)
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Trevor Chapel)
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Trevor Chapel)
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Trevor Chapel)
	7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting (Trinity Hall)
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Youth)
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:30 a.m.	Fifth Sunday Funfest (Trinity Hall)

Greening of the Church

The greening of the church will take place today after the 10:30 a.m. service. We need to decorate the church, change the hangings, hang the wreathes, and place the Nativity figurines on Trevor Altar.

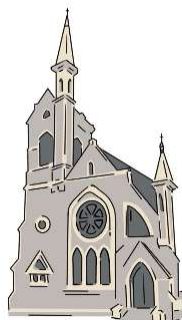
Trinity 5th Sunday Funfest

You are invited to the first Trinity 5th Sunday Funfest on Sunday Dec 29 after the 10:30am service! Join your Trinity family for a potluck lunch and fellowship with members from all three services. For a fun & festive time, wear your best (or worst) holiday sweater, shirt, tie or outfit! Sign up in the back of the church with the number of people coming with you and the delicious dish you will bring. *(Please look at what others are bringing so we don't wind up with all desserts!)* **Don't miss the fun! Mark your calendar NOW!**



Christmastide Liturgies at Trinity Church

Thursday, December 26, 9:00 AM	The Feast of St. Stephen, Deacon & First Martyr
Friday, December 27, 9:00 AM	The Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
Saturday, December 28, 9:00 AM	The Feast of The Holy Innocents
Sunday, December 29, 10:30 AM	The 1 st Sunday after Christmas
Tuesday, December 31, 6:00 PM	The Eve of the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus
Saturday, January 4, 5:30 PM	Vigil of the 2 nd Sunday after Christmas
Sunday, January 5, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM	The 2 nd Sunday after Christmas
Monday, January 6, 6:00 PM	The Epiphany of our Lord



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“We exist to love God and our neighbor.”