



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2024

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

10:30am

WELCOME to Trinity Episcopal Church. Whether you are visiting, new to the area, new to the Episcopal Church, or a longtime member, please know we are glad you are here. All are warmly invited to be in touch with the Rector, The Rev. Elizabeth F. Keeler (rector@trinwash.org) who would love to hear from you.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The service follows the order for Holy Eucharist, which begins on page 355 in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Our music is from The Hymnal 1982 (H, blue book); Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS, black & red book); and Wonder, Love, and Praise (WLP, green book)

PRELUDE: *Chorale Prelude on Savior of the Nations, Come*

Buxtehude

H 76: *On Jordan's Bank*

Winchester New

LITURGY OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant

TODAY we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE.

The candles are lit.

Celebrant and People together

Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE 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 KYRIE

HYMN S 91: *Lord, have Mercy*

Healey Willan

THE SALUTATION AND 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. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All are invited to sit for

THE FIRST LESSON: Baruch 5:1-9

TAKE off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

CANTICLE 16 *The Song of Zechariah* *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

All stand and join in singing the hymn. Stanzas 1&2 precede the reading of the Holy Gospel; stanza 3 follows

H 67: *Comfort, Comfort Ye People (vss 1&2)*

Freu dich sehr

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

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

IN the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

H 67: *Comfort, Comfort Ye People (vs 3)*

Freu dich sehr

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Elizabeth Keeler

After the homily, the People stand

People and Celebrant

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Form I

The People pray responsively, either kneeling, sitting, or remaining standing

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Holy Cross, Batesville; and St. Stephen’s, Heathsville. We pray also for our partner parishes: St. Mary’s, Rosettenville, (South Africa), and St. Marc’s Church, Trouin “Twenh” (Haiti).

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Diocese of Igbomina.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for those serving in the military and their families, especially Will Eastham, Jackson Tennant, Joe Stacey, Michelle Stacey, Josh Johnson, Andrew Butler, Emma & Oren Abusch, and Vincent Hagen, and all who work for peace.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We hold in prayer our outreach ministries; the Food Pantry and Backpack Program, fire and rescue volunteers, the Benevolent Fund, Headwaters and Starfish Mentoring, the Child Care & Learning Center (CCLC), the Senior Center, Rappahannock County Public Schools, our Haitian Trade

School, the Kings Children's Home, and all other outreach activities in which our county, church, and parishioners are involved.

For this county of Rappahannock, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for these members of our parish: Noel & Charlotte Laing, George Dixon, Judy Podlesney, Tom Walker, and Victoria Laing; and also these parish friends and relatives: Vijaya Uppalapati, Jim Johnson, Laurie, Eric VanWagen, Rob Parrish, Andy Langmead, and Raymond Linville.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, remembering especially Gayle Cseay, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

We give thanks for the birthdays this week of Berni Olson, Barney Riley, and Steve Saneman.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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 neighbors 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.

The Celebrant continues

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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. As the alms are collected and the altar is prepared, the choristers sing

THE OFFERTORY

How Beautiful Upon the Mountains

John Stainer

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace,
that publisheth salvation,

that publisheth peace;
That saith unto Zion,
Thy God reigneth!

All stand and join in singing

THE DOXOLOGY

H 380 V3: *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Old 100th

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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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 him 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.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

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

The people may stand, kneel or be seated.

The Celebrant continues

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 risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Celebrant

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

People and Celebrant

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

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table. Those who are Baptized in any tradition are invited to receive the bread and wine. If you would rather receive a Blessing, kindly cross your hands over your chest. Please indicate to the Priest if you would like gluten free Communion.

H 335: *I Am the Bread of Life*

I Am the Bread of Life

H 66: *Come, Thou Expected Jesus*

Stuttgart

H 75: *There's a Voice in the Wilderness*

Ascension

The people may stand, kneel or be seated. The Celebrant continues

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant and People

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

H 657: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hyfrydol

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE: *Organ Chorale on Hyfrydol*

Carl Schalk

Thank you for worshiping with us at Trinity Episcopal Church. All are warmly invited to coffee and fellowship in the parish hall following the service.

ASSISTING OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

Amo, Greg, & Kayden Merritt; *Ushers*

Jason Williams; *Acolyte*

Seth Turner; *Lector & Litanist*

Penny Kardis; *Lay Eucharistic Minister*

Kathi Dutilh; *Coffee Host*

Susan Jones; *Flower Guild*

Carolyn Emerick, Fran Krebsler, Loraine Channing, and Marsha Thompson; *Altar Guild*

The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson; *Bishop Diocesan*

The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris; *Assistant Bishop*

The Rev. Elizabeth F. Keeler, *Rector*

Roger L. Long, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Lorraine Duisit, *Musician*

James Menefee, *Sexton*

Terry Herrell, *Hospitality Custodian*

Vestry Members: Fred Catlin, *Senior Warden*; Derek Capizzi, *Junior Warden*; Rob Bannister, Michael Del Grosso, Kelly Estes, Kathryn Everett, Rod Grandon, Diane Paras, and Kim Sadowski
Vestry Officers: Michael Del Grosso, *Treasurer*; Cady Soukup, *Register*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 15th

8:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30AM Children's Christmas Pageant with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 22nd

Both worship services are combined into one service today

10:00AM Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th

5:00PM Holy Eucharist Rite II with organ and choir

10:00PM Holy Eucharist Rite II with organ

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, service of Holy Eucharist at 10:00AM

Sunday, December 29th

8:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

TRINITY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon, Dec. 9	8:30am Walk-Around-Town group, Trinity House 10:00am Yoga, Parish Hall
Tue, Dec. 10	5:30pm EP & Vestry Meeting, Parish Hall
Wed, Dec. 11	9:30am Bible Study, Chapman Room 11:00am Contemplative Prayer, Sanctuary
Thurs, Dec. 12	10:00am Yoga, Parish Hall 8:30pm AA Meeting, Parish Hall
Fri, Dec. 13	8:30am Walk-Around-Town group, Trinity House 9:30am EfM Class, Chapman Room
Sat, Dec. 14	8:00am Women's Fellowship, Parish Hall 9:00am Children's Pageant Practice, Parish Hall 9:30am Choir Practice, Choir Room
Sun, Dec. 15	<i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00am Rite I HE 10:30am Rite II HE - <i>Christmas Pageant</i> 11:45am Bell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room 3:00pm RAAC Theatre Cast party, Parish Hall

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