

# *Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church*

Third Sunday of Advent – Year A

Holy Eucharist Rite II

*With Livestreaming on Facebook*

December 14, 2025

10:00 AM



*Trinity Episcopal Church*

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*Home is Who We Are*

## Welcome to Trinity Church

Thank you for joining us for worship today. Trinity is a diverse community of faith where all people find a home in Jesus and each other. We unite to transform the world to celebrate God.

No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we!

We encourage you to get to know us better by visiting our website, [www.trinitychurcharlington.org](http://www.trinitychurcharlington.org). As by God's grace we become more like Christ in his life of self-sacrificing love and service, we welcome you to the amazing adventure of participating with God through Trinity Church in changing our world for the better.

**And please, take this bulletin home with you** as a reference and reminder of your worship experience, the prayers we prayed and ask you to pray, and the upcoming program year events and activities.

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**Prelude**

*Morning Song*

melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare

**The Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles**

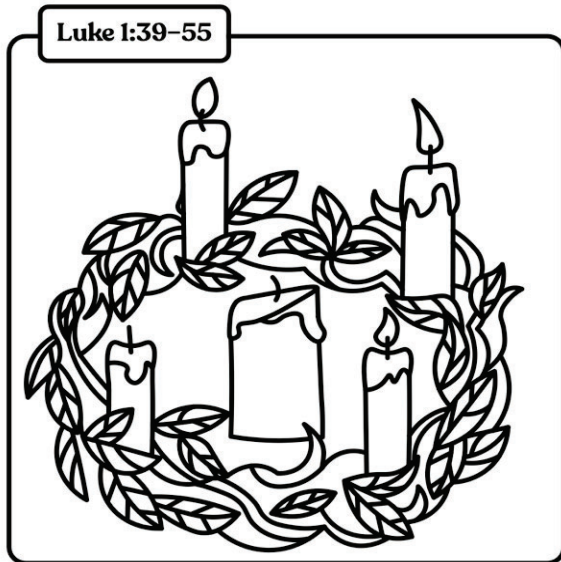
**Children's Chapel Ministry**

*All stand as able and remain standing. The Children's Chapel representative greets the people with these words*

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

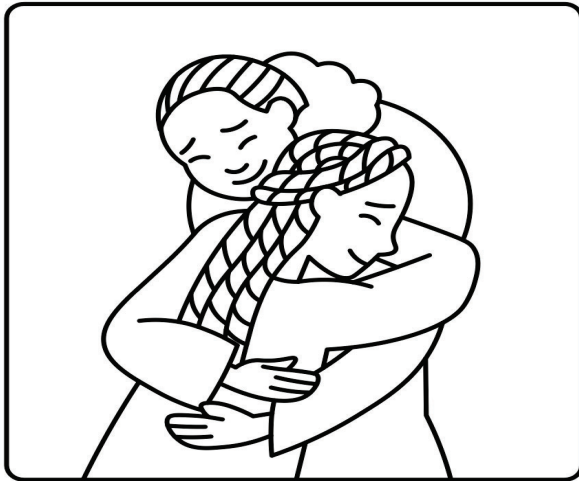
*The appropriate candle(s) on the Advent Wreath are lit (two blue and one pink candle) as the Children's Chapel representative reads the story that the children will learn about and discuss together later today.*



1. As we light the third Advent candle, we imagine a world bubbling with joy. Joy is when you feel so thankful you could burst with excitement and gratitude. When Elizabeth learned her cousin Mary was pregnant, she could barely contain her excitement.



2. Elizabeth was also pregnant, and had been for a while, so she understood the confusion and surprise Mary was feeling. When Mary arrived at Elizabeth's home, Mary was greeted with overflowing joy and excitement. Even the baby in Elizabeth's womb started kicking and somersaulting!



3. "Mary, blessed are you among all who mother!" Elizabeth cried. "And blessed is the baby growing inside you!" Mary—feeling seen, loved, and safe—burst into joyful song. "God is changing the world through this baby, and I get to help!"



4. "God throws the powerful from their thrones and lifts up all who were pushed down. God feeds all who are hungry and sends the rich away with nothing. God is making all things right; God has not forgotten us!"

Leader Remaining standing, let us join in singing the third verse of our Advent Hymn, *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding.*

**Advent Hymn H-59, vv. 3-4** (standing) *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

*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.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935).

## Opening Sentences (all remain standing)

BCP, p. 355

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

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

Celebrant

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.**

## Hymn of Praise, H-65 (standing) *Prepare the way, O Zion*



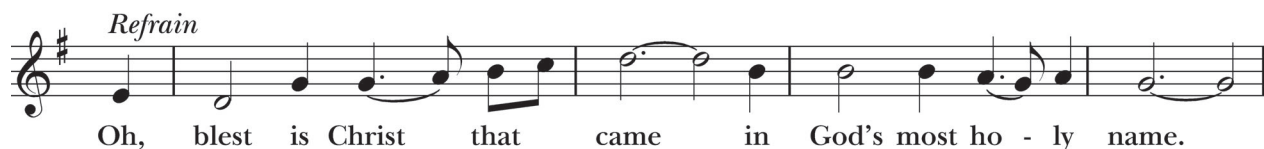
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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## **The Collect of the Day** (standing)

Celebrant    The Lord be with you.

People       **And also with you.**

Celebrant    Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## **The First Lesson** (seated)

## **Isaiah 35:1-10**

**Beth Lofgren**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah:

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!"  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.



A highway shall be there,  
 and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
 the unclean shall not travel on it,  
 but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.  
 No lion shall be there,  
 nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
 they shall not be found there,  
 but the redeemed shall walk there.  
 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
 and come to Zion with singing;  
 everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
 they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
 and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. [The Word of the Lord.]

People **Thanks be to God.**

# **Hymn L-7** (standing)

## *I Want to Be Ready*

I want\_\_ to be read - y, I want\_\_ to be read - y.\_\_\_\_

**Fine**

I want\_\_ to be read - y\_\_ To walk in Je - ru - sa - lem just like John.

1. John said that Je - ru - sa - lem was four-square,  
 2. When Pe - ter was preach - ing at Pen - te - cost,

Walk in Je - ru - sa - lem just like John.

1. I hope, good Lord, I'll meet you there,  
 2. O he was filled with the Ho - ly Ghost, D.C.

Walk in Je - ru - sa - lem just like John. O

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## The Second Lesson (seated)

**James 5:7-10**

**Beth Lofgren**

A Reading from the Epistle to the James:

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. [The Word of the Lord.]

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Invitation to Children's Chapel

**Every Sunday during Advent**

## Gospel Acclamation, MHSO-58 (all sing, standing) *Christ is coming*

Christ is com - ing: pre - pare the way.

Christ is com - ing: pre - pare the way.

Christ is com-ing. Christ is com-ing.

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## **The Holy Gospel** (standing)

## **Matthew 11:2-11**

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

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

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev. David Crosby**  
**Supply Priest**

## **Time of Reflection** (silence)

## **The Nicene Creed** (all say, standing as able)

BCP p. 358

**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**

**Gus Cosmas**

Leader Kneeling as we are able, let us be clothed in the brilliance of God's light as we offer our prayers saying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Come into your church throughout the world and strengthen us with a sense of urgency to serve you and each other as we await the day of your return; for this we pray.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come into the hearts of all who serve in your church, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, Gayle, and Mark our bishops; Kim our priest, David our supply priest, and Elliott, our assisting priest; for all clergy, and for all who are ministers through the sacrament of Holy Baptism; for this we pray.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come between the warring nations of the world, enter the chambers of government and the hearts of our leaders, especially Donald, our president, Glenn our governor, and Abigail, our governor-elect. Bring your peace that passes all understanding; for this we pray.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to those suffering from addiction, free them from falsehood, shame, and guilt, fill them with courage that overcomes temptation, and give them an abundance of your grace; for this we pray.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come, spare us from our deceit and selfishness, from our attachment to the false idols of our age, from our excuses for not living the gospel, and awaken us to your hope that we may keep watch for your appearing; for this we pray.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to those who sit alone in empty rooms, who suffer from the pain of hunger and grief, and who live with illness, anxiety, fear and/or food insecurity. Invite them into the glorious fellowship of the blessed Trinity.

We pray especially for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Sudan, Haiti and all other war-torn and humanitarian crisis areas as well as all who are offering medical care in these regions; for descendants of the Clovis, Powhatan, Monacan, Cherokee, and Patawomeck tribes that originally populated Arlington County; for Carol, Carolyn, Rev. Kim, Rev. Elliott, Edna, Jean, Maurice and Al; for the students and staff of Rainbow Road Preschool; for victims of gun violence and their families; for the unemployed and underemployed; for families who gather during this holiday season and for those who travel, including Edmund Warburton; for Trinity's organizational partners in ministry and mission, and for those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. For whom or what else shall we pray today: (silence)

*Worshippers may add their petitions, silently or aloud.*

We thank you, God, for guiding us during this stewardship season in discerning how much we should give in 2026 to further God's ministry in this place. Now grant us the faith to believe in your promise to fully satisfy every need of ours according to your riches in glory in Christ Jesus, including enabling us to keep these pledges and giving commitments which we have made. This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Eternal God, you have promised your salvation to all peoples, and have given us a vision of a great multitude around your throne, from all nations and tribes and languages: Help us bring this vision into our time and place; banish from us all prejudices and false presumptions; and enable us to hear and to speak new words of hope and praise; through Jesus Christ, the living Word. **Amen.**

We give thanks for the many blessings of this life, including all those who celebrate their birthdays this week; Elizabeth and Keith Schreiber who celebrate their anniversary this week; and for all other blessings which we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts: (silence)

*Worshippers may add their petitions, silently or aloud.*

For this we pray:

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come and open wide the gate of heaven, that the faithful departed may find themselves in the arms of your mercy and that you comfort all who mourn; for this we pray.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin** (kneeling)

Celebrant

Let us now confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (silence)

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 Absolution

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. **Amen.**

### The Peace (all stand)

Celebrant        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People            **And also with you.**

Celebrant        Let us share the peace with one another and especially with our guests.

*During the Exchange of Peace, the people of God greet one another in the Name of Christ.*

### Words of Welcome

**Vestry Member**

### The Offertory Sentence (Seated)

Celebrant:

Let us walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

### The Offertory

At this point in our worship we bless God by giving back to God a portion of all that we have received. During the Offertory selection, please feel free to scan the QR Code or go to our website at [www.trinitychurcharlington.org](http://www.trinitychurcharlington.org) and make an online donation.

**Thank you in advance for your generosity!**



Scan me!

### The Offertory Anthem (VF-117) (seated)

*My soul gives glory to my God*

1 My soul gives glo - ry to my God. My  
2 My God has done great things for me: yes,  
3 From age to age, to all who fear, such  
4 Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -  
5 Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -

heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my  
ho - ly is this name. All peo - ple will de -  
mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice  
motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spi - rits  
ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past

low - li - ness in man - y mar - vel - ous ways.  
clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.  
far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.  
sat - is - fied, the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.  
prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

## The Holy Communion

### Eucharistic Prayer B (all stand)

BCP, p. 367

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

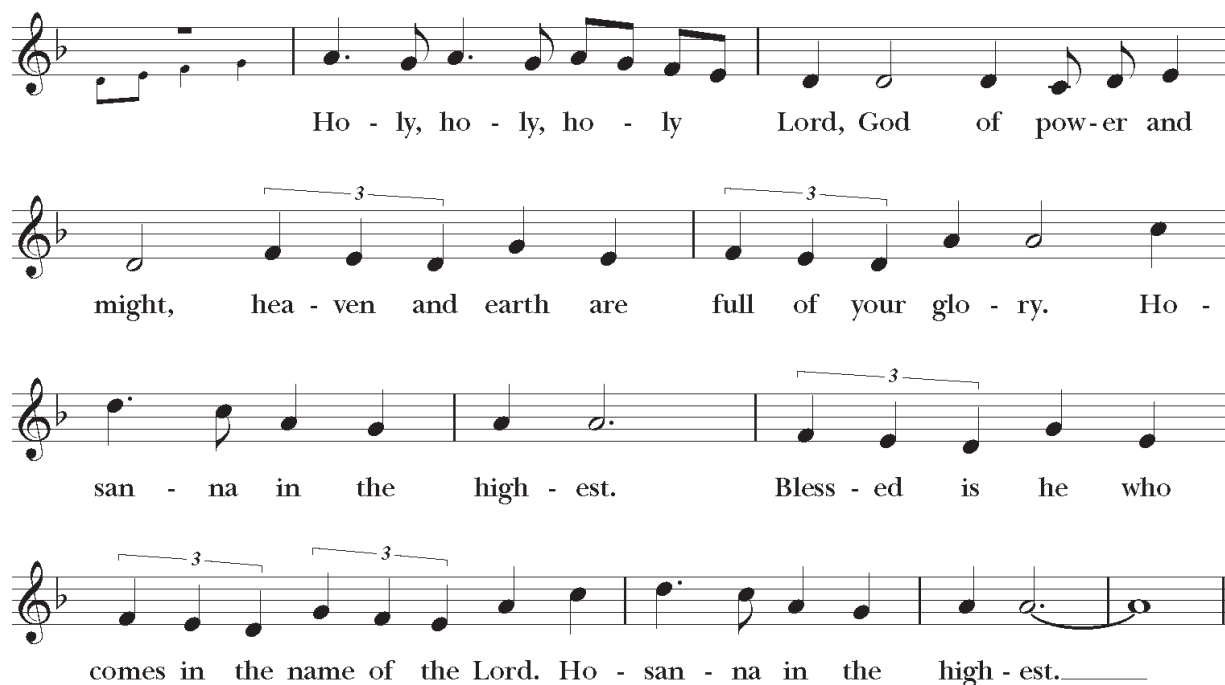
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus S-129

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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.\_\_\_\_\_

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over the notes 'ven', 'san', and 'san' in the lyrics. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

[Kneeling as we are able and so desire, we continue to pray.] 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death.**

**We proclaim his resurrection.**

**We await his coming in glory;**



*The Celebrant continues*

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 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 for ever. *AMEN*.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

BCP, p. 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

### **Fraction Hymn H-66, v.1** *Come thou long expected Jesus*

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

## Communion of the People of God

All are welcome to come to the Altar to receive Holy Communion or a blessing from our clergy. You may receive the wine either with the bread by intinction or from the chalice directly. If you are baptized and/or receive Communion in your home church, you may receive Communion at Trinity. To receive a blessing from our clergy instead of the sacraments, simply cross your arms in front of your chest. The bread and the wine are given to the communicants with these words: *The Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in everlasting life. Amen.*

**Gluten free wafers** are available upon request.

Please let the Celebrant know your preference when you come to the Altar.

Celebrant All are welcome to the Lord's Table. Won't you come

### Communion Hymn, H-76 (all sing, seated)

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

## Post Communion Prayers of Thanksgiving (Kneeling)

Celebrant Remembering our virtual worshippers, let us pray the prayer for spiritual communion.

All **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. Believing you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

Celebrant Continuing to pray:

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant And now, offering special thanks and bidding God's blessings upon these Christmas Baskets for Shelter House, together, let us pray:

All: **Almighty and Eternal God, thank you for the privilege of being instruments of your love for all those served by Shelter House. Bless these Christmas baskets and everyone who receives them. Help us to continue to hear the hopes and struggles of those in need and respond in ways that restore their faith in their own human dignity. May all who know us know that you are a God who cares, when they experience our care and concern. This we ask through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior.<sup>1</sup> Amen.**

## The Blessing

Celebrant

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

## Community Announcements (Seated)

- **We welcome all virtual and in-person guests to Trinity Church this morning.** We invite our in-person visitors to please sign our guest register in the Narthex as you depart; And for our virtual first-time visitors, please send your name via the Chat, or email [info@tecarl.org](mailto:info@tecarl.org). We hope to see you again real soon!
- **Reminder to all that leave for our rector continues.** In her absence, please welcome the Rev. David Foster as supply priest through December and the Rev. Timothy Malone as supply priest for Sundays in January. Get well wishes and encouragement may be sent to Rev. Kim as follows: The Rev. Kim L. Coleman, 912 S. Veitch Street, Arlington, VA, 22204, [rector@tecarl.org](mailto:rector@tecarl.org).
- **The Christmas Flower Dedication Form may be found on page 23 or at the back of the church.** Simply complete and return with your check before Sunday, December 21.

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from a prayer from the United States Conference <http://www.usccb.org/healthcare/liturgy.shtml> United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

## Community Announcements (continued)

- **Don't forget to check out Trinity's December 2025 Worship and Activities Calendar as well as our Advent and Christmas 2025 at Trinity brochure** posted/placed in our Narthex and available through E Notes.
- **Kudos to all who attended yesterday's Annual Decorating Party**, and contributed to transforming our worship space, organizing and serving lunch, and putting together the Christmas baskets for Shelter House. Job well done!
- **Mark your calendars. Next Sunday is Advent 4.** Following worship, we ask that you stay behind and help the Altar Guild put final touches on our worship space for our Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist. No Altar Guild experience required. Just bring ready hands, feet and heart.

## Recessional Hymn, H-438 (all sing, standing) *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord*



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!  
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.  
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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## The Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
People **Thanks be to God.**


## Postlude

### *Llangloffan*


melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

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# Advent and Christmas 2025 at Trinity More Opportunities to Give



**WE GIVE** *because*  
**GOD GAVE FIRST**

*"...for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

## #1 – GIVE THE GIFT OF BEAUTY Christmas Flower Dedications

Sunday, December 7 (Advent 2) – Sunday, December 21

Email [info@tecarl.org](mailto:info@tecarl.org)

Help us beautify our worship space and remember special people and/or circumstances at the same time. To contribute to our Christmas decorations, please complete and email the form included in our Advent bulletins to Ms. Rana at [financehr@tecarl.org](mailto:financehr@tecarl.org) no later than **Sunday, December 21**.

You may make payment at [www.trinitychurcharlington.org](http://www.trinitychurcharlington.org) or by mailing a check made payable to Trinity Church to the church office (2217 Columbia Pike, Arlington, 22204). We will remember those honored in our floral dedication in our Christmas prayers and bulletins.

## #2 – GIVE THE GIFT OF GRATITUDE Contribute to Trinity's Staff Christmas Purse



Join in thanking Trinity's Staff by giving to Trinity's Staff Christmas Purse! You may (1) go online at [www.trinitychurcharlington.org](http://www.trinitychurcharlington.org) to make your contribution (indicate "Staff Purse"); (2) or "snail" mail your gift to the Trinity Church office (i.e., Trinity Church, 2217 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA 22204, or (3) place your donation in the offering plate, or (4) hand your gift to a Vestry member.

If you want your giving to be recorded on your end-of-year giving statement, please give in a way that we can track your gift back to you.

Thanks for letting our staff (George Ferdinando, Rana Tamboli, Patrick Kabanda, Rev. Kim and Father Elliott) know that they are appreciated. **Please donate towards the staff purse no later than Sunday, December 21.**

## #3 – GIVE THE GIFT OF COMMITMENT It's Not Too Late! Pledge to Support Trinity Church in 2025

Your faithful financial giving is what enables Trinity to keep giving back. If you have not already done so, please make a 2025 pledge to support Trinity today by visiting our website at [www.trinitychurcharlington.org](http://www.trinitychurcharlington.org) or email [financehr@tecarl.org](mailto:financehr@tecarl.org). Thanks for giving generously!

## #4 – GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE

**We are small but mighty and we can't do church without YOU! We seek:**

- Vestry Members** – must be a member of record, regular worshipper and a pledger. Ask a Vestry member for more info.  
**Finance Committee Members** – We are relaunching this vital group. See one of the Wardens or Cathy Tullis if interested.  
**Thrift Shop Volunteers** – Can you spare 1-2 hours for this vital service to the community? See Cathy Tullis to volunteer.

## #5 – GIVE THE GIFT OF COMFORT

**Donate to our Columbia Pike Thrift Shop**

Open Thursdays & Fridays – 10:00 to 4:00 pm

Open Saturdays – 10:00 to 5:00 pm

Closed Christmas and New Year's Day

4101 Columbia Pike, Arlington

703/521-3110

Now is a good time to clean out your winter closet and donate any gently used winter coat to our Columbia Pike Thrift Shop. Come, visit, donate, and shop. If you have a question about donations, contact Cathy Tullis or call the Thrift Shop directly.



## #6 – GIVE THE GIFT OF GOD GIVE THE GIFT OF COMMUNITY

Here's what worshippers say about Trinity:

- I love the blue walls.
- Peace, that's what I feel when I'm here, peace.
- People smile at Trinity. You don't get that in every church.
- It's diverse. I like seeing different people come together.
- They really respect and listen to children.
- The music, sermons and worship are wonderful. If I have to miss, I can catch the service on Facebook.

**Don't hoard the gift of Trinity Church this year. Share the Good News of Jesus. Invite someone to worship. Sundays at 10:00 am. See pages 1-3 for the Advent and Christmas worship schedule.**



THE TRINITY CHURCH COMMUNITY  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

# *Christmas Eve* **SERVICE**

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FRIENDLY  
FESTIVAL SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST WITH

- SPECTACULAR CHORAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AS WELL AS FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CAROLS
- CHILDREN'S SERMON
- CANDLELIGHT SINGING OF SILENT NIGHT
- HOMILY FOR ADULTS
- HOLY COMMUNION

**24 DEC | 5PM**

2217 COLUMBIA PIKE, ARLINGTON VA 22204





# UPCOMING TRINITY EVENTS SCHEDULE

## DECEMBER 2025

WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY @ 10:00 AM



NOV  
**30/**  
SUN

### ADVENT 1 - 10:00 AM

We launch the "waiting" season of Advent that ends on Christmas Eve with a weekly Advent Wreath Candle Lighting Ceremony led by our Children's Chapel Ministry.



DEC  
**03/**  
WED

### BRINGING CHRISTMAS TO FOSTER CHILDREN OUTREACH ENDS

Today is the last day to return your unwrapped and unlabeled gift to Trinity. Online donations still accepted.



DEC  
**07/**  
SUN

### ADVENT 2 - 10:00 AM

Time to submit your Christmas flowers dedication(s) and don't forget to thank Trinity's staff by giving to the Staff Christmas purse.



DEC  
**13/**  
SAT

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DECORATING PARTY, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Join the Vestry as we hang the greens, create our altar creche, trim our Chrismon Tree, and make Christmas baskets for Shelter House. All hands on deck! Lunch provided.



DEC  
**14/**  
SUN

### ADVENT 3 - GAUDETE SUNDAY

On "rejoicing" Sunday we bless the Shelter House gift baskets as we continue our waiting

**MORE  
INFORMATION**

703-920-7077  
trinitychurcharlington.org  
info@tecarl.org



# UPCOMING TRINITY EVENTS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 2025 - PAGE 2

WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY @ 10:00 AM



DEC  
**21/**  
SUN

## ADVENT 4 - 10:00 AM

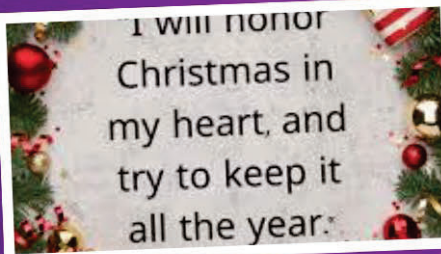
The last Sunday in Advent is also your last chance to submit a Christmas flower dedication and give to the Staff Purse. Help the Altar Guild add final Christmas touches to the nave after worship.



DEC  
**24/**  
WED

## CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST, 5:00 PM

Festive worship with Christmas carols, sermons for children and adults, candle light singing of Silent Night and Holy Communion. Join us as we celebrate Jesus' birth.



DEC  
**25/**  
THUR

## CHRISTMAS DAY

Reach out and connect with family, friends, and/or someone who needs to know they are not forgotten, Thank God for the gift of Jesus and others.



DEC  
**28/**  
SUN

## FESTIVAL SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS, 10:00 AM

Our rejoicing continues as we rehear the story of Jesus' coming from Old Testament prophecy to the gospel accounts of his birth. End the calendar year by honoring Christ with your presence.

**MORE  
INFORMATION**

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## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

*During the Christmas season, Trinity will be decorated with wreaths, roping and poinsettias for the Christmas season. A contribution towards the purchase of these items would be greatly appreciated. Please complete this form and send it with payment to the parish office no later than **Sunday, December 21.***

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Best Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Email:* \_\_\_\_\_

*\$30.00 [ ]      \$40.00 [ ]      \$50.00 [ ]      Other [ \$\_\_\_\_\_ ]*

*Please remember the following persons in prayer during this Season:*

Indicate whether in memory of (M); or in thanksgiving for (T):

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_\_

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_\_

(Additional names may be added on back)

*Payment may be made by check, made payable to Trinity Church, earmarked Christmas Flowers and placed in the offering plate on Sundays in Advent; online via Trinity's website at [www.trinitychurcharlington.org](http://www.trinitychurcharlington.org); OR by check mailed to the church office at 2217 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA 22204.*

*Names you provide by December 21<sup>st</sup> will be published in the Christmas bulletins. (Please write legibly).*



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### **The Episcopal Church**

Presiding Bishop and Primate

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe

### **The Diocese of Virginia**

Diocesan Bishop

Assisting Bishop

Assisting Bishop

The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson

The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris

The Rt. Rev. Mark Bourkalas

### **Trinity Church Staff**

Ministers

Rector

Assisting Priest

Minister of Music

Finance & Operations Administrator

Accountants

Sexton

All the people of Trinity by Baptism

The Rev. Kim L. Coleman

The Rev. Elliott Waters

Patrick Kabanda

Rana Tamboli

Romear & Associates

George Ferdinando

### **Parish Leadership Structure Year 2025 - 2026**

Vestry Presiding Officer

The Rev. Kim L. Coleman

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Darlene Sellars, Jr. Warden '26

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Yvette Conell '27

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Beth Lofgren '27

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Cathy Tullis, Chair

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Communications

Beth Lofgren, Coordinator

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