

# Trinity Episcopal Church

All Are Welcomed & Loved

January 4, 2026  
The Second Sunday After Christmas

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Please welcome our Supply Clergy, The Rev. John Baker



Jesus had one new commandment:  
"Love one another as I have loved you."

We let Jesus' own words remind and refocus our journey in life and in faith.  
We invite you to share your journey with us!

PRELUDE The Night Of The Star

Robert Elmore

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #109

The First Nowell

SALUTATION BCP 355

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 355

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.**

GLORIA Glory Be To God On High

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Glory be to God on high, To all people,  
Jesus Christ, we now declare Lamb of God and  
Praises to the Holy One, Praises sing in

peace on earth, Angels, shepherds draw - ing nigh, Join to ce - le - brate His birth.  
Lord of Love. Grant us mer - cy, hear our prayer, Give us grace from heaven a - bove.  
high - estheav'n; To the Fath - er and the Son and the Ho - ly Spi - rit giv'n.

Glo - - - - ri - a

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### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The people sit.*

## THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7-14

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

says the LORD.

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

## A RESPONSE: Psalm 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.

O LORD of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

## THE SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

GOSPEL HYMN #128      We Three Kings

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
    are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
    who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

## THE SERMON

### THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

*Standing*

**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 FORM III BCP 387

*Standing or Kneeling*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

CONFESSON OF SIN BCP 360

*Standing or kneeling as you are able*

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 neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of our Savior 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

THE PEACE BCP 360

*All standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

**God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on this your servant as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

**Gracious God, we bring before you this couple. Keep them safe all the days of their lives, comfort them in adversity, and support them in prosperity as you fill their home with blessings. Amen.**

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY Jesus! Name Of Wonderous Love      Robert Powell

## PRESENTATION HYMN #380 v.3

*All Standing*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING BCP 367

*The people remain standing*

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.**

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow'r and might, \_\_\_\_\_ heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is  
he, is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Standing or kneeling as you are able*

*The celebrant continues:*

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,

*Celebrant and People* **We remember his death, vWe proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant 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 into subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Mother Mary 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.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

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

**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 364

### FRACTION ANTHEM O Lamb Of God

O Lamb of God, O Holy Child, who takes the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the son of Mary. This, this is your body giv'n, Your precious blood, the gift of heav'n. Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the son of Mary.

### Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome at God's table. Please come forward to the communion rail with your palms out to receive the host (gluten-free host will be provided upon request.) Wine may be consumed directly or you may give your wafer to the Altar Assistant to intinct into the wine for you. You may also touch the cup with your hand to participate without consuming.

Anyone wishing to come forward for a blessing rather than communion may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest.

## INVITATION

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.

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

*During the distribution of communion the following hymns are sung:*

COMMUNION HYMN #336

Come With Us, O Beloved Jesus

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

*Kneeling or standing as you are able*

Celebrant Let us 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.**

## BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN #93

Angels From The Realm Of Glory

DISMISSAL BCP 366

Leader       Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE Flute Noel

Daquin

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**The flowers and greens on the altar and in the narthex are given to the Glory of God.**

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## Extraordinary People for Ordinary Time: The Church's Calendar of Saints

Life stories and pictures at <http://satucket.com/lectionary/Calendar.htm>

<b>Jan 4</b>	Elizabeth Ann Seton (d. 1821), American Nun and Educator
<b>Jan 5</b>	Sarah, Theodora, Syncletica of Egypt (400s), Desert Monastics
<b>Jan 6</b>	EPIPHANY
<b>Jan 7</b>	-----
<b>Jan 8</b>	Harriet Bedell (d.1969), American Deaconess and Missionary
<b>Jan 9</b>	Julia Emery (d.1922), American Missionary to Asia
<b>Jan 10</b>	William Laud (d.1645), Archbishop of Canterbury, England

## Worship Leaders

<b>Vestry 8:30:</b> Joanne Georg	<b>8:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
<b>Vestry 11:00:</b> Rich Meyer	<b>Ushers:</b> Tim Wells & Catharine Guest	<b>Ushers:</b> Mark & Barbara Yow
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Joanne Georg & Mary Delia Stokely	<b>Reader:</b> Holly Golliver	<b>Reader:</b> Marian Patey
<b>Flower Guild:</b> Mary Delia Stokely	<b>Altar Assistant:</b> Dexter Fox & Sallie Ronan	<b>Altar Assistant:</b> Joanne Georg & Carole Doerflinger
<b>Videographer:</b> Karl Baetcke		

## Parish Prayer List

**Please pray this list at home:** Enslie Griffith, Judy Hook & Family, Elaine McIntyre, Max, Vickie Sharp, Patricia Banks, Juliana Babicz, Lidia Rivera, Ann Nelson, Francine Wister, Kevin Scott, Marilyn Scott, Andrew Wright, Becky Cobb, Lillian Hicks, Dave Kelly, Al Osborne, Larry Cifranic, Maureen and Jack Danelli, Cheryl Macias, Craig Stanton, Carol Linton, Mark Yow, Dave Critchley, Ervie Anne Edgerly, Joseph Frye, Christina Harrigan & Family, Sharyn Henderson & Family, Mary Hicks, Patti Johnston, Richard Morin, Melissa Neviaser, Gretchen Schneider.

*We kindly invite individuals to submit their prayer requests for the parish prayer list. Names will be added to the list with the most recent addition listed first so we can be aware of new members in need. Submissions may also be kept private, listed by initial only. Each request remains active for a period of two months.*

*Please email [info@trinityepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:info@trinityepiscopalchurch.org) to add someone to our prayer list.*

## Weekly Schedule of Events: January 5 – January 11

<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM	Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM 12:00 PM	Pastoral Care Healing Service with Eucharist
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Greek Class Yoga
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 AM	Quilters
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM	Men's Group
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 AM 9:45 AM 11:00 AM	Service Annual Meeting Service

**Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on Trinity Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



# Memorial Flowers

Weekly the flowers in the Sanctuary and Narthex are given in memory of a loved one. You can sign up and donate \$50 to have the flowers and greens placed in honor of your loved one. If you have previously signed up you will need to renew in order to have your spot in 2026. This will need to be updated annually.

Please complete the form below.

**Return this form to the church office, with check made payable to Trinity Flower Guild.**

*The cost of each donation is \$50.00.*

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I would like to donate memorial flowers **in memory of**

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

by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date you would like them displayed: \_\_\_\_\_

We will do our best to display them on the Sunday closest to that date.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Announcements

**Annual Meeting** – Our annual meeting will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall between services. We will update the congregation on the 2026 budget, the happenings at the church, and our plans for 2026. We will also elect new vestry members. Please plan to attend.

**Stewardship** – We are still gratefully accepting your pledge cards or online pledges. Please give with love and help us meet our goal.

**Coat Drive** – As the weather gets colder, please remember to bring your gently used coats, hats, and gloves and leave them on the rack in the garth

**Trinity Book Club** - The Trinity Book Club is excited to announce our upcoming selections for 2026. Join us at 6:00 PM on the last Wednesday of each month to discuss a selected book that encourages spiritual growth, open-minded discussion, and connection with one another. Whether you prefer modern bestsellers, inspiring Christian literature, or thought-provoking nonfiction, all readers are welcome.

January 28th - "The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics" by Daniel James Brown

February 25th - "Gone Before Goodbye" by Harlan Coben and Reese Witherspoon

March 25th - "The Girl They Left Behind" by Roxanne Veletzos

April 29th - "We Survived the Night: An Indigenous Reckoning" by Julian Brave NoiseCat

**Memorial Flowers** – Orders for 2026 Memorial Flowers are now being accepted. Please return forms and payment to the church office. Orders from prior years do not repeat, so please submit your requests for 2026 to guarantee continuation of your donation.



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