

Trinity Episcopal Church

All Are Welcomed & Loved

Sunday, December 14th
Third Sunday of Advent

Please welcome our Supply Clergy, The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. "Larry" Packard



"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth."

John 1:14

VOLUNTARY Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland J.S. Bach BWV 659
PROCESSIONAL HYMN #56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanzas 1-4,8)
PRAYER FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 people sit.

A BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

LESSON I – Virginia Cantu, Reader

A Reading from the book of Genesis 3: 1-7; 20-24

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them. Then the Lord God said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever." therefore the LORD God sent them forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which they were taken. He drove out the humans, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

Reader	The Word of the Lord
People	Thanks be to God

HYMN #61

"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

LESSON II – Dexter Fox, Reader

A Reading from the book of Isaiah 40:1–11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field

The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader	The Word of the Lord
People	Thanks be to God

SOLO MEDITATION

He Shall Feed His Flock from Handel's Messiah
Soloist Jill Clauss

LESSON III – Carrie Cirbee, Reader

A Reading from the book of Isaiah 7:10-15

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

HYMN #66

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

LESSON IV – Joanne Georg, Reader

A Reading from the book of Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

SOLO MEDITATION

O Thou That Tellest from Handel's Messiah

Soloist Meg McEvoy

THE GOSPEL: John: 1-14

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

A MEDITATION FOR ADVENT: The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. "Larry" Packard

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III - Carol Lillard, Prayer Leader

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

CONFESSION 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 Hark, The Glad Sound

David Thorne

PRESENTATION HYMN

Lasst uns Erfreuen

All Standing

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

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 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.

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 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. 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. 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, We 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 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 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

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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 #67

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

COMMUNION ANTHEM

E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come Paul Manz

Performed by the Trinity Choir

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

Standing or Kneeling as you are able

**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.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN Soon And Very Soon

Soon and Very Soon

The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night — 1 Thessalonians 5:2 NIV

1. Soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King;
2. No more dy - ing there, we are going to see the King;
3. No more cry - ing there, we are going to see the King;

(Hal - le - lu - jah!)

Soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King;
No more dy - ing there, we are going to see the King;
No more cry - ing there, we are going to see the King;

(Hal - le - lu - jah!)

Soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King.
No more dy - ing there, we are going to see the King.
No more cry - ing there, we are going to see the King.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.

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SOON AND VERY SOON
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Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Rejoice The Lord Is King

The flowers and greens on the altar and in the narthex are given by Dexter Fox in memory of Florence & Charles Henry Fox

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.

The Church's Calendar of Saints

Life stories and pictures at satucket.com/lectionary/Calendar.htm

- Dec 14** John of the Cross (d. 1591), Spanish Monastic and Mystic
Dec 15 Nino [Nina] of Georgia, (d.332), Missionary to Caucasus
Dec 16 Richard Upjohn (d.1878), Ralph Cram (d.1942) American Church Architects; John LaFarge (d.1910), Stained Glass Artist
Dec 17 Dorothy Sayers (d.1957), English Writer and Apologist
Dec 18 William L. Garrison, Maria Stewart (both d.1879); American Slavery Abolitionists
Dec 19 Lillian Trasher (d. 1961) American Missionary to Egypt
Dec 20 Katharina von Bora (d. 1552) German Church Reformer

Worship Leaders

Vestry: Carrie Rainoff Altar Guild: Joanne Georg & Catharine Guest Flower Guild: Lisa Harlow & Nicole Morris Videographer: Chas Hill Altar Assistant: Joanne Georg & Brenda Smith Acolytes: Lily Overmiller & Ryan Robison	Ushers: John Davies & Barbare Wright Greeters: Carrie Rainoff & Jennifer Overmiller Readers: Virginia Cantu, Dexter Fox, Carrie Cirbee, & Joanne Georg Prayer: Carole Lillard
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Parish Prayer List

Please pray this list at home: 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 Neviasser, Gretchen Schneider.

We kindly invite individuals to submit their prayer requests by emailing info@trinityepiscopalchurch.org. 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 two months.

Weekly Schedule of Events December 15 – December 21

Monday		
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM 12:00 PM	Pastoral Care Healing Service
Thursday	10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Greek Class Yoga
Friday	10:00 AM	Trinity Quilters
Saturday	8:00 AM	Men's Group
Sunday	8:30 AM 9:45 AM 11:00 AM	Service Fellowship Service



PLEASE JOIN US FOR
CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve 5:00PM
Family Oriented Service

Christmas Eve 7:30 PM
Traditional Service - livestreamed

Christmas Day 11:00 AM
Traditional Service - livestreamed

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Announcements

Poinsettia Sale – Today is the final day to turn in orders for poinsettias. Flowers can be purchased in memory of someone or in Thanksgiving and will be used to decorate the church throughout the Christmas season. Please fill out the form in the narthex to support the flower guild, celebrate your loved ones, and contribute to the beauty of the church this holiday season.

Labyrinth – The Labyrinth will be open by candlelight on 12/31 from 5:00 – 10:00 pm and on 1/1 by daylight from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Join us to reflect on past, present, and future as we bring in the New Year,

In the Narthex – Today is the last day to claim Trinity Calendars and ornaments. Please also take home your giving envelopes if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Lessons & Carols: Background and Meaning

The history of Lessons and Carols began in 1880 with a Christmas Eve service at Truro Cathedral in Cornwall, England, created by Bishop Edward White Benson to provide a wholesome alternative to pub festivities. This service was adapted for the Advent season in 1918 by Dean Eric Milner-White at King's College, Cambridge, giving it the structure widely known today and leading to its global popularity, partly through annual broadcasts by the BBC.

This service of Christian worship is traditionally celebrated on or near Christmas in Anglican churches. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings or lessons from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir anthems. The culmination of the service is the reading from John's Gospel: "In the beginning was the Word...."

The service finds its fullest meaning in the context of the Holy Eucharist, "the principal act of Christian Worship on the Lord's Day." (Prayer Book, p. 13) Therefore, the Gospel is always read with the traditional responses, set aside from the other lessons. The reading from John, instead of the lectionary, has always been the centerpiece for Lessons and Carols because it proclaims "the Incarnate Word." The Prayers of the People follows naturally from the end of Bidding Prayer to pray for the needs of all people. (From Wikipedia and The Book of Common Prayer)

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