



**Trinity Church**  
Newport, RI

# Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025, 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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Welcome to Trinity!

Whether this has been your church home for many years, or this is your first time visiting us, we hope you feel at home here. If you are new or visiting, please fill out the Welcome Card in your pew and put it in the offertory plate or hand it to an usher.

This bulletin is designed for use with the Book of Common Prayer. Text in **bold** is read aloud by the congregation. Text in *italics* provides directions or details. Unless otherwise indicated, hymns can be found in the 1982 Hymnal.

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<b>Prelude:</b>	Kommst du nun, Jesu	J.S. Bach
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<b>Opening Hymn 76</b>	On Jordan's Bank	Winchester New
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<b>Opening Acclamation</b>		BCP 355
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Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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.**

*Kyrie*

Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

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## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

## First Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

*The people sit*

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

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

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.*

**Second Lesson**

James 5:7-10

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 67**

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

**The Gospel**

Matthew 11:2-11

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Canon Mark Robinson

*The people stand*

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**

BCP 387

*The leader and people pray responsively*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially, **Bob S., James, Jackie, Joan, Larry, Miriam, Naved, Pam F., Rob, Rosa & Sandra**, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

**The Confession**

BCP 360

**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 says the absolution.*

**The Peace**

BCP 360

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Welcome & Announcements****The Offertory**

The people remain seated as an offering to support the mission and ministry of the church is collected. If you would rather give online, you can give at [www.TrinityNewport.org](http://www.TrinityNewport.org) or scan the QR code on the right.

**Offertory Anthem**

Canita tuba in Zion

Giovanni da Palestrina

Canite tuba in Sion, quia prope est dies Domini  
 Ecce veniet ad salvandum nos, Erunt prava in directa  
 Et aspera in vias planas: Veni, Domine, et noli tardare Alleluia

Blow the tumpet in Zion, for the day of the Lord is at hand.  
 Behold, he is coming to save us, the crooked ways are made straight,  
 And the rough places a plain: come O Lord, and do not delay. Alleluia

**Presentation Hymn 380 (Verse 3)**

Old 100th

*Please stand as the offering is brought forward.*

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



## HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 361

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and Praise.**

*The Celebrant says the proper preface*

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

Schubert

The musical score is for the 'Sanctus' by Schubert, set in B-flat major and 4/4 time. It consists of a piano accompaniment and a vocal line. The lyrics are: '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'. The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and a more active treble line with chords and single notes. The vocal line is a simple melody that follows the rhythm of the lyrics.

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 -

The first system of the musical score is in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal melody in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest, then a half note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a half note C5, and a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with half notes G2, Bb2, and C3, and a treble line with half notes F4 and G4.

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note D5, a quarter rest, a half note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a half note A4, and a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment continues with half notes G4, F4, and E4 in the treble, and half notes Bb2, C3, and D3 in the bass.

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

The third system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note D5, a quarter rest, a half note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a half note A4, and a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment continues with half notes G4, F4, and E4 in the treble, and half notes Bb2, C3, and D3 in the bass.

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

The fourth system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note D5, a quarter rest, a half note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a half note A4, and a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment continues with half notes G4, F4, and E4 in the treble, and half notes Bb2, C3, and D3 in the bass.

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fifth system concludes the hymn. The vocal line has a half note D5, a quarter rest, a half note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a half note A4, and a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment continues with half notes G4, F4, and E4 in the treble, and half notes Bb2, C3, and D3 in the bass.

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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."

## **Memorial Acclamation**

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.**

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

## The Lords' Prayer

BCP 364

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

*The celebrant breaks the Bread*

## *Agnus Dei*

Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

*The Celebrant says*

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.

*Please follow usher directions to the altar rail. If you are sitting in the balcony, come down whenever you wish to receive. If you are unable to come forward, communion can be brought to you in your pew, please just let your usher know.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available at the rail, just place your hand over your heart (like the Pledge of Allegiance). If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you wish to receive wine, you may either sip from the cup or dip (intinct) your bread carefully into the wine.*

### **Communion Anthem**

Benedictus

Gabriel Fauré

Jennifer Berton, Soprano

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

### **Hymn 68**

Rejoice, rejoice believers

Langloffan

### **Post Communion Prayer**

BCP 365

**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**

### **Hymn 74**

Blessed be the King

Valet will ich dir gehen

### **The Dismissal**

BCP 366

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude:**

Valet will ich dir gehen

J.S. Bach

*Our worship is now over, and our service in the world begins.*

## **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**Rector:** The Rev. Canon Meaghan Kelly Brower

**Guest Preacher:** The Rev. Canon Mark Robinson

**Assistant Clergy:** The Rev. Noël Bailey Robinson

**Co Music Director & Organist:** Frederick Jodry

**Acolyte & Crucifer:** Karen Nash

**Lector & Intercessor:** Cheryl Hatch

**Ushers:** Larry Pulice, Tricia Baylor, Ellen Patterson

**Altar Society:** Mary dePinho, Ellen Patterson, Chris Pimentel, Tricia Baylor, Anne Glenn

**Coffee Hour:** Alexandra Day

## WEEKLY PRAYERS AND DEDICATIONS

### *Tower Lighting*

The Tower will be lit on December 16<sup>th</sup>  
in memory of Margaret Stokes (Milda) Ballard,  
born December 16, 1949  
by L. Ford Ballard

**This week we pray for:** Joan, Jackie, Larry, Rosemary, Miriam, Naved, James, Sandra, Rob, Todd, Anita, Ginny, Michael, Karen, Peter, Jackson, Laurie, Sara, Elizabeth, Susan, Robby, Leonard, Bob S., Lewis Eric, Pam F., and Rosa. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we join the Bishop in prayer for the Center of Reconciliation, and all who seek to be reconcilers in our state, nation, and world.

**Give thanks this week for** the life of Alice Brown Pullman, Tatiana Holmsen Rhineland, Curtis W. Bunting, Edward Albert Sherman, Fredrick Henry Prince, Joslyn M. Birdzell, John Diehl & C. Andy Lavarre, the faithful departed on the anniversary of their passing.

**Give thanks this month for** the birthdays of Aurora Lyons, Ray Fisher, Eric Schweibenz, John Gilmartin, Meaghan Kelly Brower, Chris Meyers, Jan Watkinson, Noël Robinson, John Hattendorf, and Jean Gorham.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The PAGEANT IS COMING!!!!** Once again the children of Trinity will dazzle at the 4 o' clock Christmas Eve service. We will be assigning roles, trying on costumes and rehearsing lines today and on the 21st during Sunday School time (10- 10:40), we will also meet briefly after church on the 21st with pizza to follow. Many families have already told me that their children will be participating but we always welcome all children who would like to take part. Please contact me if you have any questions or need any more information [dbauer104@gmail.com](mailto:dbauer104@gmail.com)



**Stewardship Campaign Update:** Our stewardship team is happy to report 80 pledges so far with a total pledged of \$298,418, which includes 11 new pledges and 41 increased pledges from last year. It's not too late to pledge, and we appreciate your commitment and generosity!

**Food Drive:** Trinity is collecting food for Lucy's Hearth. A list with specific requests can be found at the rear of the church. For more information see this week's E-Tower.

**A Note of Thanks:** The silver has been safely put away and now Trinity can lay claim to another successful Silver Tea! The weekend event was everything we'd hoped it would be, due to the contributions of so many of you. Without your support in so many different ways, we would not have been able to pull it off, or to reach a gross profit in the neighborhood of over \$4,000! Proceeds from the tea are used to fund needed projects in our own "living room".

Special thanks to all the church staff for supporting us and being present on tea day, especially to the faithful Tuesday craft group, to Ellen Patterson and Stan Brown for creating the greens arrangements, and to Donna Ellis and Dan Cordeiro for getting the word out there. Most especially, thanks to all of you, for crafting at home, baking, making sandwiches, pouring tea, serving, working the kitchen, manning the door or craft tables, helping with set up and clean up, we thank you so much for your precious time and contributions at this busy time of year!

Chris and Deb

**A Celebration of New Ministry, January 6, 2026 at 6:00p.m.:** The planning for the Rev. Canon Meaghan Kelly Brower's installation is underway. Sign up sheets are located in Honyman Hall. We are seeking help to supply food for the reception following the service, and with set up and cleaning up.



## **CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY**

**Dedications:** Forms to request a dedication of flowers, music & tower lightings can be found at the rear of the church or in this week's E-Tower.

### **Service Schedule:**

**Christmas on the Hill**  
**A Festival of Lessons and Carols**  
**Sunday, December 14, 4 p.m.**  
Choir School of Newport County  
St. George's School Select Choir  
Trinity Choir

**Christmas Eve Family Service**  
**Wednesday December 24, 4 p.m.**  
If your child would like to be involved in the pageant,  
please contact Dolores Bauer at [dbauer104@gmail.com](mailto:dbauer104@gmail.com)

**Festal Christmas Eucharist**  
**Wednesday, December 24, 9 p.m.**  
Music begins at 8:30 p.m.

**Christmas Day**  
**Thursday, December 25, 10 a.m.**  
A joint service celebration with  
Emmanuel Newport and St. John the Evangelist

### **THIS WEEK AT TRINITY**

**Sunday, December 14:** Christmas on Historic Hill, 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 17:** Healing Service and Eucharist, 12 p.m.

Men's Bible Study, 12 p.m.

**Thursday, December 18:** Choir Rehearsal, 7p.m.

**Sunday, December 21:** Worship Services: 8 & 10 a.m.

Bible Study in the Glenn Family Center, 9 a.m.

Sunday School 10 a.m., Teen Program 9 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, 10a.m.

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#### **Class of 2026**

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Alexandra Day

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## *Trinity Church in Newport*

### *Christmas Worship Services*

#### *Christmas Eve Family Service* *Wednesday, December 24, 4 p.m.*

Children of all ages are invited to participate in this service, Christmas Pageant, and celebration of Holy Eucharist.

#### *Festal Christmas Eucharist* *Wednesday, December 24, 9 p.m.*

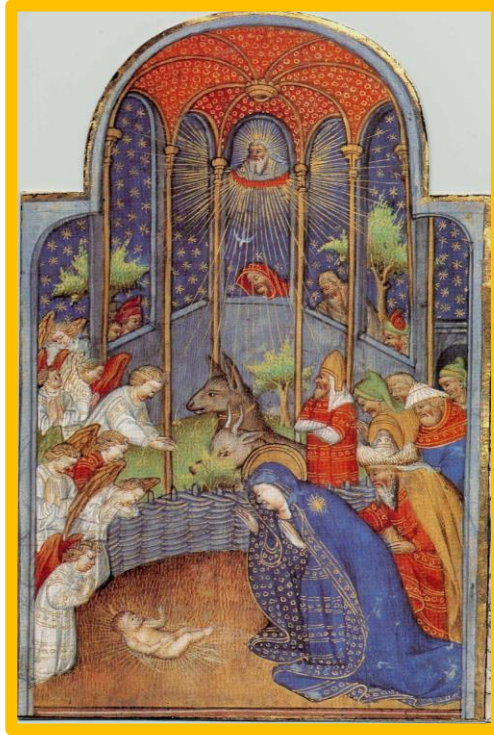
With Missa ad Praesepe by Malcom with strings, oboe, and flute. Works of Bach, Rutter, and Rachmaninoff. Music begins at 8:30 p.m.

#### *Christmas Day , 10 a.m..*

Service at Trinity Church, offered by Trinity, Emmanuel Newport, and St. John the Evangelist.



# *Christmas on Historic Hill*



## *Lessons and Carols*

*December 14, 2025, 4:00PM*

**Trinity Church in Newport, Rhode Island**

The Choir of Trinity Church  
Choir School of Newport County,  
St. George's School Select Choir

**Frederick Jodry, *Co-director of Music***  
**The Reverend Canon Meaghan Kelly Brower, *Rector***