



Welcome to
The Liturgy of the Word
and
Spiritual Communion

The Second Sunday after Christmas
January 3, 2020

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10:00 a.m. by Zoom conference

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*In keeping with our practice of following the customs of the host church of any joint liturgy,
we will be following the liturgical norms of Trinity Church for today's service.*

OPENING HYMN

Unto us a boy is born

Hymnal 98



1 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -
 2 Cra - dled in a stall was he with sleep - y cows and
 3 He - rod then with fear was filled; "A prince," he said, "in
 4 Now may Ma - ry's son, who came so long a - go to
 *5 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -



1 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the
 2 ass - es; but the ve - ry beasts could see that
 3 Jew - ry!" All the lit - tle boys he killed at
 4 love us, lead us all with hearts a - flame un -
 5 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the



1 Lord of ev - ery na - - - - - tion.
 2 he all men sur - pass - - - - - es.
 3 Beth - lehem in his fu - - - - - ry.
 4 to the joys a - bove _____ us.
 5 Lord of ev - ery na - - - - - tion.

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THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People

And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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.**

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

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 READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

The Lesson

Read by Lynda Swartz

Jeremiah 31:7-14

A reading from the Book of the Prophet 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.

At the conclusion, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Read by Janice Butler

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

A reading from the First 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.

At the conclusion, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

In the bleak midwinter

Hymnal 112



1	In	the	bleak	mid - win - ter,	frost - y	wind	made	moan,	
2	Our	God,	heaven	can - not	hold	him,	nor—	earth	sus - tain;
3	An - gels	and	arch - an - gels	may	have	gath - ered	there,		
4	What—	can	I	give	him,	poor—	as	I	am?



earth	stood	hard	as	i - ron,	wa - ter	like	a	stone;		
heaven	and	earth	shall	flee	a - way	when	he	comes	to	reign:
cher - u - bim	and	se - ra - phim	throng - ed	the	air;					
If	I	were	a	shep - herd,	I	would	bring	a	lamb;	



snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

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The Holy Gospel

Read by the Rev. Dr. George Koch

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

At the announcement, the People respond:

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After [the Magi] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.” When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

At the conclusion, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. David G. Robinson, Jr., Vicar

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, 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

Led by Gary Dozier

Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Rob, our Bishop; Chip, our Vicar; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for Donald, our President, and Joseph, our President-elect; for Chris, our Governor; and 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.

Christ Church: Anthony, Marilyn, Martha, Peter, Robert & Jennifer

Trinity Church: Audrey, Ayyad, Barbara, Bob, Caileigh, Cassidy, Christine, David, Howard, Joseph, Luran, Mike, Noah, Rosemarie, Sally, Wes & Anne

Celebrant

God of all families and peoples, accept the prayers we offer in this joyful season. As we welcome this mystery of your love, may we delight in our joy as your children and heirs of your kingdom. Glory to you for ever. ***Amen.***

A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Recognizing that we are unable to physically receive Holy Communion in this service, we offer the following prayer recognizing Christ's presence in our midst. When bid in the prayer to do so, you are invited to hold out your hands as you would to receive the sacred Host.

Celebrant and People

O Lord Jesus Christ,

we believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of your Body and Blood.

We love you above all things, and desire to receive you into our souls.

***Since we cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into our hearts.***

***As we hold out our hands in longing for Communion with you,
help us to embrace you knowing that you are already here
and unite us wholly to you.***

Never permit us to be separated from you.

We pray this in your holy Name. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

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

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those 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 CHRISTMAS BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Away in a manger

Lift Every Voice 27

1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord
2. The cat - tle are low - ing the Ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close by me for

1. Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky— looked
2. Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes, I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look
3. ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

1. down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
2. down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
3. thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

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The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the People

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to welcome the Christ Child into your life.

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



Virtual Coffee Hour

Please stay online after the liturgy ends for some time of conversation and connection with one another.

Please raise your hand (directly in front of your face so it is in camera range) and wait for the host to call on you. This will prevent confusing cross-talk.



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

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visit our websites:*

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www.trinityhampton.org



~ ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE ~

Keyboard: Brendan Battey
Zoom Co-Host: Betty Lane
Lectors: Lynda Swartz, Janice Butler
Gospel: The Rev. Dr. George Koch
Intercessions: Gary Dozier



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~



Epiphany Feast of Lights online – This traditional service, which we will celebrate **this evening at 5 p.m.**, will be just like the one we’ve celebrated for years in our Shared Ministry – but live-streamed from Trinity Church for you to participate in at home. We will have our Officiant, Reader, and Acolyte present at Trinity’s altar – but you will be part of it by dimming your lights at home at the appropriate point and lighting your own candle to “spread the light” so all can see it on-screen. The story this service tells is a powerful one – and we look forward to preserving this tradition, even under this year’s extraordinary circumstances. To access the service, follow this link: <https://zoom.us/j/98585677480>. The Meeting ID if connecting by phone at (929)205-6099 is 985 8567 7480.

Tuesday Noonday Prayer - Our Tuesday Noonday Prayer resumes this week after a Christmas week hiatus. Our small-but-faithful group of regular attendees has found it nourishing, so we’re still gathering Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. for this 15-minute Office, followed by conversation until 1:30. If you haven’t joined us for this, why not give it a try? You can join us at this link: <https://zoom.us/j/95907635727>. If you’re joining us by phone, the number is (929) 205-6099, and the meeting ID is 959 0763 5727.

Coming soon: A new Shared Ministry directory – A new church directory will be produced in time for distribution with our annual meeting materials in January. Please take a look at your current listing. If you are new to us, please feel free to call Nita in the Shared Ministry office to make sure we have all your information for the directory. If you have any additions, deletions or changes (maybe your email address has changed), please phone 926-5688 or email Nita: trinity55ad@gmail.com



Official Notice of Annual Meetings

Know all persons by these presents that the Annual Meeting of Trinity Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom conference; and that the Annual Meeting of Christ Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom conference.

The Zoom links are as follows:

- Trinity Church (Jan. 24 at 11:30 a.m.): <https://zoom.us/j/99482042110>
To join by phone, call (929) 205-6099 and enter Meeting ID: 994 8204 2110
- Christ Church (Jan. 31 at 11:30 a.m.): <https://zoom.us/j/94680896725>
To join by phone, call (929) 205-6099 and enter Meeting ID: 946 8089 6725

The purpose of these meetings shall be to receive the Reports of the Officers and Organizations of the Congregations; to elect Officers and Delegates for the terms specified for their offices as stated in the By-Laws of the Congregations; and to conduct such other business as may lawfully come before these meetings.

Any baptized person, sixteen (16) years of age or older, who acknowledges in writing the authority of the By-Laws of the Congregation her or she attends and who declares his or her intention to aid in maintaining public worship therein by regular attendance at such worship and who is a contributor of record, is entitled to voice and vote.

Suzanne George, Warden, Christ Church

Rusty Bridle, Senior Warden, Trinity Church

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CHRIST CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Christ Church is to share the light of Christ in the world.
As progressive Christians we welcome all people into our sanctuary, regardless of race,
economic circumstances, gender, sexual orientation, or religious background.
We gather to worship, sing, celebrate, acknowledge common needs,
be fed at God's table, and care, love and nurture one another.
From here we go forth into the world to be active servants of the spirit of Jesus,
ministering to those in need and taking God's grace and peace into the wider community.



TRINITY CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity Episcopal Church is a welcoming community of faith engaged in outreach
to each other and our community as modeled by Jesus Christ.