



Holy Eucharist II

Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)

DECEMBER 5, 2021 10:00 AM RITE II SERVICE

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. We are delighted that you are gathered together with us today. Please follow along with the following order of service. All participation is optional and all are welcome at Christ's Table for Holy Communion. Please join us afterward for Coffee, Cake, and Conversation outdoors.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

Presider	The Rev. John Elliott Lein
Acolyte*	Steve Ketcham
Lector	Justin Varteresian
Ushers	Katherine Côté & Cindi Scrimgeour
Music	Jeff Lukas, Beth Stochaj, Cathy Poch
Digital Minister	Wayne Stochaj
Vestry Liaison	Cindi Scrimgeour
Altar Guild	Ruth Warner
Coffee Hour	Pat Keppler

** While Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) distribution is on hold during the pandemic, the Acolyte assists the Presider.*

"The Eucharist is the entrance of the Church into the joy of its Lord. And to enter into that joy, so as to be a witness to it in the world, is indeed the very calling of the Church, its essential *liturgy* [work of the people/for public benefit], the sacrament by which it 'becomes what it is.'" — *Protopresbyter Fr. Alexander Schmemmann*

The Word of God

PRELUDE

The Advent Candles are lit while the anthem is sung

ADVENT ANTHEM O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

The People may stand for praise

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

EOW I 50

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

All-loving 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 all, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The People may join in reciting

SONG OF PRAISE

CANTICLE G (EOW I 34)

A SONG OF EZEKIEL (36:24-28)

I will take you from among all nations;
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.
I will sprinkle clean water upon you;
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.
A new heart I will give you
and a new spirit put within you.
I will take the stone heart from your chest
and give you a heart of flesh.
I will help you walk in my laws
and cherish my commandments and do them.
You shall be my people,
and I will be your God.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 211

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming

of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The People may be seated for the readings.

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET
MALACHI (3:1-4)**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

**THE SONG APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS THE SONG OF
ZECHARIAH (LUKE 1:68-79)**

The People will recite as instructed

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers * and to
remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, * holy and
righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called
the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*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.*

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO
THE ASSEMBLY IN PHILIPPI (PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11)**

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

The People may stand

SEQUENCE CHANT *EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL*

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel—
God with us, revealed in us—His name is called Emmanuel.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE (3:1-6)**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths
straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”
The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

HOMILY THE REV. JOHN ELLIOTT LEIN

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

*The People may stand for recitation of this historic Pledge,
continuing the journey in the tradition of our forebearers.*

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

*The People may stand or kneel for the prayers
and respond to each petition as instructed*

Presider This Advent season we pray for the
homecoming of the faithful and the renewal of ministry.

Leader With all our heart, mind, body, and spirit, let
us pray together saying, “Hear our prayer.”

For all Holy Assemblies: for the return of the faithful,
for the renewal of the community, for our mission of
love. We pray especially for our covenant parish, Saint

Mary of the Assumption, and our partner dioceses of
Kumasi and Asante-Mampong in Ghana.

O Inviting One. *Hear our prayer.*

For all Peoples: for the recognition of our common
humanity, for setting aside competition for
cooperation, for lifting up the lowly and lowering the
mighty, for your life of justice to be established.

O Convicting One. *Hear our prayer.*

For all the World: for the homecoming of all people to
the land, for living in harmony with all life, for
commitment to peace amongst humanity and all
species, for the cessation of exploitive civilization and
the establishment of new and renewed gentle living.

O Creating and Sustaining One. *Hear our prayer.*

For all life along the Kittacuck¹, river and valley: for the
vitality of our land, fish, and wildlife, for the support
of individuals and families in all life circumstances, for
the honoring of the past and consideration of the
future, for the cycle of seasons and renewal of all.

O Incarnating One. *Hear our prayer.*

For all who suffer and who are in any trouble: for the
homeless and hungry, for those cold and in pain, for
those afflicted with the virus or any illness, for those
suffering in mental health. We pray especially for the
Baird, Henry, Dunham, Belisle, Peroni, Palmer,
Gattoni, Langlois, & Burke Families; Marcia; Theo
Coughlin; Marion MacDonald; Brendan Donohoe;
Emma Souder; Anna Smith; Kristen Jennings; Ani
Sharoogian; David Gillis; Anna Smith; Rita & Dick
Cronan; Zak Gustavesen; Brad Gustavesen; Bryson;
the Garretson Family; Bitsy; Enid Barton; the
McDonnell Family; Paul Langlois; Sharon Manoogian;
Sal & Vas Ferreira; Laura Uretsky; Ron Taylor; Peter
Lee; Gloria Falcone; Barbara; Valerie; Clinton Clark,
III; Marco Weiss; Al Price; Mary Torian, Beth & Terry;
Esther McKenzie; Lisa Wilson; Sandra Arbogast; Judy
Shea; Robin Rowe; Skye Bayleigh Plaisted; Alisha
Starkis Weddeke; Chrissy & Mark; Thomas Scano; the
Canali Family; Sherel & Lou Frere; Craig Silverman;
Justin Perkin; Tom Childs; Nancy Sharoogian; Bob
Mezzadri; all those serving in the military and the Peace
Corps, especially Avary DeRagon; Drew Beauchamp;
Charles; Laura; Elena; Brendan Wood; Danielle & Joel
Marsh; Tom Bento; Joel Joudrey; Justin Woessner and
their families.

¹ “Great tidal river” (Alogonquin) now called the Blackwater,
original home of the Wampanoag, Nipmuck and Narragansett.

O Co-Suffering One. *Hear our prayer.*

For those who have departed this life: for those who have died in this and all pandemics, for victims of violence, for myriad species lost in extinction. We particularly remember today Leonard Baird, Rose Belisle, and John Burke.

O Living One. *Hear our prayer.*

Joining our voices together, we pray:

O Comforting One, be with us in our hope and our fear. Bring us home to your eternal presence in all moments of life. Gather with us, pray with us, sing with us, mourn with us, rejoice with us. Be with us now and always. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Then All pray:

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 Presider gives the Absolution

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

The People may stand. The Presider says

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Minister(s) and People exchange the Peace.

 *Please refrain from physical contact.*



“...the purpose of Eucharist is not to change bread and wine, but to change you and me: through baptism and eucharist it is we who are to become Christ for one another, and a sign to the world that is yet to hear his name. That is what Christian liturgy is all about, because that is what Christianity is all about.”

— *Archmandrite Fr. Robert Taft, S.J.*

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 2, Enriching Our Worship vol. 1 p. 60

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376



*All offerings are taken in the collection plate
in the rear of the nave.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

THE SURSUM CORDA

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

The Presider invites the People to Thanksgiving (Eucharist)

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Presider</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Presider</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The People may stand or kneel

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might

conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

THE VERBA

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

THE ANAMNESIS

REMINISCENCE OF SAVING DEEDS

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

THE EPICLESIS

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever...

All join strongly together in the People's "AMEN"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All say the Prayer together

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as 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 FRACTION

EOW I 69

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body, for in Christ
we all share in the one bread, one cup.

THE INVITATION

BCP 364

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 People may be seated.

THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

BCP 457

All are welcome at Christ's Table. Please come forward in turn to receive. Gluten-free bread is available on request. Cross your arms over your chest if you wish a blessing instead.

✚ *The fullness of the sacrament is received in one element; at this time our bishop has directed us to administer the bread alone. Please allow ample room at the rail. If you are unable to receive the sacrament physically, you may pray the following prayer for spiritual reception of communion:*

"I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen."

COMMUNION ANTHEM

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

EOW I 69

The People may stand or kneel. All pray together

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF BIRTHDAYS

Those celebrating birthdays this week: Amanda Rudenauer; Ben Nelson; Tom Nelson; Lisa Conti; Scott

Roy; June Jones; Matthew Frycki; Lisa Ruggiero; Brady Waugh; Johnny Howard; Lisa Murphy; Ruth Warner; Travis Terry; Monica Waugh; Charles Olson; and Mike Manoogian.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

DEPARTING BLESSING

EOW I 70

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Please join in the hymn with music provided

RECESSIONAL HYMN

GILLETTE

DOWN BY THE JORDAN

DISMISSAL

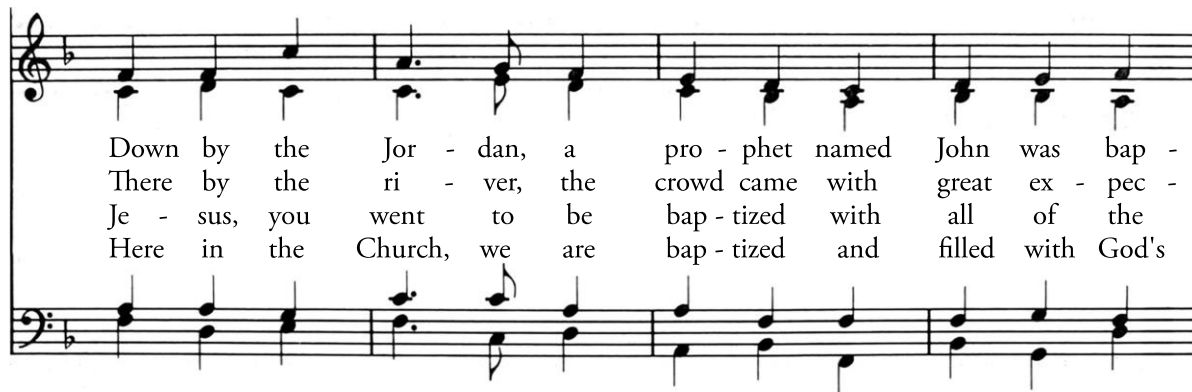
Let us go forth into all creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

*Please join us for **Coffee, Cake, and Conversation** upstairs in the parish hall, minding your health and that of others while this pandemic is still ongoing.*



Down by the Jordan



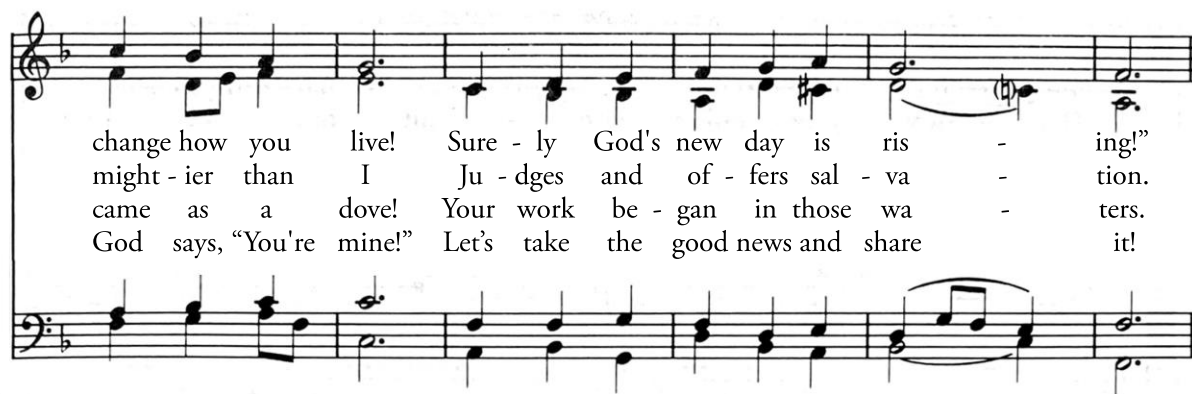
Down by the Jor - dan, a pro - phet named John was bap -
 There by the ri - ver, the crowd came with great ex - pec -
 Je - sus, you went to be bap - tized with all of the
 Here in the Church, we are bap - tized and filled with God's



ti - zing, Preach - ing a mes - sage the peo - ple found
 ta - tion: "Are you God's Cho - sen One, sent here to
 o - thers, Tak - ing your place a - mong sin - ners, God's
 Spi - rit. Freed and for - given, we're wel - com - ed with



bold and sur - pri - sing: "God will for - give! Show that you'll
 res - cue our na - tion?" "No!" John re - plied. "He who is
 lost sons and daugh - ters. Then with great love, God's Spi - rit
 joy! Can you hear it? This is God's sign! This is how



change how you live! Sure - ly God's new day is ris - ing!"
 might - ier than I Ju - dges and of - fers sal - va - tion.
 came as a dove! Your work be - gan in those wa - ters.
 God says, "You're mine!" Let's take the good news and share it!

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665;

harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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UPCOMING PARISH & CHURCH EVENTS

TODAY	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 am Formation Hour 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:00 am Coffee Hour
DEC 12	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 am Survey Forum 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:00 am Coffee Hour 4:00 pm Blue Christmas Service
Dec 15	Jesse Tree gifts deadline
Dec 19	Covenant Parish Lessons & Carols 4:00 pm at St. Mary of the Assumption
Dec 21	<i>Feast Day of Saint Thomas, Apostle</i>
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Services 4:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Pageant 8:00 pm Holy Eucharist
Dec 25	Christmas Day Service 9:00 am Holy Eucharist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **Jesse Tree** program is an opportunity to buy gifts for families in need. The signup is online, gifts are due on Dec. 15, and we will gather to wrap together following the 10 am service on Dec. 19.
- Our **Blue Christmas** service will be held at 4 pm on Dec. 12 for those who struggle with grief and darkness during the holidays. Mary Johnson and Dave Clinkman will lead us in prayer and song.
- We want to hear from you! Please fill out our **survey on programs and schedule** before the deadline of Wednesday, December 8th. We will gather at 9 am next Sunday morning to discuss. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCMworship21>
- **Stewardship** season is here! During this time of considering our pledges of tithe, time, and talent to Christ's church for 2022, we ask all to contemplate our theme of "Coming Home" to family and faith.
- The 2021 **Christmas Fair** is now live online: <https://trinity-christmas-fair.myshopify.com>
- Food insecurity is rising, and our volunteers are helping. **Community Dinners** last four weeks:
 - Nov 4: 130 meals distributed (100 restaurant)
 - Nov 11: 131 meals cooked and served
 - Nov 18: 165 meals distributed (100 restaurant)
 - Nov 25: 200 meals cooked and served
- **Liturgical note:** For this Advent Season, our prayers are for the homecoming of the faithful. We also begin Year C of our three-year lectionary cycle, featuring *The Gospel according to Luke* and this author's emphasis on caring for the marginalized.

EVERY WEEK

SUNDAY	9:00 am Formation Hour (all ages) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist with music 11:00 am Coffee Hour
Tuesday	6:00 pm Tai Chi in Lane Chapel
Wednesday	7:00 pm Contemplative Gathering
Thursday	12:00/2:00 pm Volunteers prepare meals 4:00 pm Community Dinner served
Friday	10:00 am Painting Class (Murray Hall)

EVERY MONTH

The Vestry meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm via Zoom. All parishioners are welcome.

Luncheon groups of women (JULIETs) and men (ROMEOs) meet monthly at local restaurants.

Youth (8th through 12th grade) meet at 6:30 pm on one Sunday per month for fun, fellowship, and formation.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Community Dinners are prepared and served weekly to all, alternating between restaurant and cooked meals.

Laundry Love provides supplies and quarters; pandemic distribution by police dispatcher Lisa Trusas.

Eyeglass and **food donations** collected in the side narthex and given to the Lion's Club and Daily Bread.

PARISH OFFICE

We are open 10 am - 2 pm Monday through Thursday.

Father John, Priest rector@trinitychurchmilford.org
Magee, Secretary office@trinitychurchmilford.org

THE MINISTERS OF TRINITY ARE THE PEOPLE OF THIS PARISH

led by
The Right Rev. Doug Fisher, *Bishop*
The Rev. John Elliott Lein, *Rector*
Rachel Carpenter, *Sunday School Coordinator*
Magee Lambert, *Secretary*, Paul Del Molino, *Sexton*
Beth Moeller, Sr. *Warden*, Lisa Ruggiero, Jr. *Warden*
and the Treasurer, Clerk, and Vestry.

We serve all God's Creation as a local parish of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, part of The Episcopal Church (USA), a member of the global Anglican Communion.