

Holy Eucharist II

Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)

DECEMBER 12, 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* Dave Clinkman
Lector Touie Jackson

Ushers Touie Jackson & Charlie Johnson Music Jeff Lukas, Beth Stochaj, Cathy Poch

Digital Minister Ann Marie Lockwood Vestry Liaison Tessa Scrimgeour

Altar Guild Cathy Ellis

Coffee Hour Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski

* 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 Schmemann*

The Word of God

PRELUDE

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN PAT

Patti Drennan

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

#679

SURELY IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

EOW 150

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 1 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.

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 may be seated for the readings.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah (3:14-20)

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE SONG APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS THE *ECCE DEUS*, THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH (ISAIAH 12:2-6)

The People will recite as instructed

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, * and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing * from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; * see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,* and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, * for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

The People recite the Gloria in unison

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.

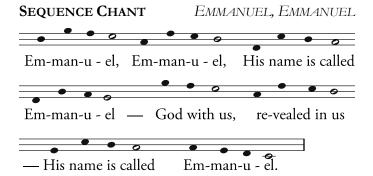
Amen.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ASSEMBLY IN PHILIPPI (PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The People may stand



THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE (3:7-18)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came

to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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.

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

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 Burkle Family; Bryson; Marcia; Theo Coughlin; Marion MacDonald; Brendan Donohoe; Emma Souder; Anna Smith; Kristen Jennings; Ani Sharoogian; David Gillis; Rita & Dick Cronan; Zak Gustavesen; Brad Gustavesen; 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.

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 Lyanna Rae Burkle.

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. I p. 60

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376



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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When he comes Read, Silver, Norton

THE SURSUM CORDA

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

The Presider invites the People to Thanksgiving (Eucharist)

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People 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 169

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 HYMN

#112

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

EOW 169

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: Charles Olson; Mike Manoogian; Tessa Scrimgeour; Elaine Bentley; Brittany Locklin; John Palinkas; Linda Wessling; Peter Hennessy; Cindy Bernier; Fran Phaneuf; Elizabeth Hutto; Hayden Fowler; Michael Marino; Nancy Nichols; Anthony Cifizzari; Madison Lyons; and Andre Kinne.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

DEPARTING BLESSING

EOW 170

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

LEVAS #724 (PAGE 7)

PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

ADVENT MEDITATION

LARKIN

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.





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UPCOMING PARISH & CHURCH EVENTS

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT **TODAY** 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 **4**TH **SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC 19** 9:00 am Formation Hour 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:00 am Coffee Hour 4:00 pm Lessons & Carols at St. Mary's 6:00 pm Youth Movie Night Dec 21 Feast Day of Saint Thomas, Apostle Dec 24 **Christmas Eve Services** 4:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Pageant 8:00 pm Holy Eucharist Dec 25 Christmas Day Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

- Our Blue Christmas service will be held today at 4 pm for those who struggle with darkness or need quiet and rest during the holidays. Mary Johnson and Dave Clinkman will lead us in prayer and song.
- Our **Youth** are meeting next Sunday evening at **6:00 pm** for a "Film, Food, Fellowship, and Formation" night! Come ready to eat some pizza, watch a show, and then discuss.
- 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.
- 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.
- Food insecurity is rising, and our volunteers are helping. **Community Dinners** last four weeks:
 - o Nov 11: 131 meals cooked and served
 - o Nov 18: 165 meals distributed (100 restaurant)
 - o Nov 25: 200 meals cooked and served
 - o Dec 2: 173 meals distributed (100 restaurant)
- 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 ChapelWednesday 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.

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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.

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