



Holy Eucharist II

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)

DECEMBER 19, 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

<i>Presider</i>	The Rev. John Elliott Lein
<i>Acolyte*</i>	Steve Howe
<i>Lector</i>	James Jones
<i>Ushers</i>	Andrew Yaroshefski & Justin Varteresian
<i>Music Leader</i>	Dave Clinkman
<i>Digital Minister</i>	Will Lein
<i>Vestry Liaison</i>	Beth Moeller
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Lucille Clinkman

** 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

LO HE COMES HELMSLEY BY AUGUSTINE ARNE

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

#66

COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and

reigns with you, in the unity of 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
MICAH (5:2-5A)**

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock
in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

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

THE SONG APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS PSALM 80 (1-7)

The People will recite as instructed

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;*
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the
cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,*
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

**A READING FROM THE EXHORTATION TO THE
HEBREWS (HEBREWS 10:5-10)**

When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.”

Then I said,

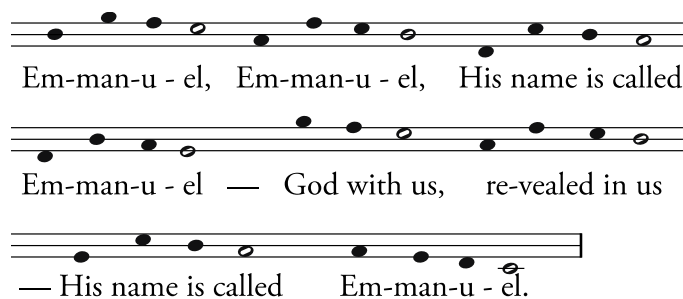
“See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor
taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt
offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according
to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your
will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the
second. And it is by God’s will that we have been
sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus
Christ once for all.

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

The People may stand

SEQUENCE CHANT *EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL*



**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE (1:39-55)**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a
Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the
house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child
leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the
Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are
you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your
womb. And why has this happened to me, that the
mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I
heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my
womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed
that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken
to her by the Lord.”

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit
rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor
on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations
will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name.
 His mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.
 He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud
 in the thoughts of their hearts.
 He has brought down the powerful
 from their thrones,
 and lifted up the lowly;
 he has filled the hungry with good things, and
 sent the rich away empty.
 He has helped his servant Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

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 Aida
 Mitchell; David Gillis; Rita & Dick Cronan; Zak
 Gustavesen; Brad Gustavesen; Bryson; Marcia; Theo
 Coughlin; Marion MacDonald; Brendan Donohoe;
 Emma Souder; Anna Smith; Kristen Jennings; Ani
 Sharoogian; the Garretson Family; Bitsy; Enid Barton;
 the McDonnell Family; Paul Langlois; Sharon
 Manoogian; Sal & Vas Ferreira; Laura Uretsky; Ron

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

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.

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 HYMN

#324

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

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 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 RENDEZ A DIEU, BOURGEOIS
FATHER, WE THANK THEE WHO HAS PLANTED

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: Madison Lyons;
Andre Kinne; Amy Neves; Nathan Jeffers; Sheri Keeler-
Phillips; David Haddad; Stephanie McCallum; Gregory
Palmer; Henry Leverock; Luke Alley; Paula Correia;
Janice Ford; Rob Gallerane; Jeffrey Varteresian; Linda
Scott; Carol Brutsch; Carole Foley; and Mary Frances
Best.

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

#618

YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

ST. THOMAS

WADE/NOVELLO

*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.*



UPCOMING PARISH & CHURCH EVENTS

TODAY	4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 am Formation Hour 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:00 am <i>Lessons & Carols</i> at St. Mary's 6:00 pm Youth Movie Night
Dec 21	<i>Feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle</i>
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Services 4:00 pm Holy Eucharist II with Pageant 8:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II
Dec 25	Feast of the Nativity of Jesus Christ 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I with violinist Jagan-Nath Singh Khalsa
DEC 26	1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS <i>Feast of St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr</i> 10:00 am Lay-led Morning Prayer
Dec 27	<i>Feast of Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>
Dec 28	<i>Feast of the Holy Innocents</i>
Jan 1	<i>Feast of the Holy Name</i>
JAN 2	2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II with the Rev. Lavonne Seifert
Jan 6	<i>Feast of the Epiphany</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join with our Covenant *Lessons and Carols* service at St. Mary of the Assumption, 4:00 pm today.
- Youth meet today at 6:00 pm for a movie night.
- **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. Pledge at: trinitychurchmilford.org/2022-pledge
- The **Community Dinner** program is providing gift certificates for 80 adults and 20 children to eat at Johnny Jack's this Christmas Day, thanks to your financial support.
- **Liturgical note:** For this Advent and Christmas 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 office is closed for the Holidays through January 2nd.
Father John is on vacation through January 8th.

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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part of The Episcopal Church (USA),
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