

# Holy Eucharist II

The Feast of Christmas (Year C)

**DECEMBER 24, 2021** 8:00 PM ONLINE SERVICE

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. We are delighted that you are gathered together with us today online. Please follow along with the following order of service.

#### ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

Presider The Rev. John Elliott Lein

*Acolyte\** Elise Lein

Lectors Madelyn Stochaj, Kim Stochaj

PrayersMiriam LeinOrganAnthony OrificeSingingBeth StochajDigital MinisterWayne Stochaj

Altar Guild Mary Ellen Yaroshefski

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

Flowers on the on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard W. Torian.

"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

THE SNOW LAY ON THE GROUND

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER
GESU' BAMBINO
LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

C. DOUGLAS
G. HOLSTEIN
P. YON
TRAD. GERMAN

#### OPENING HYMN

VERSES 1-3 OF #83

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

#### **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 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.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The People may be seated for the readings.

# A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (9:2-7)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;

authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness

from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### THE SONG APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS PSALM 96

The People will recite as instructed

Sing to the LORD a new song; \* sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \* proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations \* and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \* he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \* but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \* Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \* ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \* bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \* let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \* he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*

let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, \* when he comes to judge the earth.

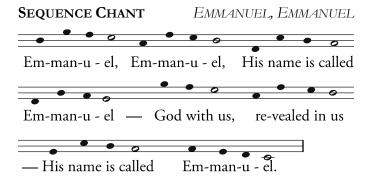
He will judge the world with righteousness \* and the peoples with his truth.

#### A READING FROM THE WRITING OF TITUS (2:11-14)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The People may stand



## THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE (2:1-20)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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 Kittacuck<sup>1</sup>, 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 Owen & Ruggiero Families; Stephen; Jonathan & Juliana Owen; Mary Branco; Aida Mitchell; David Gillis; Rita & Dick Cronan; Zak Gustavesen; Brad Gustavesen; Bryson; Marcia; Theo Coughlin; Marion MacDonald; Brendan Donohoe; Emma Souder; Anna Smith; 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 Shirley Owen, Ronald Taylor, and Richard Torian.

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,

The Presider gives the Absolution

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Great tidal river" (Alogonquin) now called the Blackwater, original home of the Wampanoag, Nipmuck and Narragansett.

"...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**

BETH STOCHAL

I WONDER AS I WANDER

#### 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.

The fullness of the sacrament is received in one element; at this time our bishop has directed us to administer the bread alone. 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 HYMNS**

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM VERSES 1,2,3,5 OF #79

#### 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: Carole Foley; Mary Frances Best; Ruth Cooper; Lee Baisley; Bill Hanrahan; Alex Garay; Logan Viens; John Lein; Chris McNulty; and Michelle Cifizzari.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **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*.

Candles are lit

#### CLOSING HYMN

#111

SILENT NIGHT

#### DISMISSAL

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

#### **POSTLUDE**

CRY OUT WITH JOY AND GLADNESS J. MARCHIONDA



#### UPCOMING PARISH & CHURCH EVENTS

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TODAY	CHRISTMAS EVE ONLINE			
	4:00 pm Service cancelled			
	7:30 pm Christmas Music (instrument			
	8:00 pm Holy Eucharist on Zoom			
Dec 25	Christmas Day			
	9:00 am Service cancelled			
<b>DEC 26</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas			
	9:00 am Lay Morning Prayer (Zoom)			
Dec 27	Feast of St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr			
Dec 28	Feast of Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist			
Dec 29	Feast of the Holy Innocents			
Jan 1	Feast of the Holy Name			
Jan 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas			
	9:00 am Holy Eucharist II on Zoom			
	with the Rev. Lavonne Seifert			
Jan 6	Feast of the Epiphany			
Jan 9	$1^{\text{St}}$ Sunday after the Epiphany			
•	THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD			
	9:00 am Holy Eucharist I on Zoom			

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- As we wait out the **Omicron wave** of the pandemic, the leadership of the parish has moved all services to 9:00 am online via Zoom through at least January 9<sup>th</sup> out of an abundance of caution and love for our people. Please wear high-quality masks, avoid gatherings, and get your booster if able. Stay safe, be blessed!
- 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: <a href="mailto:trinitychurchmilford.org/2022-pledge">trinitychurchmilford.org/2022-pledge</a>
- The **2022 parish annual meeting** is scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup>. More details to come soon.
- 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 Holy Eucharist

on Zoom only through January 9th

Tuesday 6:00 pm Tai Chi in Lane ChapelWednesday 7:00 pm Contemplative Gathering

Returns on Zoom January 12th

**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** (8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>rector@.trinitychurchmilford.org</u>
Magee, Secretary <u>office@.trinitychurchmilford.org</u>

The office is closed for the Holidays through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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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