

# Trinity Episcopal Church

Lime Rock, CT

*Offering Companionship Along The Way*

## THE FEAST OF THE INCARNATION

### DECEMBER 24, 2020



**Prelude:**

**A Christmas Choral Concert  
Excerpts from the Crescendo Concert  
“The Christmas Story in Three Cultures”**

**Welcoming Sentence:** “The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.”

*John 1:14*

*Pastor* Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

"Gloria in Excelsis" from Mass in D Major

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

### Collect of the Day

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Pastor* Let us pray together our collect.

**O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Prophecy of 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; 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 96

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
 Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
 ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
 bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
 let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 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."
- 11 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.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
 before the LORD when he comes, \*  
 when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
 and the peoples with his truth.

#### **Paul's Letter to 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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Gradual Hymn** "Good Christians all, rejoice"

*In dulci jubilo*

*Pastor*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:1-14

*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



Let your power and compassion guide those who exercise authority on earth, that they may be servants of peace, bringing comfort and security to all who are vulnerable.  
Glory to God in the highest heaven, **and peace to God's people on earth.**

Embrace with your eternal protection all who are poor; refugees and the displaced, those threatened by violence, and families with no place to call their home.  
Glory to God in the highest heaven, **and peace to God's people on earth.**

We pray for all those who are sick or in trouble, especially those we lift up in prayer...*(pause for people to add names)* ..fill them with your healing grace, Lord God.  
Glory to God in the highest heaven, **and peace to God's people on earth.**

We remember all our loved ones who have entered into joy in God's eternal kingdom...*(pause for people to add names)* ...and we give thanks for the lives of all who are remembered in our Christmas flower memorials today.  
Glory to God in the highest heaven, **and peace to God's people on earth.**

We give thanks for shepherds and all the vigilant who work in dangerous and difficult places in this year of Covid-19. Hear our grateful thanksgivings for all the gifts and blessings in our lives...*(pause for people to add thanksgivings.)*  
Glory to God in the highest heaven, **and peace to God's people on earth.**

All these our prayers we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

### **The Prayer List**

#### **SICK**

Eric  
Roberto  
Alice Twed  
Millie  
Allie  
Sam  
Dana  
Brianna  
Cindy  
Marlene Stratman  
Christine Garfield  
Carlos  
Janet Deitch  
Elaine  
Martha  
Christopher  
Russ Yoder

Alice Gustafson  
All cancer patients as they continue their recovery  
All caregivers  
And all those suffering with COVID-19

#### **REST IN PEACE**

Estefana Martinez Segundo  
Hermilo Vega Salgado  
Julia Scott  
Lilia Hoddinott  
John Bryant  
Caroline Vreeland  
Wendy Gails  
Gail Capozzi  
Virginia Eaton Ferranti  
Hamilton Eaton, Sr.  
Randle Brooks  
All who have died from COVID-19

## **The Peace**

*Priest* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Offertory Solo** “Mary had a Baby” traditional Spiritual

sung by Jermaine Woodard Jr.

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

**Holy, holy, holy**

Gevert 2016

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **Amen.**

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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

*Priest* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### **Fraction Anthem**

Gevert 2016

### **Prayer for Spiritual Reception**

Lord, Jesus Christ, we believe that you are present in the sharing of the Holy Eucharist. We desire through this sacrament to receive you into our bodies; heart, mind and soul.

Since we cannot at this moment receive you physically through the bread and wine of this Holy Meal we ask that you come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you now as we unite ourselves to your presence. May we never be separated from your love. **Amen.**

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

**God of all grace, may we live in expectation and hope, and may the Spiritual gifts we have received at this table remind us not only of the gift of your Christ incarnate, but of your steady presence among us, that we may act faithfully in response to your love. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

This Holy day let the wisdom of the Wonderful Counselor enlighten you  
The strength of the Mighty God empower you  
The love of the Everlasting Father enfold you  
The peace of the Prince of Peace be about you  
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.  
**Amen.**

### **Final Hymn “Joy to the World”**

*Antioch*

### **Dismissal**

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Emmanuel, Christ with us.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude “In Dulci Jubilo” à 8**

by Michael Praetorius (c. 1549-1611)  
sung by Crescendo Vocal Ensemble

In dulci júbilo [In quiet joy]  
Let us our homage show  
Our heart's joy reclineth  
In praesepe [in a manger]  
And like a bright star shineth  
Matris in gremio [in the mother's lap]  
Alpha es et O. [Thou art Alpha & Omega]

Coro I/1: Jauchzet, frohlocket (Chorus)	CHRISTMAS ORATORIO BWV 248, JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
Recitativo I/2: Es begab sich aber zu der Zeit (Pablo W. Bustos, tenor)	CHRISTMAS ORATORIO BWV 248, JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
Choral I/5: Wie soll ich dich empfangen (Chorus)	CHRISTMAS ORATORIO BWV 248, JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
Navidad Nuestra – La Anunciación (Ignacio Lagos and José Sacín, soli)	Ariel Ramírez
Navidad Nuestra – El Nacimiento (Ignacio Lagos, tenor)	Ariel Ramírez

Recit I/6: Und sie gebar ihren ersten Sohn (Pablo W. Bustos, tenor)	CHRISTMAS ORATORIO BWV 248, JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
Aria I/8: Grosser Herr (Jonathan de la Paz Saens, bass)	CHRISTMAS ORATORIO BWV 248, JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
Pues mi Dios ha nacido (Saloé Sandoval, Malina Rauschenfels, Pablo Bustos, soli)	Matías Durango
Ay andar, andar (Saloé Sandoval, Malina Rauschenfels, Pablo Bustos, soli)	Juan de Araujo
Choral I/9: Ach mein herzliebes Jesulein (Chorus)	CHRISTMAS ORATORIO BWV 248, JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

### **Serving Today**

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax  
*Music Director and Video Editor:* Christine Gevert  
*Lector:* M. E. Freeman  
*Psalmist:* Roy Bickley  
*Epistoler:* Eleanore Jenks  
*Intercessor:* John Oler  
*Flowers:* Theresa Kenny, Heather Chapman  
*Verger:* Geoff Brown

***Many thanks to Christine and the Crescendo musicians for their gift of music to us!***

### **Christmas Flower Memorials**

Nancy Margaret Roth  
Margaret and Howard Roth  
Judith Roth  
C. Fred Hachmeister  
Lillian Hachmeister  
Lillian Richards  
Rev. David Wentroble  
Joseph E. Orzano  
Mariasaria Marino  
Paula Ripollone  
Barbara Thibodo

Anne Tuttle Roller  
George Tuttle  
Philip Truax  
Margaret and William MacRossie  
Chauncey and Margaret Truax  
Thomas Tweed  
William B. Warren  
Alfred R Sr and Josephine K Dorf  
Henry and Maggie Wyman  
Charlie Knights  
Revie Dorf  
Cynthia Conklin  
Allen Berrien  
Pat Landis  
Virginia Sturges Ferranti  
Stephen Sturges  
Gail Sturges Capozzi  
Wren Smith  
Sarah Clawson  
Harry and Ida Chapman  
Anne FitzRoy

### **Announcements**

- Sunday, Dec. 27*** 10:30 AM Online Morning Prayer led by Roy Bickley  
11:30 Zoom Coffee “Hour”
- Sunday, Jan. 3*** 10:30 AM Online Lessons and Carols led by Danielle A. Gaherty  
11:30 Zoom Coffee “Hour”
- Sundays*** 10:30 AM Online Spiritual Eucharist with music  
11:30 Zoom Coffee “Hour”
- Thursdays*** 12:30 PM Bible Study will resume on January 7 on Zoom  
The Gospel of Luke

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