

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Offering Companionship along the Way

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PAGEANT SUNDAY

DECEMBER 19, 2021



Prelude Organ Improvisation

Gevert

Opening Hymn 74 Blest be the King whose coming

Valet will ich dir geben

Candle Lightning Hymn 56 vss. 7 and 8

Veni, veni Emmanuel

THE WORD OF GOD

Pastor Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Priest Almighty 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 you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Pastor The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

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.*

Canticle: The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
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.*

Gradual Hymn 54 vss. 1 and 4 Savior of the nations, come *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke**
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

1:39-45

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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Christmas Pageant 2021

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| Narrator | Theresa Kenny |
| Elizabeth | Hilly Novik |
| Zechariah | Derek Sandberg |
| John the Baptist | Henrik Sandberg |
| Mary | Leila Boyse |
| Joseph | Fentress Boyse |
| Jesus | Henry Boyse |
| Angel Gabriel | Emma Sisk |
| Lights and Props | Brennan Sisk |
| Shepherdess | Michelle Sisk |
| Camel | Teddy Sisk |
| Adult Jesus and John | Derek and Fentress |

With thanks to Geoff Brown and Christine Gevert for their help!

Instrumental Music during pageant "O little town of Bethlehem"

Forest Green

The Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Diocesan Bishops, Ian, and Laura; for this gathering and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. (*We read from the list and leave time for names to be added.*) Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of the Holy. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

I ask your prayers for the departed (*we read from the list and leave time for names to be added.*) Pray for those who have died.

On our parish cycle of prayer, I ask your prayers for Carol Taylor, Maureen and Michael Tesoro, for Kevin Titus and Deanna Benevidez, and for their families.

I ask you to lift up in prayer all those things for which you are thankful today (*we leave time for thanksgivings to be added.*)

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. **Amen.**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 67 Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Old 100th

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now 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.

Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S 164

Schubert

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

The Communion (*on the floor level of the nave, bread only*)

Communion Hymn 53 Once he came in blessing

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

Postcommunion Prayer

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. And the blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn 82 Of the Father's love begotten

Divinum mysterium

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Organ improvisation

Gevert

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director: Christine Gevert
Intercessor: Eleanore Jenks
Altar Guild: Mike Cuoco
Counter: Bev Becker
Greeter/Usher: Mike Cuoco
Verger: Geoff Brown

*The greens on the Altar for Advent
are given to the glory of God.*

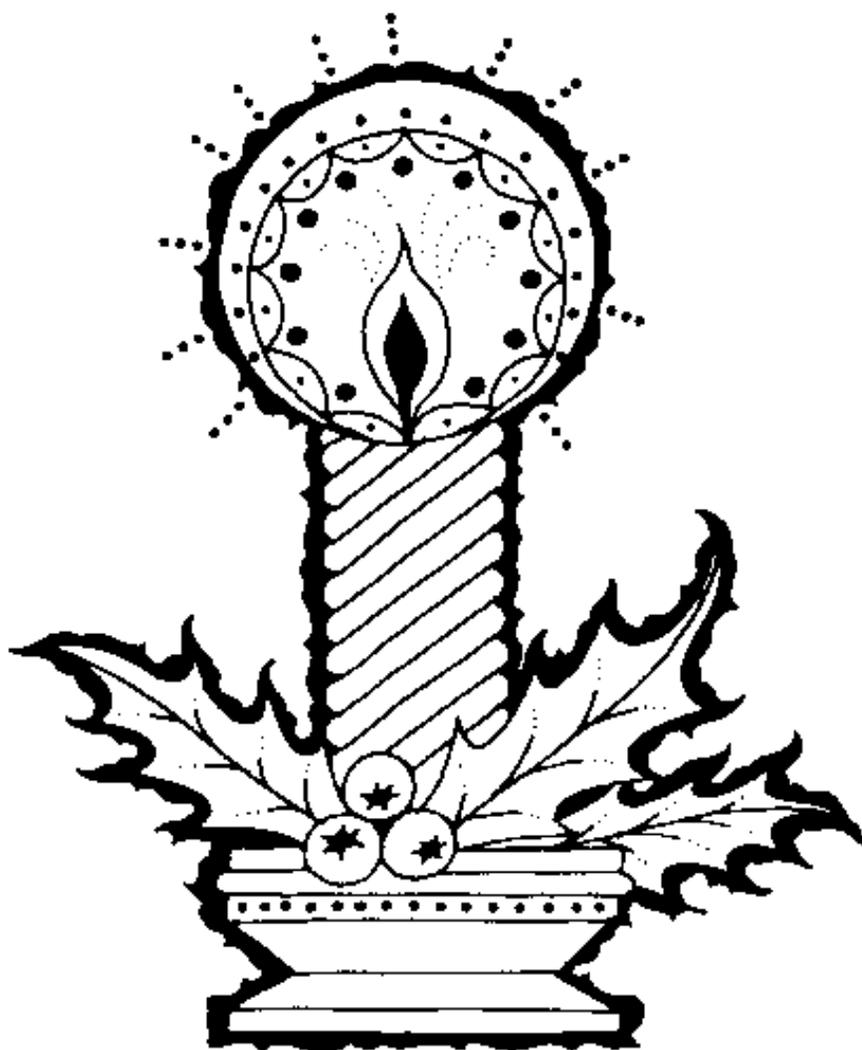
Announcements

- Friday, Dec. 24** 2:30 PM Christmas Concert with soloists and instrumentalists
Festive Baroque Music by Henry Purcell and J. S. Bach, & traditional Latin American Folk Carols, Crescendo Instrumental Ensemble
- 3:00 PM Christmas Eve service with hymns and carols, trumpet descants
Trinity Choir with Crescendo singers and instruments.
- 5:30 PM Misa de Nochebuena
- Saturday, Dec. 25** 10:30 AM Quiet Christmas morning Eucharist with carols
- Sunday, Dec. 26** No 8:00 AM service
10:30 AM Lessons and Carols
- Sunday, Jan. 2** 8 and 10:30 AM services as normal
- Wed., Jan. 5** 11:00 AM Pastor Heidi at Noble Horizons
- Thursday, Jan. 6** The Epiphany
12:30 PM Bible Study resumes on zoom; First and Second Thessalonians
- Sunday, Jan. 9** Next Vestry Meeting
- Sunday, Jan. 23** 12:00 Noon Parish Annual Meeting (snow date January 30)

At our Sunday services: We ask that all people now wear masks, whether vaccinated or not. This is in line with the latest CDC recommendations. Please observe social distancing as well.

Please remember that we are filming this service and wait to have private conversations until after you have left the nave.

Music Credits for Live Stream: Hymns 54, 56, 67, 74, and Service Music S 130, S 164 from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) and S 213 Plainsong, Tone 3; adapt. Bruce E Ford (b. 1947), acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956) reproduced with permission of OneLicense A-730466. All rights reserved. All other Hymns (53, 82 - Words and Music) Copyright: Public Domain. Organ Improvisations: © 2021 by Christine Gevert. All rights reserved, used by permission.



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