

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Offering companionship along the Way.*



Lorenzo Costa (1460-1535) **Nativity** Date unknown.  
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## CHRISTMAS DAY

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021**

*Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM*

## THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Prelude**

Gevert

**Processional Hymn 84** Love came down on Christmas

Gartan

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

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

*Pastor* 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.**

**The Gloria: Hymnal S 280** Gloria in excelsis  
rev.

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

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

*Pastor* Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah**

**62:6-12**

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 98**

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.

**2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.**

3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.**

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

**8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

**10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.**

**A reading from the 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 90** It came upon a midnight clear

*Noel*

*Pastor* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**2:8-20**

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

*Pastor* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**A Time of Silent Reflection**

**The Prayers of the People**

We pray for the time when the world may know your love and saving power. Empower your church to show forth your glory. Give us all grateful hearts tonight for all the blessings we enjoy.

Prince of peace, **Reveal to us your glory.**

The peace of your presence be upon your troubled world, the power of your presence protect us from evil and help us to be good stewards of this world that you have given into our care. Give peace on earth, peace among the nations, and peace in every land.

Prince of peace, **Reveal to us your glory.**

Fill us with wonder and awe at your creation, fill us with joy and thanksgiving, that our lives may proclaim your grace and your glory. Be known in our homes, in our lives, and in all our dealings.

Prince of peace, **Reveal to us your glory.**

You could find no room at the inn. We remember before you all who are homeless and can find no place of rest. We pray for street children and children in care, for all who are lonely and feel neglected this Christmas, for those who will spend Christmas in hospital, and for all who are ill especially those we now name (*please speak the names of those who are in need of special prayers today.*)

Prince of peace, **Reveal to us your glory.**

We rejoice that you became human that we might share in the Divine; you came down to lift us into your kingdom. We pray for all our loved ones departed, and that we may share with them in a vision of your glory.

Prince of peace, **Reveal to us your glory.**

*Pastor* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*We will offer communion (bread only) at the floor level this morning.  
If you would like a blessing only, please come forward and ask Pastor Heidi.*

**Offertory Hymn 115** What child is this

*Greensleeves*

**Doxology: Hymn 380, verse 3**

*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. Amen.**

*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.**

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: Hymnal S 125 Sanctus**

Proulx

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

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 be faithful stewards of your creation. 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.**

**Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S 171** Be known to us *Mode 6 melody; adapt. Martens*

**Communion Hymn 112** In the bleak midwinter *Cranham*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

**Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the Christmas gift of this holy meal. Through the grace we have received, may we come to worship you with the shepherds, proclaim you with the angels, offer ourselves to you with Joseph and Mary, and rejoice in your love. Christ our Lord, you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Christmas Blessing**

The peace of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, born of the blessed Virgin Mary, abide with you, in your heart and in your home; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Final Hymn 105** God rest you merry, gentlemen *God rest you merry*

### **Dismissal**

*Pastor* Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Postlude** *Gevert*

## **SERVING TODAY**

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax  
*Music Director:* Christine Gevert  
*Vergers:* Geoff Brown

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday, Dec. 26** 10:30 AM Lessons and Carols (No 8:00 AM Service)

**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 all our services: We ask that all people now wear masks that cover the nose and mouth. Please observe social distancing.

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

### **FLOWER MEMORIALS**

#### **In Honor of:**

Our family  
Grandson Henrik  
Our friends  
Our 57th wedding anniversary

#### **By:**

Barry and Marilyn Anderson  
Pari Forood  
Helen Symons and Rachel Greenwood  
Maureen and Michael Tesoro

#### **In Memory of:**

Stephen Sturges, Virginia Ferranti,  
Gail Sturges & Akke Jasmin Capozzi  
Jacqueline, Bill, Anita, & Jack Kuhn  
Rick Browning  
Ida Chapman and Anne FitzRoy  
Sarah Clawson  
C. Frederick Hachmeister, Jr.  
Lillian Hachmeister Richards  
Nancy Margaret Roth, Selina Roth, Margaret Roth  
The Rev. David Wentroble  
Angelina Falotico  
William Clair  
Joseph E. Orzano, Jr.  
Mariasosaria Marino  
Cathy Sisk—Nana  
Tom and Alice Tweed  
Anne Tuttle Roller & George Tuttle  
Helen and Scott Walker  
Anthony and Fanny Appio  
William Bradford Warren

#### **By:**

Bev Becker  
The Boyse/Beers Family  
Heather Chapman  
Hachmeister/Orzano Family  
The Sisk Family  
Cheryl Duntz and the Tweed Family  
Jane Tuttle  
Janet Walker  
Arete Warren

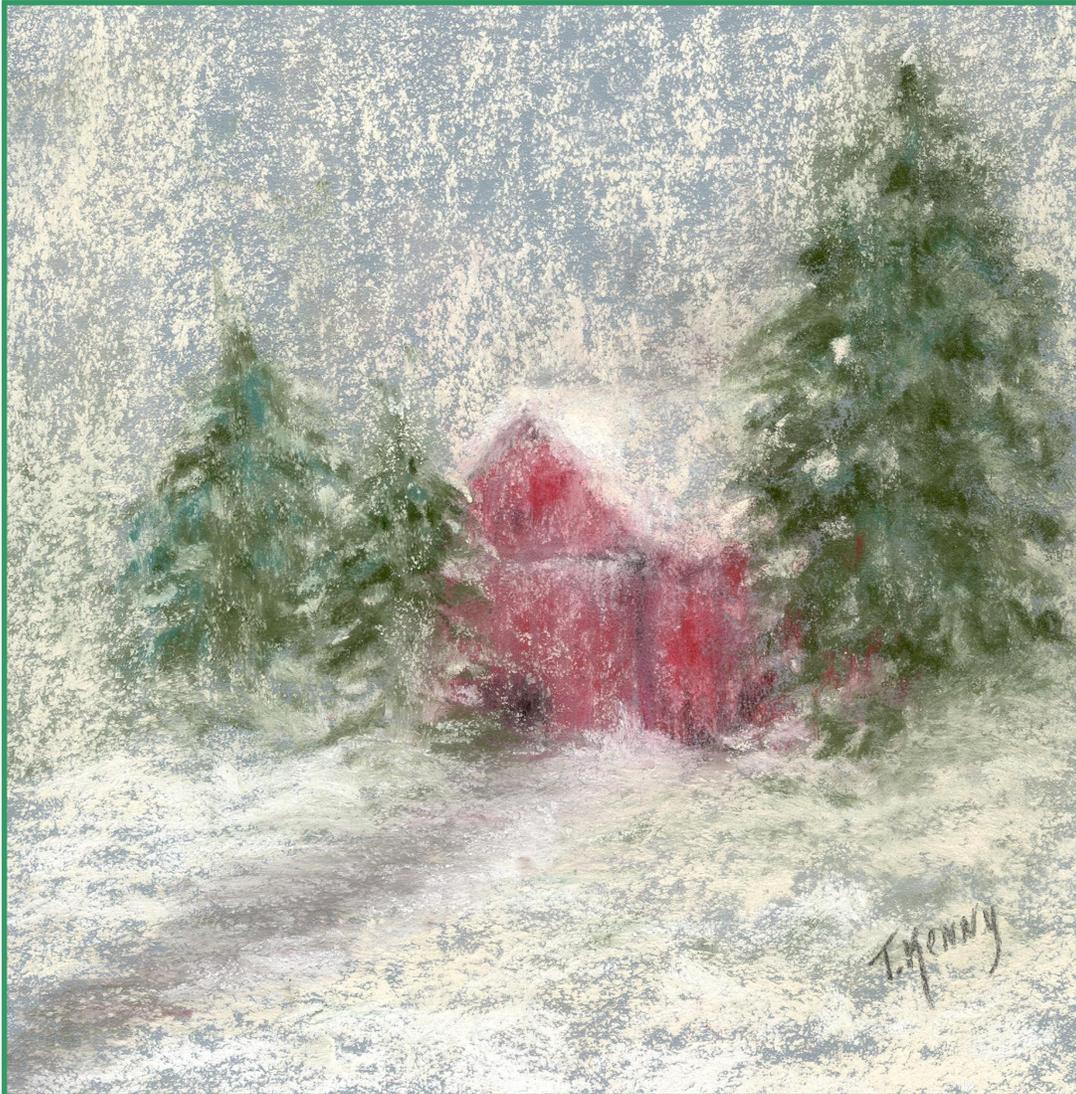
Permanent Flower Memorials

George, Marie and Robert Brown Rydon Ronshaugen,  
Jean Wright Israel, Elsie Leonard, Pauline Murray  
Helen and Scott Walker, Millidge Walker, Reed Williams  
Edith Talmadge, Helene K. Brown, Agatha Dakin,  
Maye Ronshaugen Emma Belter, Trudy Washburn

Altar Guild Memorials

**The Trinity Vestry**

Linda Lloyd, Senior Warden  
M. E. Freeman, Junior Warden     John Oler, Treasurer  
Bev Becker, Clerk  
Barry Anderson, Michael Cuoco, Al Dorf,  
Scott Frost, Danielle Gaherty, Theresa Kenny



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