



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Offering Companionship along the Way

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

82ND YEAR OF
TRINITY CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS

DECEMBER 10, 2023

Prelude Organ improvisation on tune *St. Stephen*

Opening Hymn 73 The King shall come when morning dawns

St. Stephen

Candle Lighting Hymn 56 vss. 3, 4 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni Emmanuel

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

Holy God: Hymnal S 102 Trisagion

Alexander Archangelsky

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gradual Hymn 67 Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

Pastor The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Mark 1:1-8

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

The Trinity Christmas Pageant 2023

Pageant Solo “What child is this” sung by Emma Sisk

English traditional

Many thanks to Michelle Sisk, Susanna Schindler and Theresa Kenny and Christine Gevert for their work putting this pageant together this year.

Brief Homily

The Rev. Heidi Truax

Moment of silence for reflection

The Nicene Creed

**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.**

Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For peace in our world, especially remembering Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Gaza; for the welfare of the Holy Church of God and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Joe; for our Governors, Maura, Kathy and Ned, for the leaders of all nations and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering especially (*we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added,*) let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those things for which we are thankful (*we leave time to lift up thanksgivings*) and for those on our parish cycle of prayer, Christian and Libby Abeel, Barry and the Reverend Marilyn Anderson, Fred Baldwin and Barbara Commeford and for their families, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and destitute, for prisoners, hostages and refugees, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added,*) and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

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 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.

Pastor The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 265 The angel Gabriel from heaven came

Gabriel's message

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

Old 100th

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy: Hymnal S 124 Sanctus

David Hurd, b. 1950

**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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Ancestors; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God of Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

Lamb of God: Hymnal S 161 Agnus Dei

David Hurd, b. 1950

Here at Trinity we welcome you to take communion with us if you seek a relationship with Jesus. You may drink from the chalice, or you may intinct your wafer. Or, if you prefer, you may receive communion in one kind only, the wafer. We offer wheat and gluten free wafers, wine and grape juice. If you do not care to take communion but would like a blessing, please also come forward and ask Pastor Heidi for a blessing.

Communion Hymn 54 Savior of the nations, come

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Postcommunion Prayer

Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom: we thank you that in this Eucharist you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church of England

Blessing

And now to our Great God who is able to accomplish in us far more than we can ask or even imagine, to him be glory for ever and ever. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 72 Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

Richmond

The Dismissal

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Organ improvisation on tune *Richmond*

The Advent greens this morning are given to the glory of God.

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director: Christine Gevert
Minister of Communion: Pari Forood
Intercessor: Marian Beers
Altar Guild: Bev Becker
Advent greens: Tom Schindler
Counter: Barry Anderson
Greeter/Usher: Roy Bickley/Bev Becker
Hospitality: Marian Beers
Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

- Saturday, Dec. 16** 12 Noon - Misa en español con regalos de Navidad
(Eucharist with Christmas presents.)
- Sunday, Dec. 17** 12 Noon Vestry Meeting
4:00 PM Crescendo Concert “Carols for the Earth”
- Sunday, Dec. 24** 8:00 AM Advent 4 and Christmas Eve Eucharist (no music)
3:00 PM Choral Prelude
3:30 PM Christmas Eve principle service
- Monday, Dec. 25** 10:00 AM Christmas Day Eucharist with Carols
- Sunday, Dec. 31** 10:30 AM Carol Sing (you choose carols from a list of available) & Readings

Weekly Schedule

- Mondays** 6:30 PM Crescendo rehearsal in Walker Hall
- Tuesdays** 9:00 AM to 12 Noon Taichi Chuan with Christopher Kiely in Walker Hall
Chris has established classes, and if you are experienced, you may join.
If you are looking for an introduction to Taichi,
Christopher will begin those classes in a while.
- Wednesdays** Services at Noble Horizons, Geer Nursing, Geer Lodge
6:00 PM on first and last Wednesday of the month, Women’s AA in Walker Hall
- Thursdays** 1:00 PM Book Study on Zoom *The Church Cracked Open* by Stephanie Spellers
- Saturdays** 9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office every other Sat.

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