

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Adoration of the Shepherds by Andrea Mantegna ca. 1450

CHRISTMAS EVE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

Choral Prelude 3:00 PM

Christmas Eucharist 3:30 PM

CHRISTMAS CHORAL PRELUDE

Sonata in C - 1. Moderato 2. Adagio / Andante	Godfrey Finger (1655-1730)
O nata Lux lumine	Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)
Rorate caeli (Crescendo singers)	Salomone Rossi (c. 1550-1630)
Rorate coeli desuper	Trad. Scottish, arr. William Dunbar (1460-c. 1520)
Nova radist' stala/ Joy on Earth Now Appearing	Trad. Ukrainian, arr. Charles H. Griffen (2002)
**To stand for all creation	Sophia Green, arr. John Reading
**Come, behold the year before us	From Carols for the Earth Sophia Green, Music arr. William H. Cummings
**Yuletide, bless us	From Carols for the Earth Sophia Green, arr. Christoph Lahme
The Crossroads	From Carols for the Earth Sophia Green, Music arr. Marshall Green
Sleep in Peace	Tim Porter (b. 1948)
Hark, how all the Welkin rings	Tim Porter
**The first Nowell (from A Wassail)	Oliver Barton (b. 1948), and arr. John Stainer
**To sing along! Please see the insert for words to these hymns.	

Trinity Choir and Crescendo Guests

Sopranos: Elizabeth Chamberlin*, Kathy Drake, Linda Lloyd, Margie O'Brien*, Roberta Roll*, Emma Sisk, Mary Sullivan, Joy Wyatt*

Altos: Kateryna Cherniavska, Lisa Keller, Mary Priestman*

Tenors: Michael Chamberlin*, Gordon Gustafson, Randy Orzano

Basses: Jim Barrett*, Andy Kettler*, John Lloyd, Tom Schindler

*Guests from Crescendo

Tricia Van Oers, *Recorder*

Chris Belluscio, *Trumpet*

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Opening Hymn 56 vss. 7, 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni Emmanuel

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.**

Please be seated.

Choir Anthem Laetentur coeli (Crescendo Singers)

by William Byrd(1543—1623)

Latin text

Laetentur coeli et exultet terra,
jubilare montes laudem,
quia Dominus noster veniet
et pauperum suorum miserebitur.

English translation

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad,
sing forth praise, O mountains,
for our Lord will come
and will take pity on his poors.

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

O God, you have caused this holy day 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.

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah 62:6-11

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96:1-8 (sung by all)

Gevert-1

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.

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.**

Because today is both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and also Christmas Eve, we have begun the service with purple hangings on the altar for Advent. At this point we now change the altar hangings and feel the joy our hearts reflecting the Feast of the Incarnation.

Please stand.

Processional Hymn 102 Vss. 2, 5, 6 Once in Royal David's City

Irby

Verse 1 will be sung by a soloist

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia!"

Christine Gevert
September 2018 for Trinity Lime Rock

1st time Choir/Cantor; then ALL

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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 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 all people, with whom God is pleased."

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

Children's Sermon (young people, and those young at heart, come to the steps to talk to Pastor Heidi)

Sermon Anthem "The Carol of the Wandering Boy" by Oliver Barton (b. 1948)

Knocking on my door in cold December comes a little boy,
He is very small and looks so hungry. How can I enjoy
All the things that life's bestowed upon me while that child's alone?
I must take him to my heart and give that little boy a home.
[Lyrics by Cath Carmichael]

Sermon

Pastor Heidi Truax

The Prayers of the People *Please stand.*

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.

Holy Child of grace,

Reveal to us your glory.

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

Holy Child of grace,

Reveal to us your glory.

Fill us with wonder and awe at your creation, and 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.

Holy Child of grace,

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 those who are hungry, cold or in the dark this Christmas, and for those who will spend Christmas in hospital, those who are ill, and especially those we now name (*please speak the names, silently or aloud, of those who are in need of special prayers today.*)

Holy Child of grace,

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. (*We remember all who are listed in our Christmas memorials and invite you to add now, silently or aloud, other names of those we want to remember.*)

Holy Child of grace,

Reveal to us your glory. AMEN.

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

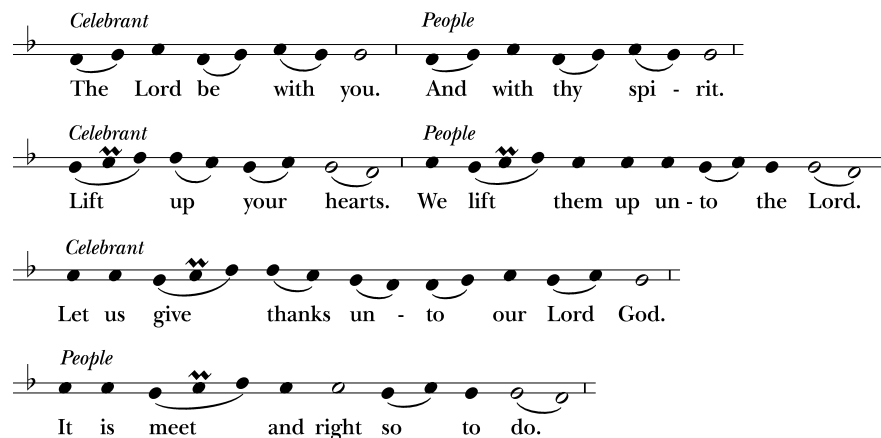
Offertory Hymn 107 Good Christian Friends, rejoice

In dulci jubilo

Doxology: Hymn 380, verse 3

Old 100th

THE HOLY COMMUNION



Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.
Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.
Celebrant
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.
People
It is meet and right so to do.

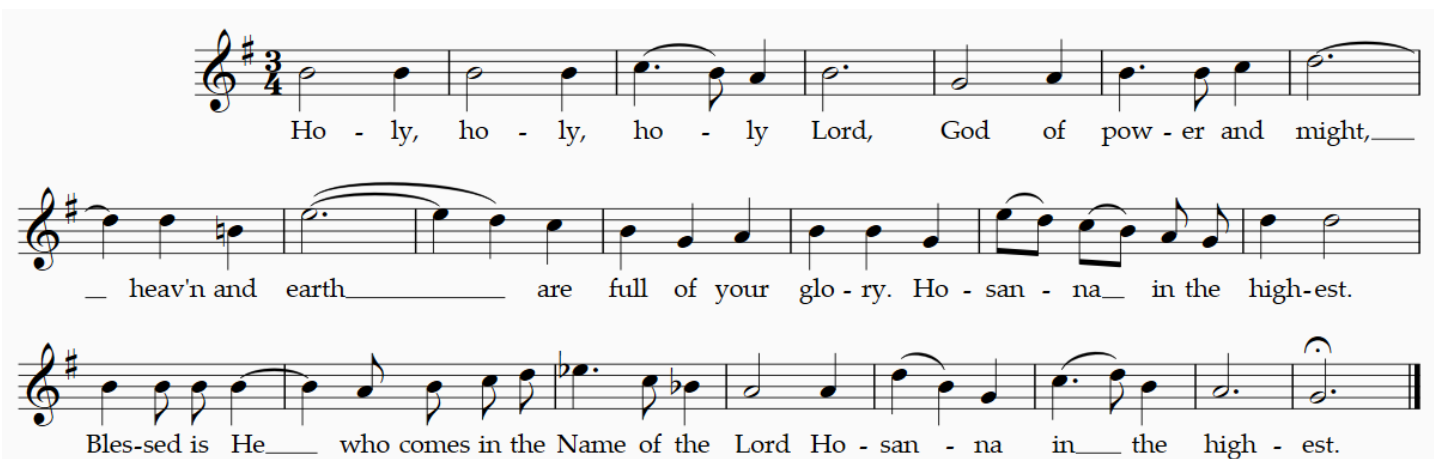
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It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with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

Christine Gevert - 2021



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, _
_ heav'n and earth _ are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na _ in the high - est.
Bles - sed is He _ who comes in the Name of the Lord Ho - san - na in _ the high - est.

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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.

Pastor and People

**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.**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our
Pass - ov - er is sa - cri - ficed for us. There - fore
let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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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 Motet Rorate Caeli desuper
(Sung by Crescendo Vocal Ensemble Singers)

William Byrd (1543—1623)

Latin text

Rorate caeli desuper, et nubes pluant justum:
aperiatur terra, et germinet salvatorem.

Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam:
avertisti captivitatem Jacob.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in
principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

English translation

Drop down ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness:
Let the earth open and bring forth a Saviour.
Lord, thou hast blessed thy land:
Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Communion Hymn 81 Lo, how a Rose

Es ist ein Ros

Kneeling Hymn 111 Silent Night

Stille Nacht

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.**

Recessional Hymn 100 Joy to the World

Antioch

Dismissal

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

If you are able, we invite you to sit and enjoy the postlude.

Postlude: Instrumental Sonata in C - 3. Allegro 4. Allegro Godfrey Finger (1655-1730)

Please Join us in the Walker Hall for a quick cup of tea or coffee following the service.

SERVING TODAY

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Choir Direction and Organ: Christine Gevert
Minister of Communion: Pari Forood
Hebrew Scripture Reader: David Booth Beers
New Testament Reader: Bill Jenks
Intercessor: Michelle Sisk
Usher: Jim Conzo and Roy Bickley
Flowers: Theresa Kenny and the Flower Committee
Altar Guild: Bev Becker
Verger: Geoff Brown

We are grateful for our musicians!
Trinity Choir with Guests from Crescendo

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS TO HONOR OR REMEMBER

In Honor of:

Ian and Caelan Nesbitt

By:

Martha Nesbitt

In Memory of:

Anne Tuttle Roller & George Tuttle
Jane Louise Tuttle
Mary Elizabeth Rogers

By:

Trinity Church

Virginia Sturges Ferranti
Stephen Sturges
Gail Sturgis Capozzi

Beverly Becker

Bill Kuhn, Jacqueline Kuhn
Rick Browning
David Booth Beers II

The Boyse and Beers family

Tom and Alice Tweed	Cheryl Duntz
Marjorie Davis Forood, Robert F. Forood	Pari Forood
Joseph E. Orzano, Jr. Paula Ripollone, Nancy Margaret Roth Howard Roth C. Frederick Hachmeister, Jr., The Rev. David Wentroble Lillian Marie Hachmeister, Jean MacDonald Charles W. Stewart, Jerry Brandt	Hachmeister/Orzano Family
Charles and Ruth Sharp John and Virginia Harris	Fred and Sally Harris
In honor of Ian and Caelan Nesbitt	Martha Nesbitt
Emma and Carlos Rivera Rv. Jose D. Rodriguez Carmen Hernandez	Felix and Carmen Rivera
In loving memory of all our family Members who are with us in spirit this Christmas-time	The Sisk Family
Hans and Bette Lorenz Mary Catherine Rowan, Philip Truax	Heidi Truax
The Bradley and Walters families	Diane Walters
William B. Warren	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
Altar Guild Memorials	Edith Talmadge, Helene K. Brown, Agatha Dakin, Maye Ronshaugen Emma Belter, Trudy Washburn

Announcements

- Monday, Dec. 25** 10:00 AM Christmas Day Eucharist with Carols
- Dec. 26-Jan 2** Pastor Heidi is on vacation. Please contact Linda Lloyd, Sr. Warden in case of Pastoral emergency.
- Sunday, Dec. 31** 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
10:30 AM Carol Sing (you choose carols from a list of available) & Readings
- Sunday, Jan. 7** 8 and 10:30 AM Celebration of the Epiphany
12 Noon Vestry meeting
- Sunday, Jan. 21** 12 Noon—Annual Meeting with potluck lunch . Snow date is Jan. 28
- Sat., Jan. 27** 12 Noon—Misa en Español with Rev. Felix Rivera and Sin Fronteras

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
- 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 Bible Study will resume on January 4
- Saturdays** 9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office every other Sat.

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



The Trinity Vestry

Linda Lloyd, Senior Warden
M. E. Freeman, Treasurer Bev Becker, Clerk
Marian Beers, Jim Conzo, Michael Cuoco
Al Dorf, Theresa Kenny, Al Swide

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 - “Laetentur coeli” and “Rorate caeli” by William Byrd (1543-1623)
 - Hymn 100 “Joy to the World”, harmonization of verses 2 & 4 by Mamerts Celminskis
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 - Setting *Gevert – I* for Psalm 96:1-8
 - “Alleluia!” Christine Gevert – Sep. 2018
 - “Holy, holy, holy Lord” Christine Gevert – 2021
 - “Fraction Anthem – Alleluia! Christ our Passover” Christine Gevert – 2022
 - Vocal and instrumental descants to all hymns.
 - Organ improvisations.

Note to our guests: *Trinity Church is an open and welcoming community of Christians who wish to be companions on the Way. We hope that you will feel at home here even if you are just visiting today. Please sign our guest book and ask for more information from an usher, or visit us at our website or facebook page. You can watch our livestream of services by going to our website and clicking on the big green “View Trinity’s Livestream” button on the home page. The livestream is available for viewing both during the service and after the service as well.*

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The Rev. Félix Rivera, Deacon, Hispanic Missioner
Christine Gevert, Music Director

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