

THE EUCHARIST

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 2025 ✠ 10:00 A.M.



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Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church and School.

This service booklet will guide you through the Anglican service of the Eucharist, starting with the Processional hymn on the following page. You are encouraged to take this booklet with you as the last several pages contain our calendar of events and other church news.

Trinity is a friendly and fast-growing parish. Our mission is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ through traditional worship and biblical preaching in a family-focused environment. Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. We also invite you to visit our welcome table or visit our website: www.TrinityVero.org for more information about Trinity Episcopal Church and School.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chr. Rodriguez". The signature is written in a cursive style and includes a small cross at the end.

Fr. Chris Rodriguez
Rector

Prelude *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*

settings by Nolda, Liardon, and Brahms

Hymn 657 *Sung by all standing.*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

All standing, the Celebrant says:

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Celebrant says:

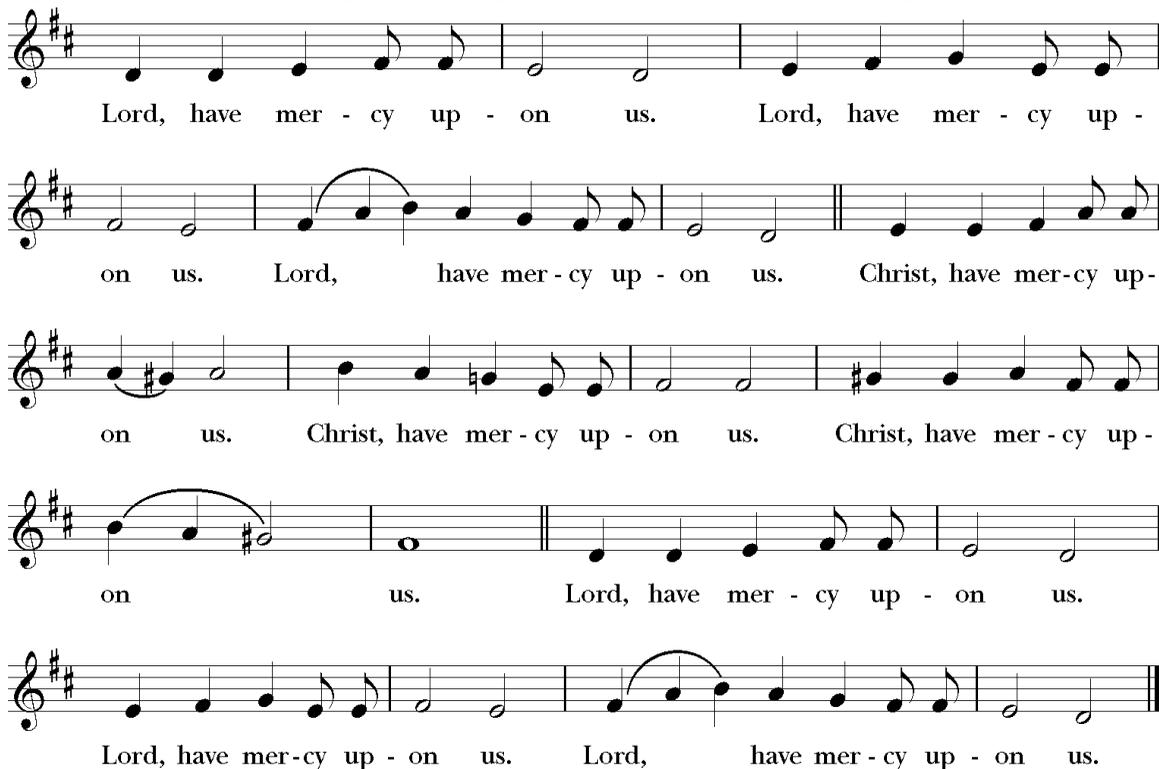
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues:

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie *The following is sung, all standing.*

Hymnal S-91, Willan



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968); Copyright: By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

All sit.

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146:4-10 *Sung by the choir.*

Anglican Chant

- ⁴ Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help:*
and whose hope is in the Lord his God;
- ⁵ Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is:*
who keepeth his promise for ever;
- ⁶ Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong:*
who feedeth the hungry.
- ⁷ The Lord looseth men out of prison:*
the Lord giveth sight to the blind.
- ⁸ The Lord helpeth them that are fallen:*
the Lord careth for the righteous.
- ⁹ The Lord careth for the strangers, he defendeth the fatherless and widow:*
as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.
- ¹⁰ The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore:*
and throughout all generations.

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.

Hymn 438 *All stand. Stanzas 1-2 sung before the Gospel; stanzas 3-4 sung after the Gospel.*



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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The People turn to face the Gospel as it is read.

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written,

‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹ “Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed *All stand.*

I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God, begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation
 came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
 of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried;
 and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
 and he shall come again, with glory,
 to judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
 who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
 and glorified;
 who spake by the Prophets.
 And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People *All kneel.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of thy coming, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all the Bishops of the Anglican Communion, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Justin, our Bishop, for Christopher, our Rector, and for Joshua and Ryan, our Assistants, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald, our President, and Ronald, our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of thy Church, and those whose faith is known to thee alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

Confession of Sin

The Deacon says:

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Celebrant and People.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says:

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

Hear also what St. Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *I Timothy 1:15*

Hear also what St. John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

The Peace is exchanged.

All sit.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthems *Sung by the Children's Choir.*

Georg Weissel (1590-1635)
arr. by John M. Rasley

*Lift up your heads, ye might-y gates,
Be-hold the King of glo-ry awaits!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

*The King of kinds is draw-ing near,
The Sav-ior of the world is here!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia!*

*Fling wide the por-tals of your heart,
Make it a tem-ple set a-part;
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

*Re-deem-er, come with us a-bide;
Our hearts to Thee are o-pen wide!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-u-u-ia!*

Katholisch Gesangbuch
arr. George Guest (1924-2002)

*In night's dim shadows lying, our limbs fast locked in sleep,
To thee with faithful sighing, our souls their vigil keep.*

*Desire of ev'ry nation, hear, Lord, our piteous cry,
Thou word the world's salvation, uplift us where we lie.*

*Lord, be thine Advent hasten'd lest sin thy people mar,
The gates which Adam fastn'd, the gates of heav'n unbar.*

*Son, to thine endless merit, Redeemer, Saviour, Friend.
With Sire and Holy Spirit be praises without end.*

Charles Coffin (1676-1749)

As the Offering is brought forward, the People stand and sing.

The Doxology

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.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711); Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing.

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

The Celebrant proceeds.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-114, Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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All kneel. The Celebrant continues.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be ☩ filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and People.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation.

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Celebrant and People:

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Instructions for Receiving Communion

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion, and those who do not desire to receive Communion may come to the Altar rail to receive God's blessing.

An Usher will direct you to approach the Altar for Communion or a blessing. Please kneel, if you are able, at the Altar rail.

To receive the consecrated bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed and facing up.

To receive the consecrated wine, please guide the chalice to your lips as it is offered. However, if you prefer, you may leave the consecrated bread in your palm and the Chalice bearer will intinct the host into the wine and place it on your tongue. Please do not personally intinct the host into the chalice.

Communion Anthem

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
They shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls
And plenteousness within thy palaces.*

Words Psalm 122 vv. 6, 7

Communion Hymn 81

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 * 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung,
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Words: St. 1-2 German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). St. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859); tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); ver. *Hymnal 1940*
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After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All kneel.

Celebrant and People.

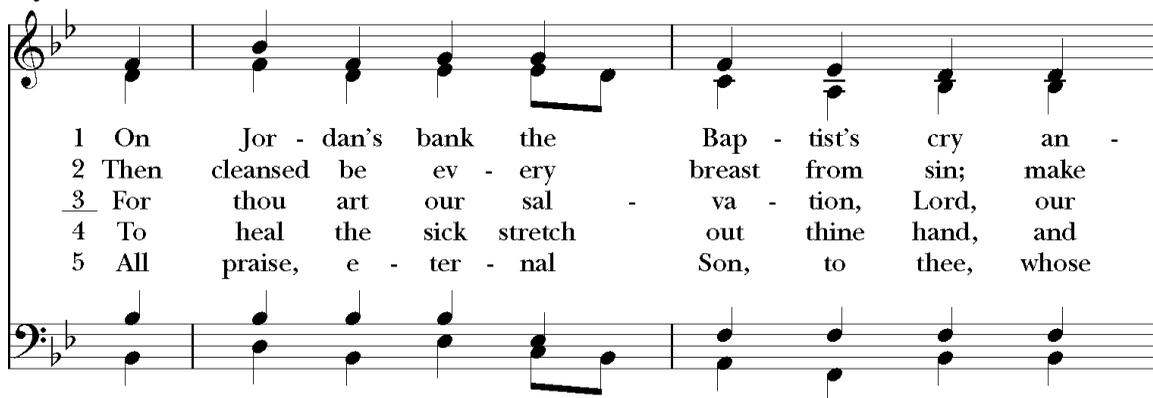
Almighty and everliving God, **we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thine everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Blessing

The Priest blesses the People, saying:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

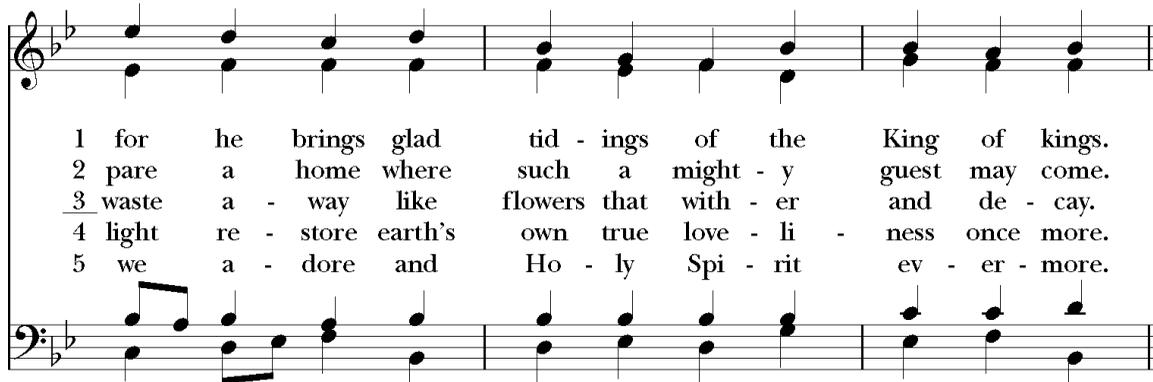
Hymn 76



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose



1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther



1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

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PEOPLE

Parish Prayer List

George Bunting, Christina Ostrynskyy, Rachel Volpe, and Sally Turner.

If you have a friend or a loved one that you would like to be prayed for by the Daughters of the King, please complete a Prayer Request form which can be found on the welcome table or scan the QR code found on the “Scan to Connect” page.

Pastoral Care

Trinity’s clergy are available for Pastoral Care and to bring Holy Communion to our sick parishioners and shut ins. **If you or someone you know needs Pastoral Care, please call the office at 772-567-1146.**

Birthdays this Week

Doug Hillman, Susan Miller, Mark DeMatteo, Rick Wilson Jr., Carol Keener, Cille Ribaud, Elsie Quintero, and Fr. Christopher Rodriguez.

Coffee Hour

Today’s Coffee Hour is hosted by **Susan Miller, Stephanie Whitley & Carole Scherrer.**

If you are interested in hosting an upcoming Coffee Hour either on your own or with another family, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Rodriguez in the office at 772-567-1146, ext. 213 or by emailing [**krdriguez@trinityvero.org**](mailto:krdriguez@trinityvero.org).

Visitors

We are delighted that you joined us today. If you are interested in learning more about Trinity Episcopal Church and School, please scan the QR code found on the “Scan to Connect” page to share your contact details with us, or take a Welcome Post Card, found on the welcome table.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

DECEMBER 14TH – 20TH, 2025

Sunday, December 14th

Advent III

8:00 AM: *Holy Eucharist* in the Chapel

9:00 AM: *Rector's Forum* in the Education Building

9:45 AM: *Sunday School* in Building 3 & *Childcare* in Building 5

10:00 AM: *Boys & Girls Choir sing during the Holy Eucharist* in the Church

11:15 AM: *Coffee Hour* in the Parish Hall

Care Net Angel Tree Program Ends

Tuesday, December 16th

12:00 PM: *Holy Eucharist* in the Chapel

12:45 PM: *Knitters Group* in the Education Building

1:00 PM: *Midweek Lectionary Bible Study* in the Office Conference Room

Christmas Music Dedication Submissions End

Wednesday, December 17th

5:00 PM: *Choir Rehearsal* in the Music Building

Thursday, December 18th

7:00 PM: *Seraphic Fire Christmas Concert* in the Church

For more information about ongoing weekly masses, Bible studies, children's programs, group meetings and events, please visit Trinity's website at

www.TrinityVero.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 21st

Advent IV

8:00 AM: *Holy Eucharist* in the Chapel

9:00 AM: *Rector's Forum* in the Education Building

9:45 AM: *Sunday School* in Building 3 & *Childcare* in Building 5

10:00 AM: *Children's Advent Pageant during the Holy Eucharist* in the Church

11:15 AM: *Children's Advent Pageant Celebration during Coffee Hour* in the Parish Hall

Monday, December 22nd

12:00 PM: *Special Feast Day Holy Eucharist: St. Thomas the Apostle* in the Chapel

Tuesday, December 23rd

12:00 PM: *Holy Eucharist* in the Chapel

12:45 PM: *Knitters Group* in the Education Building

1:00 PM: *Midweek Lectionary Bible Study* in the Office Conference Room

Wednesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM: Traditional Christmas Eucharist with Choir and Brass in the Church
Childcare provided

6:30 PM: Traditional Christmas Eucharist with Choir and Brass in the Church
Office Closed

Thursday, December 25th

Christmas Day

10:00 AM: Christmas Day Eucharist in the Chapel

Office Closed

Friday, December 26th

8:00 AM: *Special Feast Day Holy Eucharist: St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr*
in the Chapel

Saturday, December 27th

8:00 AM: *Special Feast Day Holy Eucharist: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*
in the Chapel

CHURCH NEWS

Boys & Girls Choir Sing

Sunday, December 14th

The Boys & Girls Choir will sing this Sunday, December 14th during the Holy Eucharist. If you have any questions about the procedure for Sunday, please contact Darlene Rodgers at drodgers@TrinityVero.org.

The Angel Tree Program

Ends this Sunday, December 14th

Trinity's Angel Tree Program to benefit Care Net Pregnancy Center ends this Sunday, December 14th. Gifts should be brought to the Church or Chapel this Sunday morning. All gifts should be unwrapped when they are returned.

If you choose to support the program by donating a monetary gift, which will be used to give clients \$25 gift cards to shop in *Care Net's Baby Boutique*, please make checks payable to, "*Trinity Episcopal Church*," write "*Care Net Angel Tree*" on the memo line and place your donation in the collection plate on Sunday. Checks can also be brought or mailed to the Church office at 2365 Pine Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32960 by Monday, December 15th.

If you have any questions regarding the *Angel Tree Program*, please contact Kathy Rodriguez at 772-567-1146, ext. 213 or by email at krdriguez@TrinityVero.org. Thank you for being a part of Trinity's Angel Tree and making a significant difference in many families' lives this Christmas season.

Christmas Music Dedication Submissions

End Tuesday, December 16th

This Christmas, the music of Trinity Episcopal Church & School will be augmented with Brass. We are currently seeking donations to fund this splendid addition to our Christmas worship. Donations may be made in any amount and may be dedicated to family or friends.

The dedication forms can be found on the Welcome Table. Please place completed forms in the Collection plates, or drop off/mail to the Church Office (2365 Pine Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32960) **by this Tuesday, December 16th**. *Please print clearly and legibly* so that all donors' names and dedications can be printed accurately in a special booklet that will be handed out at the Christmas masses. Please include a check in any amount,

payable to, “*Trinity Episcopal Church*” and write, “*Christmas Music*” on the memo line. If you have any questions regarding the Christmas Music donation form, please contact Michelle Clevenger, Membership and Giving Coordinator, at mclevenger@trinityvero.org.

Seraphic Fire Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 18th

Thursday, December 18th, at 7:00 PM, Trinity Episcopal Church will host the GRAMMY-Nominated Chorus *Seraphic Fire* for a special Christmas Concert. A cappella voices in a candlelit setting mark the Christmas season in South Florida. Popular associate conductor, [James Bass](#), returns to lead this Billboard-chart-topping Christmas program. This concert is free of charge. All are invited to enjoy this performance by one of the country's most talented vocal ensembles.

For more information about *Seraphic Fire*, go to the website: <https://seraphicfire.org/>.

To experience *Seraphic Fire* and their concerts, go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search, "[Experience Seraphic Fire](#)".

If you have any questions about the performance, please contact Dr. Anthony Baron, Director of Music, at 772-567-1146 or abaron@TrinityVero.org.

Children’s Advent Pageant

Sunday, December 21st

Trinity Episcopal Church & School students will present the *Children’s Advent Pageant* next Sunday, December 21st during the 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist. During the pageant, Trinity students reenact the story of Jesus’ birth according to the Gospel of Matthew and Luke through narration, costume, and Christmas hymns. The *Children’s Advent Pageant* is a special program for the children to present, as well as it carries the significant importance that it reminds people of all ages of the real reason for the season: the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, our Savior and Redeemer. Don’t miss this fantastic presentation on Sunday, December 21st.

Children’s Advent Pageant Celebration

Sunday, December 21st

Trinity will host a Children’s Advent Pageant Celebration during Coffee Hour on December 21st to celebrate the children’s hard work preparing for the Advent Pageant. There will be pizza and crafts, and they have the opportunity to decorate their own Christmas cookies. The Advent Pageant Celebration is a fun time for the children, and it is well deserved. (Children do not have to participate in the Advent Pageant to attend the

party; however, they do need to attend the mass.) If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Rodriguez in the Church office at 772-567-1146, ext. 213, or through email at krodriguez@TrinityVero.org.

Special Feast Day Holy Eucharist: *St. Thomas the Apostle*

Monday, December 22nd

Otherwise known as “the Twin” or “Doubting Thomas,” St. Thomas had a discerning skepticism that was not cynical or scoffing. Thomas’ doubt led him to a firmer faith for himself, as seen through his confession upon seeing the risen Lord, “My Lord and my God!” We should follow Thomas’ discerning skepticism and explore our faith reverently and with sincerity, that we may confess our risen Lord Jesus Christ, God and Man.

Special Feast Day Holy Eucharist: *St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr*

Friday, December 26th

St. Stephen the Deacon, well-known from the book of Acts, is known as the first martyr of the church. Once martyred, Stephen was then crowned and received by his Lord into the heavenly Kingdom, where he still intercedes for his enemies: “Lord, hold not their sins against them.”

Special Feast Day Holy Eucharist: *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*

Saturday, December 27th

St. John is known as the, “Beloved Disciple,” as well as Apostle and Evangelist. He is the only Apostle who was not martyred for his faith. St. John is recognized as a martyr ‘by desire, but not in deed.’

Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday, January 11th

If you or anyone you know is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact Alyssa Hiser in the office at 772-567-1146, ext. 240 or through email at ahiser@TrinityVero.org. The next *Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism* will be held on Sunday, January 11th during the 10 AM Mass.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for December through February. If you are interested in hosting Coffee Hour, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall or contact Kathy Rodriguez at krodriguez@TrinityVero.org. Thank you for your active participation in this important fellowship event.



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