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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,

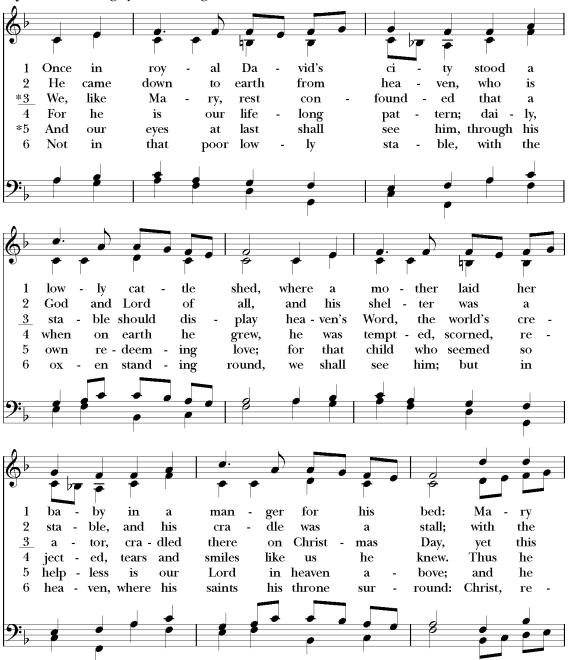
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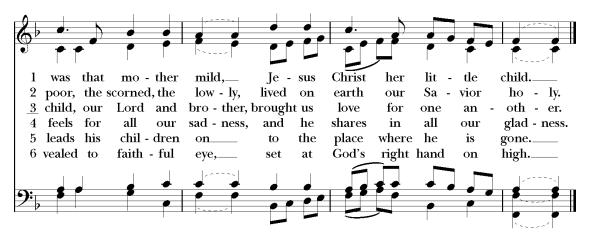
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Prelude

Hymn 102 Sung by all standing.





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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.**

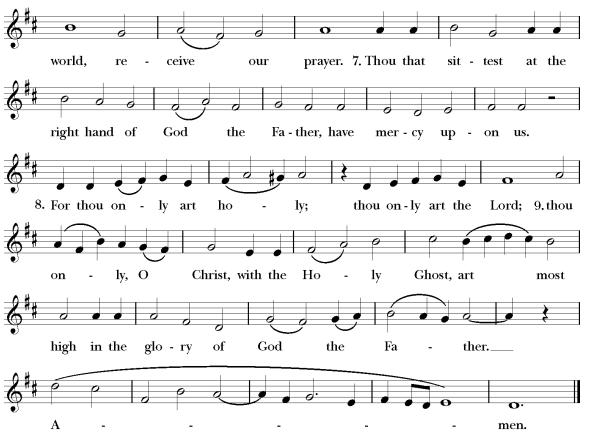
The Celebrant continues:

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.

Gloria in excelsis *The following is sung, all standing.*

Hymnal S-202, Willan





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The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by the order of King Herod. Receive, we beseech thee, into the arms of thy mercy all innocent victims; and by thy great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish thy rule of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

All sit.

First Reading Jeremiah 31:15-17

¹⁵ Thus says the Lord:

"A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children,

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord:

because they are no more."

"Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears, for there is a reward for your work, declares the Lord, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

17 There is hope for your future, declares the Lord, and your children shall come back to their own country.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 124 Sung by the choir.

Anglican Chant

- If the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say:*
 if the Lord himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us;
- They had swallowed us up alive:* when thy were so wrathfully displeased at us.
- Yea, the waters had drowned us:*
 and the stream had gone over our soul.
- The deep waters of the proud:* had gone even over our soul.
- ⁵ But praised be the Lord:* who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.
- Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler:* the snare is broken, and we are delivered.

Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord:* who hath made heaven and earth.

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.

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand. Stanzas 1-2 sung before the Gospel; stanzas 3-4 sung after the Gospel. with fear Let flesh si - lence, 1 all mo - rtal keep and and old King ofkings, yet born ofMa - ry, as of on3 Rank onrank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with At O trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth -1y he of lords earth stood, Lord in hu man Light the onway, as the of Light de sleep - less veil their fac the eye es to his mind - ed, for with bless - ing hand $_{
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Holy Gospel Matthew 2:13-18

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.

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

18 "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation,Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

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.

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 Anthem

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

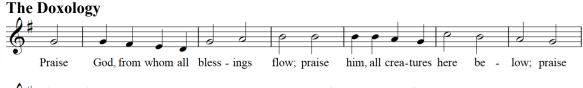
In the bleak midwinter,
Frosty wind made moan.
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone.
Snow had fallen snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter long ago.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold Him, Nor earth sustain. Heav'n and earth shall flee away, When He comes to reign. In the blead midwinter, A stable place sufficed The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ. Enough for Him, who cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breast full of milk,
And a manger full of hay.
Enough for Him, whom angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man.
I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

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

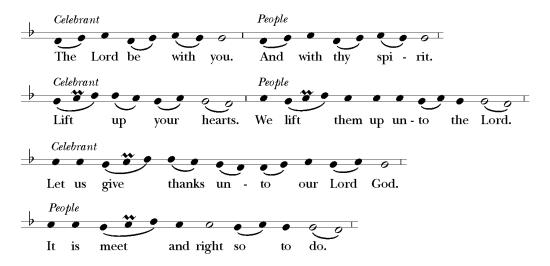




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Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing.

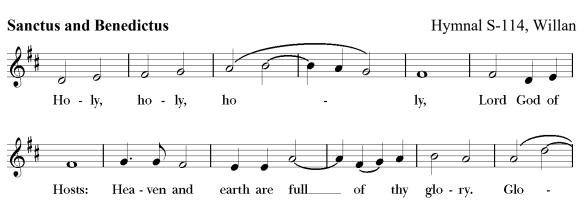


The Celebrant proceeds.

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 give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

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







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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 H 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

Still, still, one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, Holy Star its vigil keeping, Still, still, one can hear the falling snow.

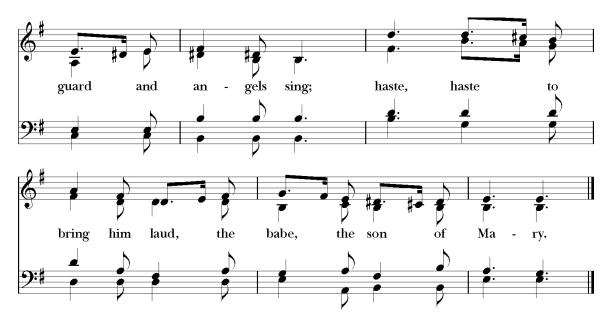
Sleep, sleep, sleep, tis the eve of our Saviour's birth. The night is peaceful all around you, Close your eyes, let sleep surround you, Sleep, sleep, sleep, tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.

Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number watch you as you sweetly slumber.
Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.

Marilyn Keith and Alan Bergmann

Communion Hymn 115





Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871

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 105



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Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Michael Murray, Guest Organist

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PEOPLE

Parish Prayer List

George Bunting, Christina Ostrynskyy, and Rachel Volpe.

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Pastoral Care

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Birthdays this Week

Marie Roberts, M. Johnson Hagood III, Joe Johnson III, Adley Schrader, Mugs Holifield, Matthew Barth, Jaxson Marlette, Mitzi Owen, and Isabelle Baron.

Coffee Hour

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 **krodriguez@trinityvero.org**.

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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

DECEMBER 28TH, 2025 – JANUARY 3RD, 2026

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Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes



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