

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**  
**The Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 15, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Welcome to Trinity

Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
Cranfill

arr. Jeff

Trinity Orchestra

Welcome

Service begins in the red Book of Common Prayer

BCP, p. 355

A Moment of Silent Prayer *(please kneel, as able)*

Processional Hymn *(please stand, as able)*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1-5)

Hymn 56

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* ***His mercy endures for ever.***

The Confession of Sin *(please kneel, as able)*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***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***

Absolution

Trisagion

***Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
Have Mercy upon us. (x3)***

Hymn S99

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*Children's Chapel: Children ages 3-8 come to the front of the church, follow the leader to Children's Worship (located in the Children's Ministry Building) and return at the Peace.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah. (3:14-20)**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

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

## Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah

S 214

Ray Francis Brown  
(1897-1965)



*Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is | God who | saves me; \*

I will trust in | him and | not be a | fraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my | sure de| fense, \*

and | he will | be my | Savior.

Therefore you shall draw | water with re|joicing \*

-- | from the | springs of sal|vation.

And on that | day you shall | say, \*

Give thanks to the | Lord and | call upon his | Name;

Make his deeds known a|mong the | peoples; \*

see that they re|member that his | Name is ex|alted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for | he has done | great things, \*

and this is | known in | all the | world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, | ring out your | joy, \*

for the great one in the midst of you is the | Holy | One of | Israel.

### **A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians (4:4-7)**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

*People*     ***Thanks be to God***

**Sequence** (*please stand, as able*)

**On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

**Hymn 76**

## The Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord

*People* **Praise to you Lord Christ**

## The Sermon

The Rev. Eric Hungerford

The Nicene Creed *(please stand, as able)*

BCP, p. 358

## Prayers of the People, Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the appointment of the next Archbishop of Canterbury, for our Presiding Bishop Sean, for our Bishops Andrew, Brian, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, and for all bishops, priests and deacons.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Let us also pray together for those on our parish prayer list.

***Barry, Bob, Carol, Curt, Deirin, Donna, Gus, Joseph, Lindsey, Oliver, Sheila W.***

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Deacon and Celebrant may insert their own petitions.*

**Collect**

**The Peace** *(please stand, as able)*

**Announcements**

**Update on the Rector Search from Sr. Warden**

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

## The Holy Communion

*By your Baptism you are welcome to receive communion with us. Gluten free wafers and wine are available at the Altar Rail on the Gospel side (left side as you face the Altar). These wafers and the wine are separate from the wafers made of wheat. Please let the priest know you wish gluten free by putting your palms face down. . If you have mobility concerns and need to stay in your seat but would like to receive communion, please notify an usher.*

### Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem *The First Song of Isaiah*  
With Trinity Choristers

Jack Noble White

### 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.

*As the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar, please stand.*

### Prayers at Offertory

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven.

*People* ***Blessed be God forever.***

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation.

*People* ***Blessed be God forever.***

*Celebrant* Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your people for the work of your Church.

*People* ***Amen.***

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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| Sanctus  | Hymn S124          |
| The Lord's Prayer  | BCP, p. 364        |
| Agnus Dei  | Hymn S161          |
| Fraction Anthem  | Hymn S167          |
| Communion Meditation<br><i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i> | arr. Charles Peery |

Dustin Koonce, Harp

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| Communion Hymns                                  |             |
| Watchman, Tell Us Of the Night                   | Hymn 640    |
| Sleepers Wake! A Voice Astounds Us               | Hymn 61     |
| What Is the Crying At Jordan                     | Hymn 69     |
| Post Communion Prayer                            | BCP, p. 365 |
| The Blessing                                     |             |
| Recessional Hymn                                 |             |
| Rejoice, Rejoice Believers                       | Hymn 68     |
| The Dismissal                                    |             |
| Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. |             |
| <i>People Thanks be to God. Alleluia.</i>        |             |
| Postlude <i>Prepare the Way, O Zion</i>          | Paul Manz   |

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome to Trinity*

We are so happy that you chose to worship with us today. Trinity is a wonderful place to be! Please fill out the Guests Card you see in the pews. It's so simple! You can scan the QR code and it will contact Jennifer Davenport for membership information or any questions. We are glad you are here!

## *Christmas at Trinity*

### THE LONGEST NIGHT

Saturday, December 21 - 6PM - For all who are grieving a loss, whatever that loss may be

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24 - 5PM - Rite II Eucharist, No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant

Tuesday, December 24 - 8PM - Traditional Candlelight Rite II Eucharist (No Incense)

Tuesday, December 24, 11PM - Traditional Candlelight Rite II Eucharist (Incense)

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25 - 10AM - Service and Blessings of Toys

### GREENING OF THE CHURCH

The annual greening of the church will take place on Sunday morning, Dec.22nd, after 10:00 am service. Everyone is welcome to participate in this fun gathering that helps to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas.

### YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes for grades 7-12 start in January! We will meet on 1/12, 1/26, 2/2, 2/23, 3/2, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13 during Community from 6-8pm. Confirmation will be on Easter Sunday, April 20 at 10am. Please contact Jennifer at [jdavenport@trinitywoodlands.org](mailto:jdavenport@trinitywoodlands.org) for registration.

### FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

By our baptism, we are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If your child has never received communion and you and they sense a desire to participate in receiving communion, we are offering First Holy Communion Class Sunday, December 22nd for children and their parents. We will meet at the front of the sanctuary after the 10am service. Please contact Rev. Joanna Unangst with any questions.



## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Sunday, January 12, Baptism is available during all three services. The Baptism Class is Saturday, January 11, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Horner Room. Please contact Melanie Sheffield in the church office if you have any questions or you would like to sign up for Baptism. Childcare for the class is available by reservation. If you need childcare, let Melanie know as soon as possible.

## **ADVENT GROUP BY FATHER FRANK**

Living Well Through Advent 2024: Practicing Peace with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind:

Living Compass provides a wonderful devotional journey through Advent. Join Father Frank as he facilitates a group discussion via Zoom. It provides a foundation for seeking a deeper experience of Advent, an experience that will help prepare us for the true meaning of Christmas. The group will meet the four Sundays of Advent from 3-4pm. Please sign up in the narthex or let Fr. Frank know if you wish to join. There will be some books available in the narthex or you can order one at [www.livingcompass.org/advent](http://www.livingcompass.org/advent). (the PDF version is free online)

## **NAMI FAMILY AND FRIENDS SEMINAR**

Join NAMI Greater Houston and Trinity Episcopal Church for the NAMI Family and Friends seminar. NAMI Family and Friends informs individuals who have loved ones with a mental health condition how to best support them. It's also an opportunity to meet other individuals and families in similar situations and gain community support. The seminar is led by facilitators with lived experience of supporting a family member with a mental health condition. They will walk you through the following topics: Understanding diagnoses, treatment, and recovery, effective communication strategies, the importance of self-care, crisis preparation strategies, NAMI and community resources. Join us by registering at [register@namigreaterhouston.org](mailto:register@namigreaterhouston.org). The seminar is set for Saturday, January 11, 2025, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Butler Fellowship Hall.

## **YOUTH COMMUNITY**

Calling all 7th-12th graders! Youth Community every Sunday from 6-8 p.m.! We will meet in Butler Hall for dinner and games, and then move to the Youth Community Building (YCB) for small group Bible study. Bring a friend! Follow us on Instagram @trinity.youth.community, and join our band on the Band App!

## **CHILDREN'S NURSERY & CHAPEL**

During the 10AM service children ages 3-8 are invited to Children's Chapel for their own Liturgy of the Word. We sing songs, say kid versions of the prayers their adults are saying in Big Church, read the same scripture from Big Church from a children's Bible, have a mini children's sermon, and sing some more Bible songs. They return to their adults in the Big Church at the Peace. Mrs. Jen, Mrs. Holly, Mtr. Joanna, and Fr. Frank takes turns leading Children's Chapel and would love to see your kiddos! The Trinity Nursery is available for children ages 0-3 for the entire service.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Healing:** Violet, Virlen W., Lindsey S., Curt H., Sarah K., Matt H., Andy H., Anthony N., Alan M., Scott C., Bonnie, Marta A., Amanda A., Curt G., Barry B., Sheila W., Gus D., Shirley, Kate, Cortney, Theresa, Steve, and Trudy

**Thanksgiving:** Mtr. Joanna Unangst

**Guidance:** Chris, Scott and Ryan

**Births:** Grant William McKenzie

**Death:** Nancy Farrell





*Associate Rector - The Rev. Frank Samuelson*

*Associate Rector - The Rev. Joanna Unangst*

*Deacon - The Rev. Russ Oechsel*

*Director of Music - Micki Balog*

*Music Associate and Principal Organist - Jack Balog*

*Coordinating Verger – Richard Bosley*

*Rector - The Rev. Dr. Gerald Sevick (Retired)*

*Deacon - The Rev. John Vancamp (Retired)*