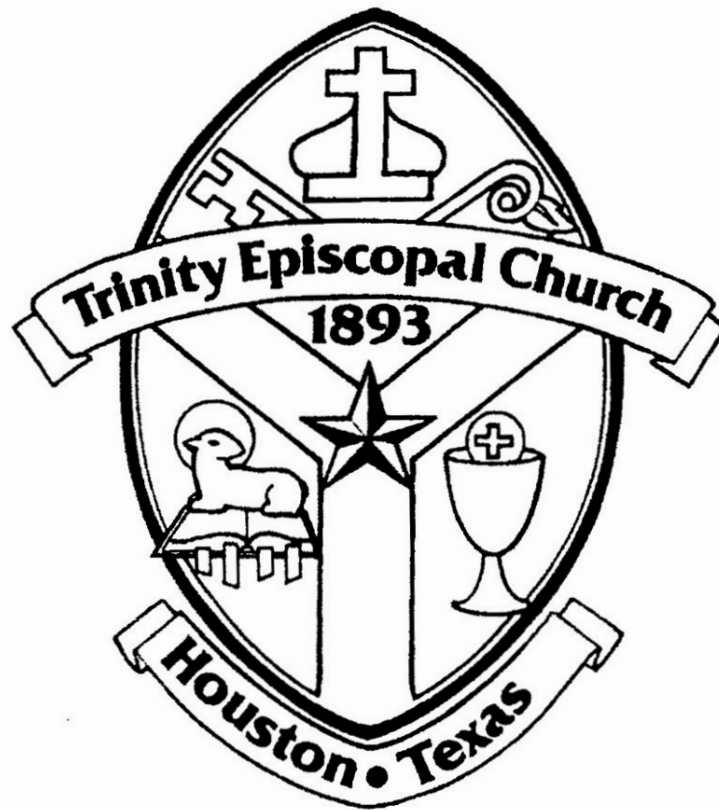


# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023  
12:30 p.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector  
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector  
The Reverend Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate

April Sloan-Hubert, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble  
Pelayo Parlade, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

***Making God's Presence Real  
By Sharing Christ's Life-Changing Love***

# WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us. We adapted the liturgy for this service from *A New Zealand Prayer Book* to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

Whether you've been attending Trinity your whole life or this is your first time here, we invite you to participate in the service as fully as you feel comfortable doing.

If you're looking for a new church home, know that the Trinity family welcomes you. We would also appreciate your filling out a virtual visitors card, which can be accessed at this link:

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## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

- Your children are welcome here at Trinity! First, please relax and enjoy your time here. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it.
- To make things easier for your family, dare to sit closer to the front where your child can see what's going on at the altar. Guide them in the liturgy and be models for them. Help them sing the hymns and encourage them to stand/sit when appropriate, say "Amen" and "Thanks be to God," and generally help them be a part of the service. The liturgy belongs to them too.
- If you have to leave, hurry back! Jesus wants the children here, and we do too. If you need help, just ask. There are many here who are willing to lend you a hand.

## VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

Eric Beam  
Ben Blanding  
Pam Lawson  
Mary Matteucci  
Ann McCoy

John Merullo  
Samantha Rainman  
Gladys Vallés  
David Villarreal  
Michele White

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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*  
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*  
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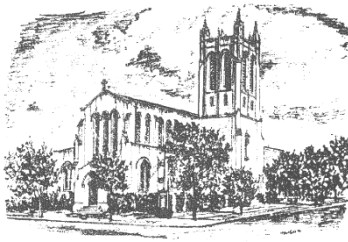
## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert  
Piano: Pelayo Parlade  
Flute, Clarinet: Ernesto Vega  
Bass: Alfred Kennedy

## SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: David Theis  
Usher: Lovette Brown  
Lector: Pam Lawson  
Prayers: Tim Lawson  
Audio Visual: Paul Bower  
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson  
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport  
Vestry of the Day: Mary Matteucci

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God  
and in celebration of Greg's birthday and our wedding anniversary  
by Mindi Lomasang.



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# The Liturgy of the Word

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*Please stand as able.*

Presider Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**People God is with us, here we find new life!**

Presider Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

Christ Is Coming

LEVAS, page 6

Christ is com - ing: Pre - pare the way.

The first system of the musical score for the hymn 'Christ Is Coming'. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a single staff with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The piano accompaniment is in two staves, with a treble and bass clef, and a common time signature (C). The lyrics 'Christ is com - ing: Pre - pare the way.' are written below the vocal line.

Christ is com - ing: Pre - pare the way.

Fine

The second system of the musical score. It continues the vocal and piano parts from the first system. The lyrics are 'Christ is com - ing: Pre - pare the way.' The system ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine' above it. The time signature changes to 2/4.

Christ is com - ing. Christ is com - ing.

D.C.

The third system of the musical score. The vocal line has a new melody and the lyrics are 'Christ is com - ing. Christ is com - ing.' The piano accompaniment also has a new melody. The system ends with a double bar line and the word 'D.C.' above it. The time signature is 2/4.

OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

God for whom we wait and watch, you sent John the Baptist to prepare for the coming of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth even to the point of suffering. This we ask through Christ our Savior .

**People Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence -- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil -- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

*Please stand as able*

Mark 13: 24-37

Presider The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**People Praise and glory to God.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

“Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**People Praise to Christ, the Word.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

*Please stand as able*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Response**

When we pray dear God hear our pra-yers Lord we  
 know You are al - ways the - re On You  
 Lord we cast ev - ery ca - re Oh  
 1. Lo-rd hear us when we pray 2. Lo-rd hear us when we pray

Let us pray for the preservation of the earth. We give thanks for the beauty and abundance of the earth.  
 Give us and all peoples grace to live in harmony with your creation, wisdom and generosity in our use of its bounty.  
 Let us pray for peace and shared prosperity, and for the end of systemic racism that divides us.  
 We pray for leaders to serve the common good: Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, especially Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Lina, our county judge; Sylvester, our mayor; and the legislatures, and courts; that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust.

**Response**

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Azad Marshall, and the Church of Pakistan](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [Hope, Houston; San Mateo, Bellaire; and San Romero, Houston](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [Mary Cloud and the Funeral ministry](#). For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

We give thanks for the good news of salvation for all people. Strengthen us for our work in the world, empower your Church to proclaim the gospel in service, word and sacrament.

Unite in the truth all who confess your name, that we may live together in love to your glory.

Let us pray for ourselves and our community. We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we live and work, especially Trinity Church.

We pray for our bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale our clergy; and for all who minister in this place.

We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbors and our friends. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love for you and for one another.

### **Response**

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: [Bill, Nick, Bob, Dale, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Donna, Jason, Carol, Clyde, Monica, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry](#).

[Heavenly Father, our neighbor has nowhere to call home: help us be aware. Our neighbor needs love and community: help us be active. Our neighbor is crying out for justice: help us be adamant to see an end to homelessness.](#)

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, [especially for Robert Vaughan, Dr. Phil Turley, Larry Payne, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine, and all victims of gun violence](#). Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for [Mary, Lawrence, Ric, Teddy, Michele, and Savannah](#), who are celebrating their birthdays.

### **Response**

O God, we who come before you this day are many and diverse, with different needs and desires.

We ask you to accept our thanksgivings, to guide our ways, and to receive our praise. O God, hear the prayers of your people.

*The people may offer their own specific petitions, praises or thanksgivings*

## Final Response

When we pray dear God hear our pra-yers Lord we  
know You are al - ways the - re On You  
Lord we cast ev - ery ca - re Oh  
Lo - rd hear us when Oh Lo - rd hear us when Oh  
Lo - rd hear us when we pray

### THE CONFESSION

Prisider Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord. I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

God forgives and heals us.

**People We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us; some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.**

Prisider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

### THE PEACE

Prisider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

**People Who breaks down the walls that divide.**

Prisider The peace of God be always with you.

**People Praise to Christ who makes us one.**

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Lovely Day  
*Please be seated.*

Bill Withers

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN



# The Liturgy of the Table

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

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**Online Giving** is available through AccessACS.

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## THE OFFERTORY

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand as able.*

Presider The Lord is here.

**People God's Spirit is with us.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Presider

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

In your Son you suffered with us and for us, offering us the healing riches of salvation and calling us to freedom and holiness. In his coming among us, the day of our deliverance has dawned, and through him you will make all things new when he comes in power and majesty to judge the world.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks and say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

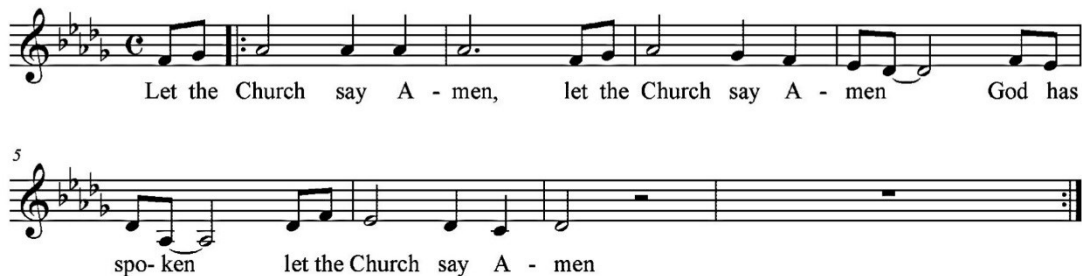
After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come in glory.**

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them.

As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever,



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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.  
Alleluia.**

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. If you wish to partake of the chalice, you may do so by intinction. Intinction is done by dipping a host into the wine, and is completely optional. If you prefer, it is perfectly fine to continue receiving the host only. If you are unable to come forward for communion, it will be brought to you in your pew.*



*We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when you come forward for communion.*

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*The Prayer for Spiritual Communion is prayed by those at home unable to partake of communion in person*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our  
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees); Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our  
 2. knees); Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees).  
 2. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

1.  
 2.  
 sun, Oh Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me). me).

Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees); Let us

praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees). When I

fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, Oh

Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me).

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

Presider

Blessed be God who calls us together.

**People**

**Praise to God who makes us one people.**

Presider

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

**People**

**Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.**

Presider

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

**People**

**Praise to God who is revealed as love.**

Presider

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

**People**

**Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.**

Presider

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

**People**

**Accept our thanks for all you have done.**

Presider

Send us now into the world you love.

**People**

**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

**People Amen.**

Presider May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

**People Amen.**

Presider May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

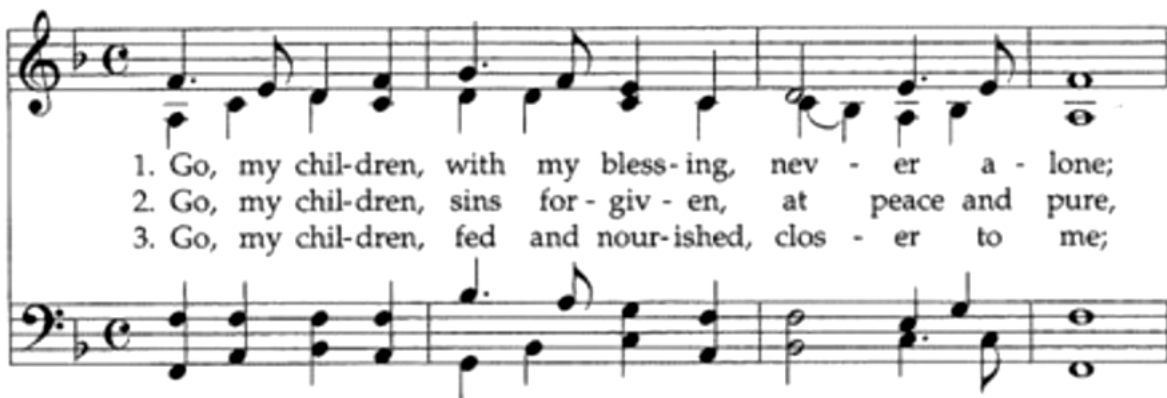
**People Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

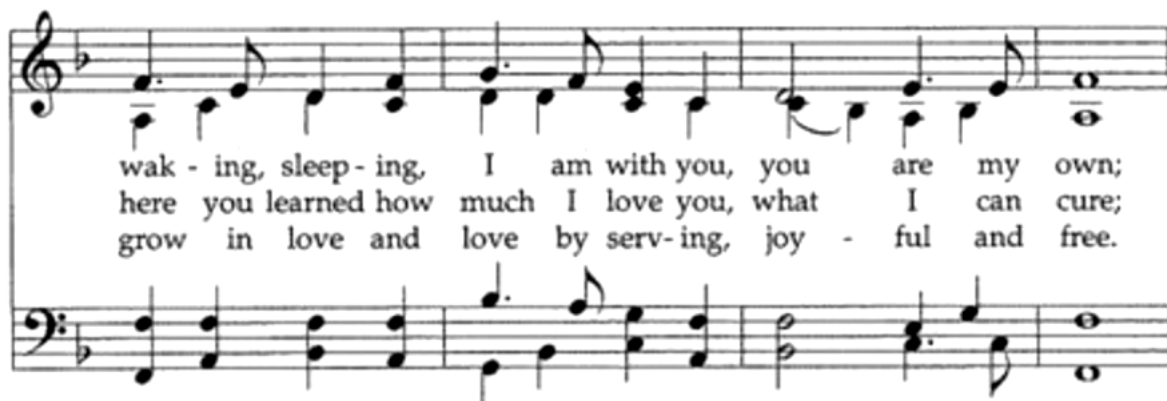
**People Amen.**

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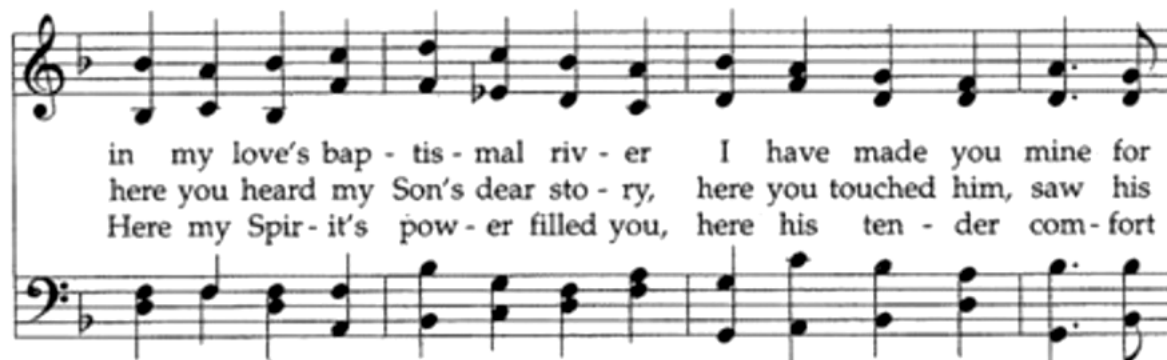
Go, My Children, with My Blessing



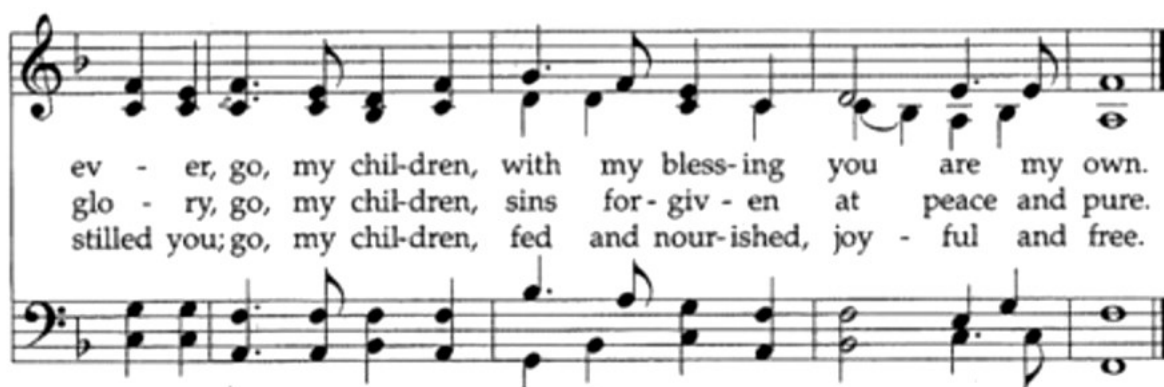
1. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;  
2. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure,  
3. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;



wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own;  
here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;  
grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



in my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for  
here you heard my Son's dear sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort



ev - er, go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing you are my own.  
 glo - ry, go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv - en at peace and pure.  
 stilled you; go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People We go in the name of Christ.**

*Thank you for worshipping with us this afternoon.*

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Advent is the first season of the church year, beginning with the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continuing through the day before Christmas. The name is derived from a Latin word for "coming". The season is a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord's nativity, and for the final coming of Christ "in power and glory."

*Please consider signing up to help livestream this service once a month.*

*Training will be provided.*

We would like to thank the Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero and Pat Laubach  
for hosting this morning's coffee hour.  
Please note that all Sundays in the new year from January 7 are open  
to host (part/all) coffee hour..  
Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or online, or scan this QR code:



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## THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN

December 10, 2023 – Second Sunday in Advent, Christ the King, Year B

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### Sunday In-Person Services

8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)

10:30 am (Historic Church)

### Upcoming Advent Dates:

12/10: Second Sunday of Advent, St. Nicholas Visit (Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall)

12/15: Decorate the Chrismon Tree, 10:30am

12/17: Third Sunday of Advent, Lessons and Carols and Chrismon Tree Dedication

12/20: Tidings of Comfort Service (Morrow Chapel, 6pm)

12/24: Fourth Sunday of Advent, Epiphany Blessing Kits Available, 11 am service

12/24: Christmas Eve Services, 6:00pm (Carols), 6:30pm (Rite II Choral Eucharist),

10:00pm (Carols), 10:30pm (Rite I Choral Eucharist)

12/25: Christmas Day, 11am Jazz/Gospel Service

12/31: First Sunday after Christmas, 11am Combined Service

[Information online at: https://www.trinitymidtown.org/advent2023/](https://www.trinitymidtown.org/advent2023/)

### Vestry Nominations – Accepting Submissions until Dec. 31st

The Vestry of Trinity is elected by the congregation to oversee the governance of the church in the areas of finance, facilities, stewardship and the calling of a rector when needed. To serve on the Vestry, one must be at least 18 years of age, a confirmed communicant, regular in worship, a member for at least a year, and a financial supporter of the parish. The nominating committee, which is composed of four outgoing Vestry members, will create a slate of nominees. The election will take place at the Annual Parish Meeting in January 2024. If you think you may be called to this ministry, please reach out to Michele White at [michelereenee12@gmail.com](mailto:michelereenee12@gmail.com).

### St. Nicholas Visit – Dec. 10th, 11:45am Fellowship Hall

Join us for our annual visit from St. Nicholas in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour for refreshments, a Christmas story, and pictures with St. Nick!

### Chrismon Tree Decorating – Dec. 15th, 10:30am

The Trinity Garden invites you to join us December 15 at 10:30 am as we put out and decorate the Chrismon tree. There will be light refreshments and beverages as we join together in the wonderful holiday gathering. The Chrismon tree will be dedication on Sunday, December 17th during the 10:30am service.

### Christmas Caroling at Trinity – Dec. 17th, 2-4pm

Gather at the church's Holman Street foyer at 2 pm to carpool to three locations to bring cheer to some of our homebound and limited mobility parishioners.

Caroling booklets will be provided– but bring treats to share. It is awesome if you can sing like the choir, but also wonderful if you just make a joyful noise.

### Tidings of Comfort Service – Dec. 20th, 6pm Morrow Chapel

This Liturgy also known as "Blue Christmas," or the "Longest Night," is held on the Winter Solstice. This service recognizes that not everyone is rejoicing during this season. We will have prayers appropriate to the season that acknowledge our struggles during this time. We are pleased to welcome back the Rev. Cannon Dr. Henry Atkins as our guest preacher. This service will be available in person and also via Zoom.

### Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Services, 6:00pm (Carols), 6:30pm (Rite II Choral Eucharist),  
10:00pm (Carols), 10:30pm (Rite I Choral Eucharist)  
12/25: Christmas Day, 11am Jazz/Gospel Service

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

#### Sunday, Dec 10th, 2023

7:30am – 1:30pm Nursery Open

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)

9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom)

9:30 am Education Hour for All

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)

11:45 am St. Nicholas Visit (Fellowship Hall)

12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)

2:00 pm Piano Lessons Midtown Recital

8:00 pm Complaine (Facebook)

#### Monday, December 11th, 2023

12:00 pm Yoga w/Saba (Atrium 2)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

#### Tuesday, December 12th, 2023

12:00pm The Listening Post

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm Property Committee (Zoom)

6:30 pm Finance Committee (Zoom)

6:30pm Vestry Meeting (Hybrid)

#### Wednesday, December 13th, 2023

10:30 am Staff Meeting (Weekly)

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, December 14th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

#### Friday, December 15th, 2023

8:30 am LOTS Christmas Angel Tree  
(Fellowship Hall)

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

#### Saturday, December 16th, 2023

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at  
<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-withus>



### PRAYERS

Our custom is to read aloud each week the names of those who request our prayers. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and Bulletin those who desire prayers. Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero. If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

Bill, Nick, Bob, Dale, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Donna, Jason, Carol, Clyde, Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Theresa, Victims of Violence, Ric, Barbara, Sylvia, Joyce, Bob, Cristine, David, Robert, Susan, Cindy, Patty, Dana, Emilia, Gaby, Florence, Carolyn, Rick, Charles Harrison, Kathy, Erma, Mary, Chris, Jane, Mark, Eliana, Laura, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Guillermo, Holly, Ray, Thomas, Barbara, Antrina, Howard, Claudie Romy, Carol, Gary, Johnny, Yvonne, Bryce, Rose, Junetta, Bart, Marie and Monica.

#### For the faithful departed:

Dr. Phil Turley, Robert Vaughn, Larry Payne, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine and Ukraine and all victims of gun violence.

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### Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at [www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/](http://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/).

The next available dates: December 17th and 31st, 2023 and January 7, 2024.



Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please signup online to volunteer [here](#) or scan QR code below. For questions or further information please click [here](#) to contact Jamie Chambers

Next available dates: Jan 7th, 14th, and 21st – 2024.



*Happy Birthday!*

Mary Dowdy, Lawrence Dickerson, Ric Byrd, Teddy Adams, Michele White, Savannah Dorsett

#### Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am – 3 pm  
Friday 9 am – 1 pm

If you have building concerns please email [parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org).



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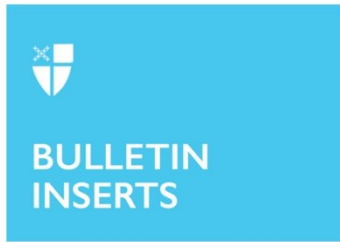
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**December 10, 2023 – Advent 2 (B)**  
**Second Week of Advent: Journeying with Family and Friends**

As we continue our Advent walk, we invite you to see the Way of Love as a journey that can expand to include family and friends. Mary said “yes” to the call to birth Jesus, God’s Word, into the world and immediately went in haste to share her good news with her cousin, Elizabeth—a four-day journey into the Judean hills. Isn’t that what happens when we hear good news? We are driven to go and tell others. The Way of Love is good news that demands to be shared.

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit [episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove](http://episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove). There, you’ll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.



**Sunday, December 10**

**WORSHIP**

Read Luke 3:1-6. How does the story of John the Baptist fill your heart with hope?

**Monday, December 11**

**TURN**

Turn away from the busyness of the world right now. Turn your heart and mind toward giving thanks for this time of reflection, refreshment, and renewal.

**Tuesday, December 12**

**LEARN**

Read Luke 1:45. Share your faith story with one new person this week. It can be someone you have known for a while who has not heard the faith part of your story.

**Wednesday, December 13**

**PRAY**

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 2, found on page 211 of The Book of Common Prayer. As you are out and about for the rest of this week, notice the people you pass. Ask God to bless them in their lives and work. See how this changes the way you go about your week.

**Thursday, December 14**

**BLESS**

Spend a significant amount of time today discerning if there is a special blessing or gift you can share with your church, a local ministry, or with your community. Ask God to inspire and equip you with the fortitude and tools to make this gift something truly memorable and heartfelt.

**Friday, December 15**

**GO**

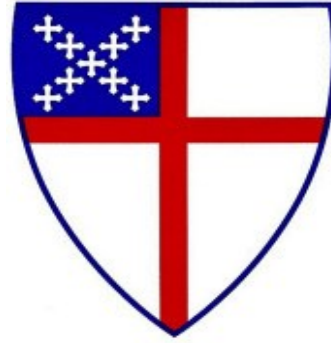
Go out of your way to have a conversation with someone you might not normally visit with today. Ask God to open your heart to hear this person as God does.

**Saturday, December 16**

**REST**

Put your phone on airplane mode and leave it in a dresser drawer for an hour or two. Whatever happens in that time, you can handle later. Give this time to yourself and Jesus, to rest and recharge for the week ahead.





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