



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
December 5, 2021 - 10:30am

**Inspired by Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church strives to
love our neighbors, do justice and walk humbly with God.**

Prelude, *Wachet auf! Ruft uns die Stimme*, BWV 645
(*Awake! the Voice Cries to Us*)

J. S. BACH

Opening Hymn, *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding* (Merton)

H 59

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for-given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end-ing a - ges run.

∞ The Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

∞ Collect for Purity

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

People **Amen.**

Trisagion

PAUL WEBER

The triple acclamation is sung first by the Choir, then twice by All.

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and consists of four systems. Each system contains two staves with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y," and "ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us." The music is in a simple, homophonic style, with the lyrics clearly legible. The first system is the initial acclamation, and the subsequent three systems are repetitions for the "All" response.

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,
ho - ly and might - y,
ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.
Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,
ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

∞ The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Word of God

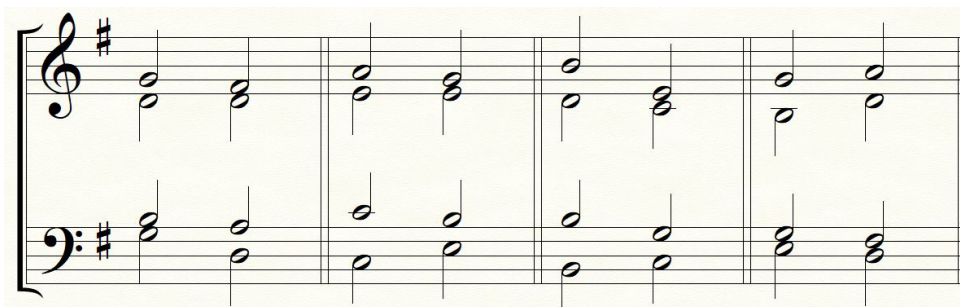
∞ The First Reading

BARUCH 5:1-9

The People sit.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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



All **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; ***
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Choir Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

All **This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, ***
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

Choir You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

All **In the tender compassion of our God ***
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Choir Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn, *Prepare the way, O Zion (Bereden väg för Herran)*

H 65



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Refrain
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

∞ The Holy Gospel

LUKE 3:1-6

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

∞ The Sermon

THE REVEREND JOHN M. PITZER

∞ The Nicene Creed

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation**

he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

∞ The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader 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.

People Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader 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.

People Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader 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.

People Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader 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.

People Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader 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.

People Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader 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.

People Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.
Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

∞ The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another.

∞ Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem, *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

CLAUDE GOUDIMEL

Comfort, comfort ye my people,
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness
mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth
in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance
since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him
and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token
that the word is never broken.

- *Johann Olearius*

∞ The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

∞ The Great Thanksgiving (PRAYER A)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant proceeds with the Proper Preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus, Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx)

S 130

God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are

full, full of your glo-ry. Ho-

san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na

in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na



The People stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Cantor

Al - le - lu - ia, Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

All

There - fore let us keep the feast, al - le - lu - ia.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

∞ The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

∞ The Breaking of the Bread *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

The musical notation is presented in three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is for the Choir and Congregation, with the lyrics "Christ has died." The second staff is for the Choir and Congregation, with the lyrics "Christ is risen." The third staff is for the Choir and Congregation, with the lyrics "Christ will come again." The notation includes a forte dynamic marking (f) at the beginning of each staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Choir Congregation

f Christ has died. Christ has died.

Choir Congregation

f Christ is ris - en. Christ is ris - en.

Choir Congregation

f Christ will come a - gain. Christ will come a - gain.

∞ The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and was raised for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

∞ The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. As you approach the altar area, please use the hand sanitizer station before receiving the host.

Communion Anthem, *People Look East, Besancon carol*

ARR. BARRY FERGUSON

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Communion Hymn, *My Lord, What a Mornin'*

GREEN SONGBOOK #21

∞ Sending Out Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Those who will visit the sick, home bound, and hospital bound are called forward.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one Body, for we all share one Bread, one Cup.**

∞ The Post Communion Prayer

All stand.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

∞ The Blessing

Closing Hymn, *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry (Winchester New)*

H 76

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor 1, Tenor 2) and a Bass line. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a descending line in the first measure of each phrase. The lyrics are arranged in five lines, corresponding to the vocal parts. The first line of lyrics is '1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -'. The second line is '2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make'. The third line is '3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our'. The fourth line is '4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and'. The fifth line is '5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose'.

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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.

∞ The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude, *Nun lob mein Seel' den Herren, BuxWV 212*
(Now, My Soul, Praise the Lord)

DIETERICH BUXTEHUDE

LITURGY LEADERS

CELEBRANT: The Reverend Andrew R. Thayer
 PREACHER: The Reverend John M. Pitzer
 DEACON: The Reverend Carol Spencer
 VERGER: Mary Sutton
 ORGANIST: Dr. Paul Weber

Inspired by Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church strives to love our neighbors, do justice, and walk humbly with God.

All are welcome.

If you are a guest today, welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. Please complete a visitor card found in the pew rack and drop it in the offertory plate, or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy. For more information, visit us online or call the church office at (504) 522-0276.

Please join us for coffee hour following the service, for snacks and conversation in Bishop Polk Hall. Exit via the stairs on the right side of the altar, and follow the hallway to the right, at the bottom of the stairs.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COVID Protocols

The State of Louisiana and the City of New Orleans have lifted the indoor mask mandate, and as such, masking is no longer required at Trinity Church. However, we maintain an environment of love and respect for our neighbors, and encourage all who prefer to mask in public settings continue to do so.

- Communion will continue to be given by hand by the priest. Use of the common cup is still restricted.
- Virtual worship and formation opportunities will continue. Trinity will continue to livestream worship and provide online formation opportunities for those who feel safer gathering virtually.

Thank you for your continued flexibility as our protocols remain open to change based on guidance from the state, city and diocese.

Sundays at Trinity

Nursery Care - Trinity's nursery is available from 8:30am - 12:00pm for children age 3 and under, including infants. The nursery is located in the undercroft across from Trinity Treasures Books and Gifts. **Register** at <https://trinitynola.com/godly-play-registration/>.

First Sunday - Join us for a hot breakfast at 8:30am in Bishop Polk Hall, followed by a program on the history of traditions of St. Nicholas, at 9:15am, presented by Brother Todd van Alstyne O.P., an Anglican Dominican friar, spiritual director, and chaplain at St. Andrew's Episcopal School,=.

Faith and Fiction class meets at 9:00am in person and on Zoom, gathering in the classroom just off the Trinity School Library. New members and visitors are always welcome! If you would like to join the class and receive a syllabus and weekly emails, please contact Merry Touns at merryparis@yahoo.com. **Faith and Fiction will meet December 12 for the last time in 2021. Class will resume on January 9, 2022.**

12 Steps Are for Everyone meets 9:15am - 10:15am in Trinity's Board Room. All are welcome to come and learn more about the 12 steps. No prior knowledge necessary! For more information contact Karen Taylor at taylorks@aol.com or (203) 526-3590.

Godly Play classes, for ages PK3 - 5th grade, meet at 10:30am in grade-assigned classrooms. **Register** at <https://trinitynola.com/godly-play-registration/> or contact Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com for more information.

EYC for youth in grades 6-12 meets 5:00pm - 7:00pm at Molly's House (2129 Coliseum).

Christmas at Trinity

Visit trinitynola.com/christmas for details on Worship, Christmas Giving opportunities and more.

A Light in the Darkness Healing Service - While the holidays can be a time of joy, it can also be a season of darkness and longing for people experiencing a loss, illness of a loved one, or simply the burden of too much going on in our lives. Join us on Monday, December 13 at 6:00pm for a healing service of music and light followed by a guided conversation on the challenges we have all undergone mentally and physically this year. Led by Maria Elliott, Debby Poitevent MSW, and the Reverend John M. Pitzer.

Children's Christmas Liturgy, 5:00pm on Sunday, December 19

Christmas Eve Worship, 4:00pm and 9:30pm, with choir and string orchestra

Christmas Day Worship, 10:30am, with organ

Christmas Ministry Cards - Need a thoughtful Christmas gift? Christmas Ministry cards are \$10 each and benefit a Trinity ministry of your choice. Visit the office of Tina Grant (tgrant@trinitynola.com or 504-670-2526) in the Church Undercroft, Monday through Friday, 8:30am - 4:00pm to purchase. Choose from one of the following ministries:

- Trinity Loaves and Fishes
- Loaves and Fishes Africa
- Trinity Music Ministry
- Trinity Educational Enrichment Program (TEEP)
- Medical Mission

Christmas Memorial Flowers - Help adorn the church for Christmas and honor or remember a loved one by giving to the Christmas Memorial Flowers and Music fund. All gifts, great and small, are appreciated. You can give online (below) or via mail.

<https://trinitynola.com/christmas-memorials/>

Please send the names and your donation to the church office, attention: Ashley Eastham, (or by email to aeastham@trinitynola.com) and indicate whether your dedication is intended for Christmas Flowers or Christmas Music. The dedications will be printed in the bulletins for Christmas Eve services. While there is no deadline for giving, **the deadline to submit dedications is December 10** for printing purposes.

Christmas Essentials Envelopes - Selected families from Kingsley House and Jesus Project Ministries will receive a Christmas Essentials Envelope (value of \$200) containing a \$100 gift card to WalMart and a \$100 gas card. To donate, contact jpitzer@trinitynola.com.

Christmas Giving Tree for Anna's Place Youth - Anna's Place youth programs offer a comprehensive arts-based curriculum in a safe and nurturing environment aimed at academic enhancement, arts enrichment, and life skills development to help alleviate the inequalities that disproportionately affect communities in poverty. Sponsor the Christmas wish list of one specific youth by selecting a name off of the Christmas Giving Tree in the church undercroft. Wrapped gifts are due back to Trinity by December 15.

Christmas Gifts for Kingsley House Adult Day Care Participants - This year we will continue the tradition of providing Christmas gifts for the Kingsley House Adult Day Care Program. Drop off wrapped gifts at Trinity. Additional details and gift ideas available by contacting Catherine Freeman at catherine@p-freeman.com. Gifts are due December 20.

Christmas Collection for Incarcerated Youth - There will be two bins in the Undercroft for collecting the following items: Clothing - colored socks (calf-length), boxer shorts, and t-shirts (solid colors, size Medium, Large and X-Large. Food/Snacks - In original manufacturer's packaging only, candy and other treats are HIGHLY desired.

Formation for All

Children, Youth and Families

St. Nicholas Spaghetti Supper (December 8) - On Wednesday, December 8 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm, we will gather in the parish hall, share a simple spaghetti supper and learn from St. Nic himself about who he really is and how we can help him do his work. We will end with photos with St. Nicholas. Please bring a gift donation for a teenager for our Christmas Giving Tree. The highest need includes Middle Schoolers: 12-14 years and High Schoolers: 15-18 years. For a list of ideas visit bit.ly/TrinityTeenCASA.

Acolyte Training (December 12) for rising 4th-12th grade youth is scheduled for December 12, 2021, from 9:15am - 10:00am in the church. Students who are interested in being acolytes for the first time must complete training. To learn more, please contact Phoebe Guinn at pguinn@trinitynola.com.

Children's Christmas Liturgy (December 19) - Our Children's Christmas Liturgy will take place in the evening at 5:00pm on Sunday, December 19, 2021. The children will show us the way to Bethlehem and then we will enjoy a little holiday cheer under a twinkling magnolia tree in the circle drive for hot cocoa and family photos with our beloved donkey, Gumdrops!

Godly Play Sundays at 10:30am. The result of a lifetime of research and practice by theologian, author and educator, Rev. Dr. Jerome Berryman, the Godly Play® method is a curriculum of spiritual practice exploring the mystery of God's presence in our lives. The Godly Play curriculum engages what is most exciting about religious education: God inviting us into—and pursuing us in the midst of—Scripture and spiritual experience. Godly Play® practice teaches us to listen for God and to make authentic and creative responses to God's call in our lives. Register at <https://trinitynola.com/godly-play-registration/>.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) for youth in grades 6-12 meets every Sunday 5:00pm - 7:00pm at Molly's House (2129 Coliseum Street). Contact Phoebe Guinn, Youth Coordinator, at pguinn@trinitynola.com.

Service Hours for EYC youth: We are looking for "EYC Elves" to help at the St. Nicholas Spaghetti Supper on Wednesday, December 8 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm and at the Children's Christmas Liturgy on Sunday, December 19 from 4:30pm - 6:30pm. Email Phoebe Guinn at pguinn@trinitynola.com.

Mom's Bible Study - Join us **Thursdays from 12:30pm - 1:30pm** in the Howcott Board Room for an intimate, life-giving bible study with a group of moms committed to growing spiritually and sharing their love of Christ with one and other. We do all sorts of different things to deepen our spiritual lives. Currently we are using the African Ubuntu Bible Study method to explore how Sunday's Gospel reading connects to our daily lives. It will be the best part of your week. Email Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com or just show up!

Adults

Advent Retreat: Saying Yes to God with Mother Mary, Teaching + Guided Meditation & Crystal Bowl Sound Bath (December 3)

- You are invited to join us Friday evening, December 3, 6:30pm - 8:30pm for an Advent retreat for spiritually engaging with God in community in the way of Mother Mary. During the retreat, led by The Reverend Gena Davis, we will align with Mother Mary's heart and pray a resounding YES to what God is doing in our lives. Rev. Davis will give a talk, lead inner reflection, and offer a guided meditation and crystal bowl sound bath for fully moving into your unique path with God. Gena plays 99.992% pure quartz alchemy crystal bowls that resonate heavenly sounds, and their vibrational frequencies support balance and restoration of body, heart and mind. Please bring your yoga mat if you wish, and pillows/blankets for comfort during the sound bath. Chairs/pews are available if you wish to sit.

The Women of Trinity Church cordially invite all women of Trinity to a Holiday

Reception (December 9) at Kelsey and Andy Thayer's Home (4209 Vendome Place) on Thursday, December 9 from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. At this gathering the WOTC will also honor the 2020 Volunteers of the Year, Elaine Haney and Cathy Posey. Call Bo Farrell if you can volunteer for the reception (504) 722-0573.

Dismantling Racism Training (December 11): The EDOLA Commission for Racial Healing invites you to a brave space of learning and growth in order to faithfully engage in the work of healing and wholeness to which God is calling us. Based on the Dismantling Racism training offered through the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing in Atlanta, Georgia, this training will "seek to increase racial healing and reconciliation." This training is for all members of the church and is especially appropriate for clergy, church staff, and ministry leaders. On Saturday, December 11, the Commission for Racial Healing will host an in-person Dismantling Racism Training from 9:00am - 3:00pm here at Trinity. Lunch will be provided. There is no fee required for this training. For further information or to register, please contact the Rev. Liz Embler-Beazley at lembeaz@stpauls-lakeview.org.

Join us! The Young Adults and Professionals (December 15) meet in the Parish House for a potluck meal and small group bible study on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. All are welcome! For information, contact YAP Small Group Leader, Becca Wallace at Beccam.wallace@gmail.com.

Godly Play Training in Covington (January 28-30) - Are you ready to deepen your spiritual life? Are you curious about children's spirituality and how we, as children of God, come to know God and embody religious language? Join us for a Godly Play Core Training weekend Jan 28 - 30. We will rent an Airbnb in Old Covington close to the beautiful Christ Church for those of us attending from Trinity. Anyone who works closely with children, including teachers, chaplains, clergy, youth ministers, lay leaders, formation leaders benefit from this workshop. Learn more about Godly Play at godlyplayfoundation.org and then email Ashley at abond@trinitynola.com if you'd like to know more.

Called to Serve

The Vestry Nominating Committee invites our congregation to nominate future church leaders. A Vestry term is four years and begins on June 1st. Candidates must have been a member of the church for one year, be over age 21, and have been confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church by a bishop of the church. Nominees must also have provided financial support, as confirmed by the Church's stewardship records, within six months prior to the Annual Meeting to be held in the Spring. Please share your nomination(s) with Michelle Cox at michelle@chenault.net or Heather Lonian at hlonian@stonepigman.com.

Can you host coffee hour one Sunday this fall? Sign up at bit.ly/Trinity-CoffeeHost. Trinity asks hosts to provide a (1) sweet, (2) salty, and (3) healthy snack for 75 people, at the 10:30am coffee hour. Foods may be dropped off to the church on Friday for use Sunday, but hosts are encouraged to be present on Sunday to assist with setup and connect with parishioners and visitors during coffee hour. Thank you for your generous hospitality.

Trinity Treasures

Wearing that same old black dress to this year's holiday parties? Add some flair with these festive earring selections available at Trinity Treasures. Let Santa take your look from ho-hum to HOT HOT HOT! Trinity Treasures is open 8:30am - 3:00pm, Monday - Friday, and Sundays, before and after the 10:30am service. Shop online at trinitytreasuresnola.com. Trinity Treasures' profits go to Trinity ministries and community projects through WOTC grants.

Stewardship at Trinity Church

The year 2022 will mark a significant anniversary for Trinity Church - our 175th year. Trinity Church is at a crossroads. We have the opportunity to not only celebrate 175 years of ministry, but to set a course for the future.

We need every member to continue the tradition of generosity that has built and sustained our Church these 175 years. There is much important work to be done in 2022, and your support is essential.

As you consider how you will support Trinity Church in 2022, we pray that this season of stewardship will be filled with a spirit of generosity, celebration and joy as well as a renewed commitment to God's call to all of us as faithful followers of Christ.

Visit trinitynola.com/2022pledge to make a commitment today. Please contact Raina O'Neil in the Church Development Office with any questions at (504) 670-2537 or roneil@trinitynola.com.



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