



TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
December 18, 2022 - 10:30am

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

Hymn in Procession, O come, O come, Emmanuel, verses 1-3 (Veni, veni, Emmanuel)



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

∞ Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

∞ Collect for Purity

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Trisagion

The Choir sings the first acclamation, then All sing

Ho - ly God, 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 and might - y,

The image shows a musical score for the Trisagion. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly God, 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 and might - y,'. The music is written in a simple, liturgical style with a steady rhythm.



∞ The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

∞ The First Reading

ISAIAH 7:10-16

The People sit.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and c

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.



All **Restore us, O God of hosts; ***
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

Choir You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

All **Restore us, O God of hosts; ***
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

Choir And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Sequence Hymn, *The angel Gabriel from heaven came (Gabriel's Message)*

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

“All hail,” said he, “thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 “my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name.”
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,” Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,” Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 “Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,” Glo - ri - a!

∞ The Holy Gospel

MATTHEW 1:18-25

Deacon
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save

his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

∞ The Sermon

THE REVEREND JOHN M. PITZER

∞ The Nicene Creed

All stand and say together

**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 Jesus calls us to love one another showing the signs of God's dominion in the healing of the sick, the raising of the dead to new life, and the preaching of the good news to the poor. Let us pray that our lives may be the instruments of God's work in the world, saying:

People O God, most worthy of praise,
hear our prayer.

Leader We thank you, God, for the gift of creation. Grant that we who bear your image may be faithful stewards of your gift and administer its bounty with wisdom for the good of all your creatures.

People O God, most worthy of praise,
hear our prayer.

Leader We thank you that you have called us to be your people. Give us patience as we await your coming, and grant us wisdom to discern your will in our daily lives, that each of us may serve others for the building up of our common life.

People O God, most worthy of praise,
hear our prayer.

Leader We thank you for the community of faith throughout the world. Strengthen your church as it witnesses to your love. (and hear our prayers for) Guide us in the fulfillment of your mission, that all may be one.

People O God, most worthy of praise,
hear our prayer.

Leader We thank you for our lives and pray that instruments of violence may be transformed into instruments of peace throughout the world, and that nations shall cease to learn war any more. We pray for victims of violence in our city (especially . . .)

People O God, most worthy of praise,
hear our prayer.

Leader We thank you for the privilege of ministering to others. We remember before you all who are sick or in need (especially). We pray for those who have died (especially . . .). Grant us the grace to accept suffering with patience and to be strengthened by our common life in the body of Christ.

People O God, most worthy of praise,
hear our prayer.

Leader We thank you for your countless gifts. (especially). Above all, we thank you for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and for our unity in him through baptism.

People O God, most worthy of praise,
hear our prayer.

Silence (where your own intercessions may be offered)

Leader We offer our thanksgiving and prayers to you, the one God and the source of light and life, now and forever. **Amen.**

∞ The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. 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 Hymn, *Dixit Maria ad Angelum*

HANS LEO HASSLER

Mary said unto the angel,
"Behold! I am the handmaid of the Lord;
Be it unto me according to your word."

∞ The Doxology

The People stand.

**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

The People remain standing.

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.

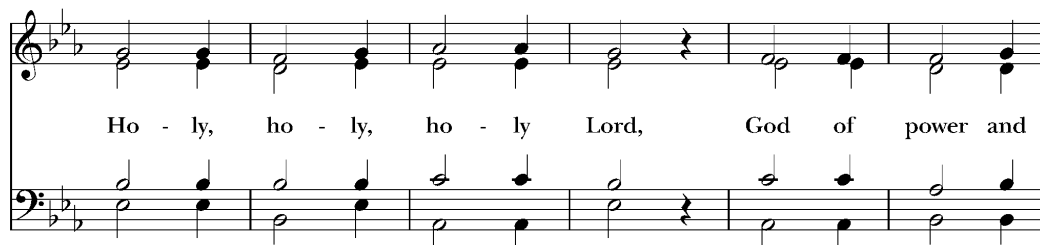
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

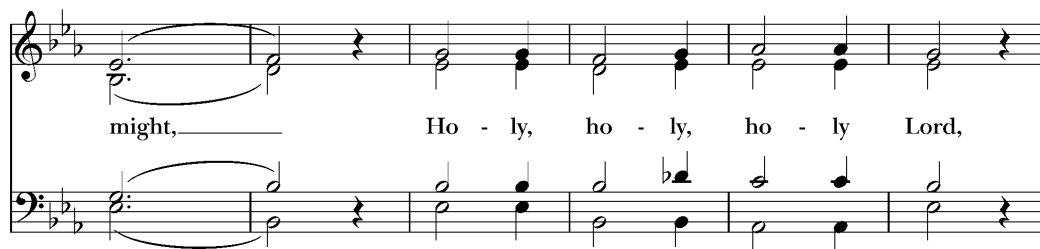
The Celebrant proceeds with the Proper Preface.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

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



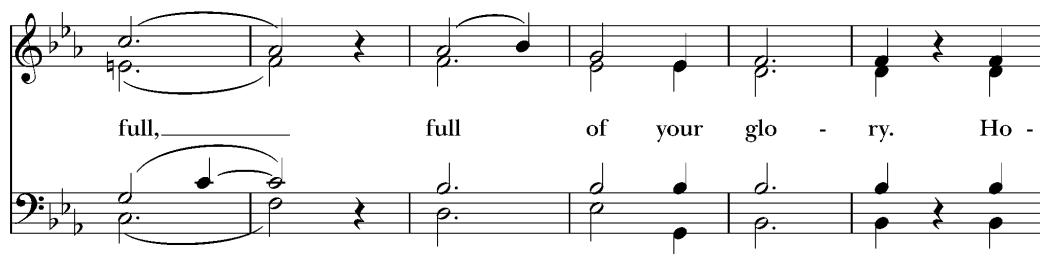
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



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

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

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

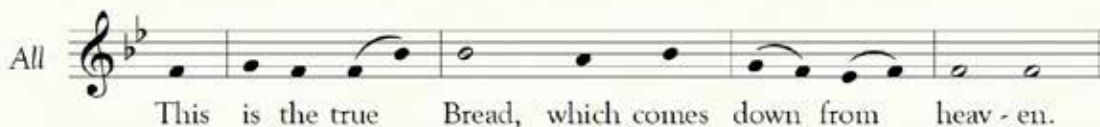
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

∞ 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.



Choir
O Lamb of God.

All
Who - ev - er eats this Bread will live for - ev - er.

Al - le - lu - ia!

∞ 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 thoughts 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. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest. At this time, the wine may only be received by drinking from the cup, and not by intinction (dipping the wafer in wine).

Communion Hymn, *Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest (Sursum Corda)*

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,

may, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
 thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
 one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;
 who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;



thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;

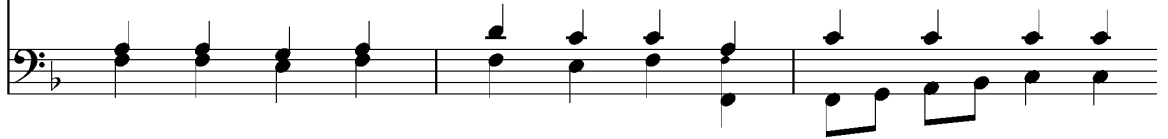


in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
 faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
 with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
 be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

Communion Hymn, Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing (Alles ist an Gottes Segen)



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -
 by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

∞ 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.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

∞ The Blessing

Closing Hymn, O come, O come, Emmanuel, verses 5-8 (Veni, veni, Emmanuel)

See page 1.

∞ The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

All are welcome.

You are invited to stay following worship for coffee and snacks, and to connect with other parishioners, staff and clergy. You will find a coffee bar and other refreshments setup in the kitchen.

If you are a guest today, welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. Please help us to connect by signing our online guestbook (scan the QR code) or visit with one of our greeters and clergy.



For more information, visit us online or call the church office at (504) 522-0276.



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Children in Church

Changing tables are located in the handicap stalls of both bathrooms in the Bishop Polk Hall foyer.

Nursery Care - Trinity's nursery is available from 8:30am - 12:00pm for children age 3 and under, including infants. At this time the nursery remains located in the original nursery location in the church undercroft. Email abond@trinitynola.com with questions.

Spirit Bags for children are located at the entrance to worship and available for children. Help yourself and please return as you exit.

To Parents: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.

To the Members of our Parish: The presence of children is a gift to the Church! They are members of our community and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to the parents.

Welcome Newcomers!

Newcomer Lunch (January 22) - Whether you are new to Trinity or just feel new, you are invited to break bread and gather with other newcomers, Trinity parishioners, clergy and staff following the 10:30am service on Sunday, January 22. Come with any questions and to learn more about Trinity and the Episcopal faith. We want to meet you in person and help you connect here. Please RSVP to Kelly Williams at kwilliams@trinitynola.com.

Christmas with Trinity

Visit www.trinitynola.com/christmas for the Christmas Worship Schedule, Christmas Memorials, Christmas Giving Opportunities and more!

Light in the Darkness Healing Service (December 19) - 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 for a healing service of music and light at 6:00pm in the Chapel. Questions? Contact Maria Elliott at melliott@trinitynola.com.

Holy Hour in the Chapel (December 20) - The chapel will be open from 6:00pm to 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 20 for an evening hour of prayer and music played by Organist & Choirmaster, Dr. Paul Weber. Come and go as you like, light a candle, and relax in the beauty of our chapel.

Christmas Eve Services (December 24) - Due to the on-going construction in the church Sanctuary, Christmas Eve services will be held at 4:00pm and 9:30pm at Temple Sinai (6227 St. Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA 70118). We are very grateful to Rabbi Sherman and the Temple Sinai community for opening their doors to us!

Christmas Day (December 25) - On Sunday, December 25, Trinity will offer only one service at 10:30am in Bishop Polk Hall.

Christmas Giving Opportunities

Christmas Ministry Cards - Need a thoughtful Christmas gift? Christmas Ministry cards are \$10 each and benefit a Trinity ministry of your choice. Visit Trinity Treasures in the Bishop Polk Hall foyer, Monday through Friday, 8:30am - 4:00pm, and Sundays from 8:30am to 12:30pm, to purchase.

Essentials Envelopes - Selected families from Clover (formerly Kingsley House) and Jesus Project Ministries will receive a Christmas Essentials Envelope (value of \$150) containing a \$100 gift card to WalMart and a \$50 gas card. To donate, contact Rev. John Pitzer at jpitzer@trinitynola.com.

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 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 the Giving Tree in Bishop Polk Hall.

Gifts for Seniors at Clover - This year we will continue the tradition of providing Christmas gifts for the Clover Adult Day Care Program (formerly Kingsley House). Gift packages are curated and purchased directly from Trinity Treasures. Stop in Trinity Treasures in the BPH foyer or contact tgrant@trinitynola.com to order by December 20.

Collection for Incarcerated Youth - There will be two bins in Bishop Polk Hall for collecting socks (calf-length and black only), deodorant, body wash (no bar soap), dandruff shampoo, face wash, and candy/snacks in manufacturer's packaging.

Worship and Music

YogaMass (January 7) - On Saturday, January 7 from 10:30am - 12:00pm, join us for yoga, eucharist, and a little post-worship fun at the Namaste Cafe in Bishop Polk Hall. Register at bit.ly.com/TrinityYogaMassRegistration.

Evening Prayer with Healing (January 10) - We pray together for healing from violence in our city, depletion from stress, care for our creation, exhaustion from economic uncertainty, hunger in any form, and the healing of our bodies and souls. Praying and singing together in community is a way of expanding our intentions and desires for wholeness with God's help. Your voice is an important one! Please join us at 6:00pm in the Chapel on the second Tuesday of the month. Questions? Contact Maria Elliott at melliott@trinitynola.com.

Adult Formation

Confirmation and Reception 2023 - Adults curious about being confirmed in or received by the Episcopal Church, please contact Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com.

Bible Studies and Small Groups - If you are interested in being a part of a bible study or small group, please email Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com. A minimum of 8 committed participants is necessary to launch a new group.

Sundays

12 Steps Are for Everyone meets 9:15am - 10:15am in the Church Board Room and on Zoom. 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.

Faith and Fiction Class meets Sundays at 9:00am in the classroom just off the Trinity School Library or on Zoom. Our talented group of facilitators chooses mostly secular short stories to discuss from a Christian perspective. We look for glimmers of the divine, illustrations of God's grace, and insights about how to live our lives in accord with the teachings of Jesus. Contact Merry Toups at merryparis@yahoo.com. **The last Faith and Fiction class for 2022 is Dec. 18. We will resume on January 8, 2023. We will begin the semester by reading a short novel by Claire Keegan entitled "Small Things Like These."**

Weekdays

The Men's Prayer Breakfast gathers for a home-cooked breakfast and Bible study with the rector, The Reverend Andrew R. Thayer, from 6:30am - 8:00am on Wednesdays. Questions? Contact athayer@trinitynola.com.

Wednesday Morning Moms Group - If you would like to meet some amazing women who want to grow spiritually, please come! We meet in the Parish House after morning car-pools and usually get started around 8:15am. All are welcome. Contact Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com.

Trinity Treasures

Trinity Treasures has a beautiful collection of Christmas decor and gifts (now 25% OFF, excluding jewelry), and is open in the foyer of Bishop Polk Hall. The gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30am - 4:00pm, and Sundays from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

Children, Youth and Families

Guild of the Christ Child (GOTCC) - Is your family growing? Please let us know! If you are expecting, adopting, fostering, and anything in between, please email Maria Elliott at melliott@trinitynola.com so that we can pray for you and your family. Upon the arrival of a new family member, our Guild of the Christ Child ministry team delivers a basket of love to your front porch.

The Pray Ground at the 10:30am worship service is a designated area where children can experience worship while being physically comfortable. Spirit bags, books, and Godly Play materials are available to help children stay engaged. Parents are encouraged to sit close to the Pray Ground.

Godly Play invites children ages PK3-5th grade to enter into a deeper and more playful relationship with God. Based on the Montessori method, Godly Play uses storytelling, creativity, and wonder to help children better understand themselves, their faith, and God. The children meet in the School Library and are led to their respective classrooms at 10:25am. Godly Play starts at 10:30am. Afterward children are led back to worship to join their families for communion. Contact Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com.

Confirmation 2023 - Youth curious about being confirmed, received, or baptized in the Episcopal Church, please contact Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com.

Called to Serve

Trinity Loaves and Fishes (December 22) is hosting a unique hot food meal distribution on Thursday, December 22 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. This is an excellent opportunity for new people to experience the TLF Hot Food program. There are ten slots available for each shift. Children are welcome. Please just sign-up for one volunteer slot for each family. We will play Christmas music, have kids coloring boxes, and give quick tours of our hot food ministry! There are two shifts: 9:00am - 11:00am, and 11:00am - 12:30pm. Please sign up at https://bit.ly/TLF_Christmas. Thanks!

Coffee Hour Hosts - For any of you who have wanted to try creating that new recipe and love sharing your favorite grocery treats, please sign up to fill our coffee hour table after the 10:30am service. Whether a plate of cookies, chips and dip, or recreate that beautiful Pinterest cheese board, there is no better way to share with others than through food! Connect by emailing Kelly Williams at kwilliams@trinitynola.com, sign up directly at bit.ly/TrinityCoffeeHosts, or fill in the calendar at coffee hour.

Altar Guild and Acolyte Teams - Rev. Annie & Verger Mary Sutton are gathering names of people looking to become active in serving in these liturgical ministries.

Altar Guild: For services in the Chapel (8:00am Sunday, 7:30am Tuesday), and in Bishop Polk Hall (10:30am and 6:00pm on Sundays). Volunteers will be trained to set up (vest) the altar, take down (divest) the altar, and care for the very special pieces used on the altar. Volunteers will serve on a monthly basis.

Acolytes: For services in Bishop Polk Hall (10:30am and 6:00pm on Sundays). Youth from grades 4th- 12th will carry the cross and torches, light and extinguish candles, lead the procession, and have small duties within the service.

Please email Rev. Annie Jung ajung@trinitynola.com or Verger Mary Sutton at msutton@trinitynola.com to learn more.

Trinity Treasures volunteers are needed to staff the shop. Please contact Tina Grant at tgrant@trinitynola.com or (504) 237-5419 for more details.

Trinity Restorative Justice Committee - Inspired by Christ, the Trinity Restorative Justice Committee was formed to support Trinity's mission to "do justice" with a focus on the needs of at-risk youth and young adults in the city of New Orleans, supporting them and their families to avoid entry or re-entry into the Louisiana criminal legal system. To learn more about related volunteer opportunities visit www.trinitynola.com/restorative-justice/ or contact Rev. Carol Spencer at cspencer@trinitynola.com.

Maximize Your Charitable Giving by Making a Year-End Gift

Make a year-end gift to Trinity Church by December 31 to receive a tax credit for 2022:

- Online at <https://trinitynola.com/end-of-year-giving/>
- Cash and check contributions may be mailed, placed in the plate, or hand-delivered to Trinity's stewardship or business offices. Cash must be received by December 31, 2022. Checks must be dated December 31, 2022 and postmarked December 31, 2022 in order to be considered a 2022 tax deduction
- Scan this QR code to give through our PayPal Giving Page



- Gifts of appreciated stock may be transferred to Morgan Stanley DTC# 0015 Account# 575-021402. Gifts of stock must be received by December 31, 2022 to receive a tax credit for 2022. Our broker is Jennifer Rigby at 504-585-3909. Please notify Raina O'Neil, roneil@trinitynola.com or 504-670-2537, of the transfer.

Thank you for your giving so generously throughout the year! Everything we do at Trinity Church is made possible by your generosity.

Note: 2022 tax statements will be mailed in late January.

Preservation and Rebirth: Stewardship for 2023

A big thank you to all who have made their pledge for 2023 so far! When you make your pledge to Trinity, you're simply sharing with us what you intend to give this upcoming calendar year. That's it!

Our 2023 pledge goal is \$1.6 million from 500 pledges. We are currently at 68% of our fundraising goal.

Scan the QR code to make a pledge today!



Together We Build: Capital Campaign

Trinity is proud to present the culmination of the Church and School's three - year strategic planning efforts with a joint \$13 million Capital Campaign, *Trinity 2024: Together We Build*. The Campaign goal and projects have been designed to create a more functional and attractive campus for Trinity that will ultimately build a more vital community for the future. For more information, please visit the Campaign website at www.Trinity2024.org or scan the QR code.



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The Reverend John M. Pitzer	Associate Rector for Administration and Outreach
The Reverend Annie Knazs Jung	Associate Rector
The Reverend E. Gary Taylor	Head of School
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