



**TRINITY**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS  
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
January 3, 2020 - 6:00pm

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

∞ Opening Acclamation

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

*Just as long as I'm in this world*

JORMA KAUKONEN

**Just as long as I'm in this world  
I am the light of this world  
You don't believe in Jesus  
And not a word he say  
When he come all way down to Lazarus' grave  
And raised him from the dead  
Just as long as I'm in this world  
I am the light of this world...**

∞ The Collect of the Day

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

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *People* **Amen.**

# The Word of God

∞ The First Reading

JEREMIAH 31:7-14

*The People sit.*

**T**hus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.” See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.” For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

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

∞ The Gradual, *Psalm 84*

**How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

**The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.**

**Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.**

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

**Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

**They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

**Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.**

**Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

**For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

**For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;**

**No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.**

**O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

∞ The Second Reading

EPHESIANS 1:3-6,15-19A

**B**lessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

***Everybody ought to treat a stranger right***

BLIND WILLIE JOHNSON

Everybody ought to treat a stranger right, long ways from home

Be careful how you treat a stranger if you lie to them and turn them away  
All of us down here are strangers, some of us have no place to stay

Be mindful if you're speaking, be careful how you go along  
You must always treat a stranger right, don't insult him in your home

Christ came down as a stranger, he didn't have no home  
He was laid into a manger with the animals to keep him warm

The wise man found the manger, when the child was just one day old  
They came from foreign lands, with frankincense and gold

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

∞ The Holy Gospel

MATTHEW 2:1-12

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

**I**n the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

∞ The Sermon

BROTHER TODD VAN ALSTYNE O.P.

∞ 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, Form IV

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*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.  
 Lord, in your mercy . . .

*People*            **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.  
 Lord, in your mercy . . .

*People*            **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.  
 Lord, in your mercy . . .

*People*            **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.  
Lord, in your mercy . . .

*People* **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. Lord, in your mercy . . .

*People* **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. Lord, in your mercy . . .

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## ∞ The Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Celebrant and People*

*The People stand or kneel.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## ∞ The Peace



∞ Announcements

## The Holy Communion

∞ The Great Thanksgiving (PRAYER B)

*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 Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People stand or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

*Celebrant* Alleulia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleulia!**

## ∞ A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

*Celebrant* In communion with those who are participating online, and cannot physically receive the Sacrament, we pray:

O my Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

## ∞ 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

*Please note that communion distribution will be very different for the foreseeable future. As you approach the altar area, everyone must use the hand sanitizer station before receiving communion. The consecrated hosts will be in a paper cup on the altar. As you approach the altar, please take one paper cup. Once you have consumed the communion, you will place the paper cup in the receptacle located near the altar.*

***Go Tell it on the Mountain***

∞ The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

*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

∞ The Dismissal

*Deacon*  
*People*

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

### Sunday at Trinity

**12 Steps Are for Everyone** meets at 9:15am on Zoom. Check member emails or contact Karen Taylor at [taylorks@aol.com](mailto:taylorks@aol.com) for Zoom access.

**Faith and Fiction** does not meet today, but will resume next week, Sunday, January 10.

**Godly Play Outside** does not meet this week, but will resume next week, Sunday, January 10. Contact Ashley Bond at [abond@trinitynola.com](mailto:abond@trinitynola.com) or sign up via the website.

### Stewardship at Trinity Church

The 2021 Board of Stewards have been diligently calling our members and newcomers to check-in as this has been such a trying year for so many. Throughout all of these difficult months one thing remains clear, our strength lies in our community.

Trinity Church is HERE, is active, and despite not being able to worship together in the way we all would like, we are reaching out to people in new and creative ways. We will be here when you are all able to be back, worshipping together in person. Your prayers and your financial support have been essential to this.

Please support Trinity Church with a 2021 Stewardship Giving Estimate or Pledge, or a gift through online giving at [trinitynola.com/giving-form](http://trinitynola.com/giving-form).

Thank you for being an essential part of this church community and for your continued support. We are grateful! Contact Raina O'Neil at [roneil@trinitynola.com](mailto:roneil@trinitynola.com) or (504) 670-2537 with any questions.

### Trinity Treasures

Happiest New Year ever! May the peace and love of Christ fill our hearts and lives throughout 2021.

Trinity Treasures is now open Monday to Friday, 8:30am - 3:30pm and Sundays before and after 10:30am worship. Shop online at [trinitytreasuresnola.com](http://trinitytreasuresnola.com). Please remember that Trinity Treasures' profits go to Trinity ministries and community projects through WOTC grants.







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