



TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
November 29, 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.**

My Lord What A Morning

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∞ The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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

ISAIAH 64:1-9

The People sit.

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

∞ The Gradual, *Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18*

**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.**

**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?**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

∞ The Second Reading

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

I Am Waiting

CHIP WILSON

Well, I'm waiting, waiting for the King, and it might take a little bit of time
But if I'm patient and I pray, studying the way,
 there's redemption of the highest kind

We'll be patient, watching for that star, waiting for that robe and crown
Waiting for the King, the newborn King, where redemption can be found
 From Nazareth to Bethlehem

Just to the south of Jerusalem
 No false prophets or hypocritical liars
 No backsliding when when the King arrives

I am waiting, waiting for the day, looking for the infant King
Who the star did bring, with cattle, sheep and kings,
 with angels flying on the wing

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

∞ The Holy Gospel

MARK 13:24-37

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

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.”

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

∞ The Sermon

THE REVEREND BENJAMIN N. NOBLES

∞ 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.

Soon and Very Soon

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Sunday at Trinity

Faith and Fiction meets at 9:00am on Zoom each Sunday. Contact Merry Touns at merryparis@yahoo.com to learn more.

Godly Play meets on Zoom at 9:15am. Contact Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com for Zoom access.

12 Steps Are for Everyone meets at 9:15am on Zoom. Check member emails or contact Karen Taylor at taylorlks@aol.com for Zoom access.

Advent Formation Opportunities

Advent Walking Meditation - As an Advent formation offering for both parishioners and the local community, Trinity has launched a walking meditation experience along Jackson Avenue, featuring a large-scale version of the Godly Play Story *The Mystery of Christmas: The Incarnation*. This story is based on Giotto di Bondone's 14th-century frescoes adorning the Scrovegni Chapel in northern Italy and Madeleine L'Engle's book *The Glorious Impossible* (Simon & Schuster, 1990). Additional content corresponding to each panel will be featured on the church website. It's a playlist you can experience in person!

Advent Playlist - Prepare the way! Check out Trinity's Advent playlist at <https://trinitynola.com/formation/playlists/advent-playlist> for content and opportunities to read, listen, watch, participate, pray and reflect during this season of Advent.

River of Fire w/ Sister Helen Prejean - While waking up to the world around us is crucially important, it is only when we begin to personally engage in even the smallest steps for justice that the spiritual powers within us truly come to life. On Tuesday, December 1 at 4:30pm, Sister Helen will kick off a 4-week Small Group study (two tracks) of her new book *River of Fire*. Both tracks will tune in at 4:30pm for the first gathering, then split into two tracks, meetin on Zoom on Tuesday at 12:00pm or 4:30pm (12/8 and 12/15), where we will share our experience of solitary reading and journaling using prompts offered by Sister Helen. On Tuesday, December 22 at 4:30pm, Sister Helen will lead the final meeting for both groups to listen to our discoveries and answer all our questions! Visit the church website or email abond@trinitynola.com to register.

Waiting, Accepting, Journeying, Birthing: A Four Week Devotional by Sarah Bessey and facilitated by Debby Poitevent. This devotional is guided by the Carmelite themes of Waiting, Accepting, Journeying, and Birthing. Each week's devotional consists of an Opening Prayer and lighting of a candle, a reading from Scripture, an essay meditating on the theme, another reading from Scripture, and then a few discussion questions before the Closing Prayer. Some of these essays grapple with big themes and ask you to lean into difficult conversations. This group will meet in-person for four weeks beginning Sunday, December 6 at 9:15am in the Moore Library. Visit the church website or email abond@trinitynola.com to register.

Advent for Children, Youth and Families

Advent@Home - To support your family through the season of Advent, please pick up your Advent@Home bags **beginning Sunday, November 29 at Trinity Treasures**. Included in your bag are activities and resources that nurture your family's faith journey and help you create sacred moments at home.

Outdoor Godly Play - The season of Advent helps children anticipate the Mystery of Christmas. School-age children (PK-5th) are invited to join us for an in-person Godly Play community classes **December 6 and December 13 at 10:30am**. Class will take place OUTSIDE in the Parish House courtyard. The same COVID safety precautions that the children are familiar with at school will be in place. Parents escort their children to the courtyard gate located to the right of the circle drive for temperature checks and sign-in. Parents pick up their children during announcements for communion. Masks are required. We are limited to how many children we can have so please visit the church website to register, or contact abond@trinitynola.com.

EYC at St. Anna's Food Pantry - On Sunday, December 6 at 4:00pm, youth (grades 6-12) can participate in a special off campus activity. In this season of giving, we will come together to support St. Anna's Episcopal Church food pantry packing non-perishable Christmas meal boxes for 60 families! Meet at St. Anna's Episcopal Church at 4:00pm located at 1313 Esplanade Ave. The event will end with a special Eucharist from 6:00pm to 6:30pm in the church. Please RSVP to jwigginnettles@trinitynola.com. This is an indoor/outdoor masked event, and youth should be dropped off and picked up in front of St. Anna's. Donations of canned vegetables and peanut butter greatly appreciated.

EYC Movie Night - On Sunday, December 13 at 4:00pm, youth (grades 6-12) are invited to gather for the last youth group of 2020. There will be an outdoor movie screening with popcorn and hot cocoa in the Molly's House building side yard (2119 Coliseum Ave. Drop off is 4:00pm and pick up is 5:45pm. Wear your best Christmas sweaters! Please RSVP to jwigginnettles@trinitynola.com.

The **Children's Christmas Liturgy and Celebration** will take place on Sunday, December 20 at 5:00 pm. After the service, families are invited to the circle drive to enjoy a little Christmas cheer and a special surprise. There will be twinkle lights and catered hot cocoa. Please RSVP to attend this service at <https://trinitynola.com/christmas/>, as space is limited.

Wednesday Worship in Advent

Advent Evening Prayer - Join us Wednesday evenings during Advent in our beautiful sanctuary for a simple evening prayer service at 6:00pm where clergy will share their reflections on the themes of Advent: December 2 (Peace), December 9 (Hope), and December 16 (Joy). Please pre-register on the Trinity Church website or call the church front desk at (504) 522-0276 for registration assistance.

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 at <https://trinitynola.com/christmas-memorials/> or via mail. 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 and listed on the church website. While there is no deadline for giving, **the deadline to submit dedications is December 9** for printing purposes.

Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 20

Children's Christmas Liturgy and Celebration at 5:00pm

Monday, December 21

A Light in the Darkness Christmas Liturgy at 6:00pm

Wednesday, December 23 - Eve of Christmas Eve

Rite II Eucharist at 7:00pm

Rite II Eucharist at 9:00pm

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Rite II Eucharist at 4:00pm

Rite II Eucharist at 7:00pm

Rite II Eucharist at 9:00pm

Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Rite I Eucharist at 10:30am

In an effort to accommodate as many folks as possible, and allow space for all who wish to worship in person in celebration of Christmas, we have drastically expanded our Christmas service offerings, as each service has a limited capacity of attendees.

IT IS REQUIRED that those who plan to attend pre-register all individuals in their party. We can welcome up to 125 attendees and services are expected to fill to capacity.

TO REGISTER ONLINE, visit **www.trinitynola.com/christmas**

TO REGISTER BY PHONE call the church offices at (504) 522-0276 for assistance.

Trinity Treasures

Canvas prints (8x10 and 11x14) of a marvelous new Tim Trapolin painting of Madonna and child are now available in Trinity Treasures. The original painting (21x29) is available by auction with a starting bid of \$900, and a value of \$1800. Email Linda Stone at lindastone801@gmail.com to make a bid! Auction closes at 6:00pm on December 10.

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. Please remember that Trinity Treasures' profits go to Trinity ministries and community projects through WOTC grants.



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