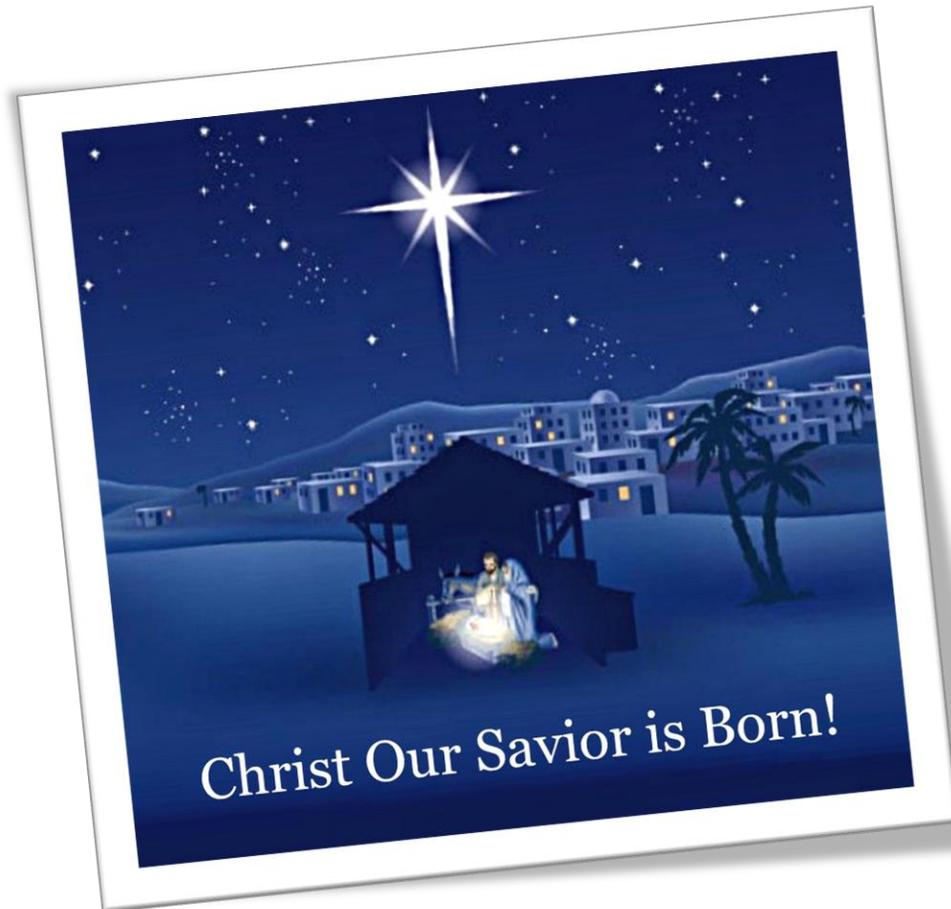


Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

Christmas Eve



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4:30 p.m. Mass

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Order of Worship is based upon:
Book of Common Prayer 1979

Welcome to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

We are glad you are worshiping with us today, and would like you to feel comfortable. If you are a guest, you may have some questions about our worship services. We have included some frequently asked questions in the hope of addressing any concerns you may have. If your question does not appear below, feel free to ask our usher, or Fr. Jerry.

- **I am not Episcopalian. May I receive Holy Communion?** All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Communion. If you are physically unable to come to the altar rail, simply inform our usher, and the Sacrament will be brought to you. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, but would like to receive a blessing, come forward to the altar rail and cross your arms across your chest. We'll know what to do.
- **Can I choose to receive Holy Communion without partaking in both kinds (Body and Blood)?** Yes, we believe that receiving either the Body or Blood alone grants the recipient the fullness of the Sacrament. Covid-19 restrictions have limited the reception of Holy Communion to the Body of Christ only at this time.
- **How do I know whether to sit, stand, or kneel?** The bulletin in hand provides guidance throughout the service. However, if you have a different posture of reverence, or are unable to assume the posture shown in the bulletin, you are welcome to sit, kneel, or stand, whichever is most comfortable and reverent for you. Relax and participate in a manner that best speaks to you.
- **Can I bring my children into church?** YES! By all means, please do! They are members of the Body of Christ, only smaller. We have totes and toys available in the back of the church. They can play in the aisle, or in the pew with you.
- **Suppose my child is disruptive?** We welcome disruptive children! There is no need to take them out. However, if you are uncomfortable keeping them in church during worship, feel free to take them to our fellowship hall. Our usher can guide you.

Pastoral Emergency:

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Jerry at 262.339.7956. If you feel that your issue is urgent, then it is! Call!

If you wish to contact the Holy Trinity office, please call: 920.324.5700, or email:

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The Preparation Rites

Prelude

The Celebrant will invite all to stand as able

Processional Hymn

Away in a Manger

Hymnal #101

Blessing of the Creche

Celebrant O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger!

Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!
The Word was made flesh

People And dwelt among us.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of your Son has revealed to us the holiness of creation, be pleased to bless and hallow this image of his sacred birth, so that those who gaze upon it may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Opening Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymnal #83

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymnal #96

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray

The Celebrant continues

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People Amen.

The Service of the Word

Be seated

Old Testament Lesson

A Reading from Isaiah 9:2-7.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

Psalm 96

All recite together

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

New Testament Lesson

A Reading from Titus 2:11-14.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand

Gospel Anthem

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing vss 1 and 2

Hymnal #87

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

Gospel Anthem

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing vs 3

Hymnal #87

Children's Message

Ann Bullis

Ann will invite all to be seated

Sermon

Fr. Jerry

Please remain seated

Nicene Creed

The Celebrant will invite all to stand

All 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.

Prayers of the People

Reader As we join the angels and shepherds to celebrate the birth of Jesus,
let us offer prayers to God.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may
cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O
Lord.

People Hear our prayer.

Reader For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to
the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Hear our prayer.

Reader For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow
among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Hear our prayer.

Reader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Hear our prayer.

Reader For those who are suffering physically, emotionally, or spiritually, especially for those who are struggling to find joy this Christmas, that Christ will bring them healing and hope, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Hear our prayer.

Reader For those who have died, especially within the last year. And for those who are left behind, who struggle to celebrate this first Christmas without their loved ones, that they may find peace in God's compassion and love, and hope in the Resurrection, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Hear our prayer.

Reader Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, the source of Truth, Wisdom, and eternal light, accept these prayers of your people, grant them in accordance with your will, and shine your eternal light over all of creation. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Be seated during announcements

The Service of the Altar

The Celebrant says

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

Offertory Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymnal #79

Celebrant will invite all to stand

Sursum Corda

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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 him thanks and praise.

The Canon of the Mass

The Celebrant says

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

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

Celebrant and People sing

Hymnal S130

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

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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;

The Celebrant continues

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 forever.

People AMEN!

Communion

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

All 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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S164

All sung Jesus, Lamb of God:
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Invitation

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All may be seated

All are invited to the Table to receive Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Hymnal #89

The Concluding Rites

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All stand

All 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.

Blessing

The Celebrant says:

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you
in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with
the light of his holiness.

All Amen.

Celebrant May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill
you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

All Amen.

Celebrant May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to
heaven, give you his peace and favor.

All Amen.

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn**Silent Night****Hymnal #111**

As the closing hymn is sung, all lights will be extinguished, each person will ignite their candles, leaving only ambient candlelight. The Celebrant and Acolytes will recess to the back of the church.

Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the People

Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

