



**TRINITY**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
December 7, 2025 - 10:30am

**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 in Bishops Hall.**

**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 on-line or call the church office at (504) 522-0276.



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## **Children in Church**

**Safe Church** - Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver at all times and are welcome to be in spaces for church-related activities. Please do not allow your child(ren) to enter into classrooms, the school library, or other meeting spaces alone.

**Changing tables** are located in the accessible stalls of both bathrooms in the Undercroft and Bishops Hall foyer.

**Nursery Care** is available from 10:00am - 12:00pm for children age 3 and under. A Safe Church, Safe Communities certified adult is supported by our Nursery Team to welcome our littlest church members with joy and excitement. Contact: [abond@trinitynola.com](mailto:abond@trinitynola.com).

**The Pray Ground** is located at the front left of the church and serves as a place where young children can experience worship while being physically comfortable. Spirit Bags, soft materials, and books are available in this place. Please help your child enjoy this space quietly and peacefully.

**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.

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

J. S. BACH

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

BLUE HYMNAL 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let each heart prepare a home  
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge, and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away  
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Spirit evermore.

∞ Lighting of the Advent Candles

Responsory for the Second Sunday of Advent

<i>Celebrant</i>	People of Zion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations.
<i>People</i>	And the Lord shall make the glory of his voice to be heard in the joy of your heart.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Give ear, O ruler of Israel.
<i>People</i>	You who lead Joseph like a sheep.

## ∞ Trisagion

*Sung by choir once, then twice by all.*



## ∞ The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

# The Word of God

## ∞ The First Reading

ISAIAH 11:1-10

*Please be seated.*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover

the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

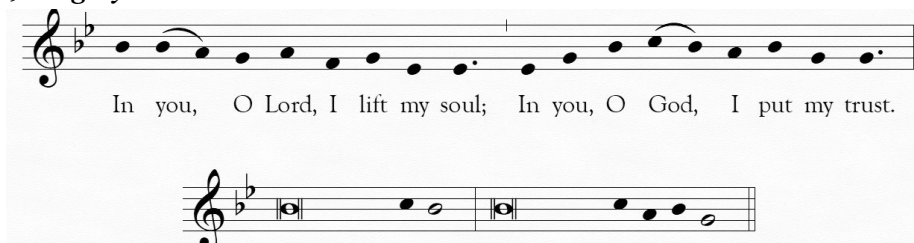
*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

∞ The Gradual, Psalm 72:1-8, 18-19

MODE V

*Antiphon, sung by the choir then all*



Choir: Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness TO the King's Son;

That he may rule your people RIGHT-eously \*  
and the POOR with justice;

All: That the mountains may bring prosperity to the PEO-ple, \*  
and the little HILLS bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the PEO-ple; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and CRUSH the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and MOON endure, \*  
from one generation TO another.

He shall come down like rain upon the MOWN field, \*  
like showers that WA-ter the earth.

In his time shall the righteous FLOUR-ish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the MOON shall be no more.

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of IS-rael, \*  
who a-LONE does wondrous deeds!

And blessed be his glorious Name for EV-er! \*  
and may all the earth be FILLED with his glory.

*Antiphon, all*

**W**hatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”; and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

**Sequence Hymn, *Prepare the way, O Zion (Bereden väg för Herran)***  
*Please stand as you are able.*

BLUE HYMNAL 65

**Prepare the way, O Zion,  
 your Christ is drawing near!  
 Let every hill and valley  
 a level way appear.  
 Greet One who comes in glory,  
 foretold in sacred story.**

***Refrain***  
 Oh, blest is Christ that came  
 in God's most holy Name.

**He brings God's rule, O Zion;  
 he comes from heaven above.  
 His rule is peace and freedom,  
 and justice, truth, and love.  
 Lift high your praise resounding,  
 for grace and joy abounding.**

## *Refrain*

Fling wide your gates, O Zion;  
your Savior's rule embrace.  
His tidings of salvation  
proclaim in every place.  
All lands will bow before him,  
their voices will adore him.

## *Refrain*

### ∞ The Holy Gospel

MATTHEW 3:1-12

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

<i>Deacon</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
<i>People</i>	<b>Glory to you, Lord Christ.</b>

**I**n those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<i>Deacon</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</b>

### ∞ The Sermon

THE REV. E. GARY TAYLOR

*Silence follows the Sermon.*

∞ The Nicene Creed  
*Please stand as you are able.*

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

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Leader* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
“Come, Lord Jesus.”

*Leader* For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church  
of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader* For our Bishop, and for all other ministers, lay and ordained, let us pray  
to the Lord.

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader* For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us  
pray to the Lord.

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader* For the city of New Orleans, for every city and community, and for those who live  
in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to  
conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader* For expectant parents and those who long to conceive or adopt. And for all the  
blessings of this life, especially those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and  
Marriage, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphaned, and for the sick and the  
suffering, especially... let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader* For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for  
prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to  
the Lord.

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed,  
(especially...) let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, especially our immigrant community, remembering that we are all sojourners seeking God's guidance, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader* That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader* In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Silence.*

*Celebrant* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help. For you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give thanks, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*People* **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.**

*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 Anthem, *Keep You Lamps Trimmed and Burning*** SPIRITUAL, ARR. PAUL WEBER

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning...

for the time is drawing nigh.

Sisters, don't grow weary. Brothers, don't grow weary.

Children don't grow weary, for the time is drawing nigh.

It's our faith makes us happy... for the time is drawing nigh.

Sisters...

We are climbing Jacob's ladder... for the time is drawing nigh.

Sisters...

## ∞ The Doxology

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## ∞ The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic 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.**

*Celebrant* 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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

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

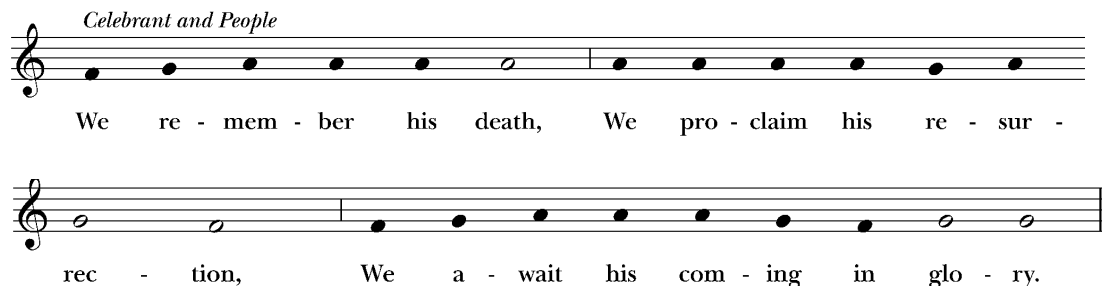
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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,



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.*

Choir   
O Em - man - u - el,

All   
be known to us in the break-ing of the Bread.

Choir   
O Em - man - u - el.

All   
This is the true Bread, which comes down from heav - en.

Choir   
O Em - man - u - el.

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 for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## ∞ The Communion of the People

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. 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.*

**Communion Anthem, *Tantum ergo***

DEODAT DE SEVERAC

Down in adoration falling,  
Lo! the Sacred Host we hail,  
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing  
Newer rites of grace prevail;  
Faith for all defects supplying,  
Where the feeble senses fail.

To the Everlasting Father,  
And the Son Who reigns on high  
With the Holy Ghost proceeding  
Forth from Each eternally,  
Be salvation, honour, blessing,  
Might, and endless majesty.  
Amen.

**Communion Hymn, *Be Still My Soul***

GREEN SONGBOOK 64

∞ Sending Out the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

*Please stand as you are able.*

*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 in one Bread, one Cup.**

∞ The Post Communion Prayer

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*All* **Loving God, we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**



## ∞ The Blessing

*Celebrant*      The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. May God open your hearts this Advent season, so that you might welcome Christ into your world, into your lives, and into your homes. And may Almighty God bless you, Father Son and Holy Spirit.

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

BLUE HYMNAL 59

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding:  
“Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;  
“Cast away the works of darkness,  
O ye children of the day.”

Wakened by the solemn warning,  
from earth’s bondage let us rise;  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven;

so when next he comes with glory,  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
may he with his mercy shield us,  
and with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit  
while unending ages run.

## ∞ The Dismissal

*Deacon*      Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People*      Thanks be to God.

Postlude, *Chaconne and Fugue in D minor, BWV 1178*

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER:	The Reverend E. Gary Taylor
CELEBRANT:	The Reverend Lex Breckinridge
DEACON:	The Reverend Carol Spencer
ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER:	Dr. Paul Weber

## FLOWER MEMORIALS

If you would like to honor a loved one with a flower memorial in the church or chapel, please contact Mary Katherine Williams at [mkwilliams@trinitynola.com](mailto:mkwilliams@trinitynola.com) or 504-670-2526.

## **Please Note: Worship Service Time Change**

The Sunday 6:00pm chapel service now begins at 5:00pm.

## **Christmas Memorial Flowers**

Help adorn our worship space 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 or via mail. Please send the names and your donation to the church office, attention: Ashley Eastham, (or by email to [aeastham@trinitynola.com](mailto: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. The deadline for printing purposes is December 12.



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## **Sunday Formation**

**Godly Play** - Children come to know God through community, story, wonder, art, and feast at 10:30am on Sundays. Questions? Contact [abond@trinitynola.com](mailto:abond@trinitynola.com).

**Middle School Sunday School (6th-8th)** meets at Molly's House during the 10:30am service. Students gather for community, prayer, study, and donuts. We return for communion. Email [lizziekeenemusic@gmail.com](mailto:lizziekeenemusic@gmail.com) to register.

**Faith and Fiction has a new home! (Sundays at 9:15am)** We have moved from the school library to the Menge Board Room in Jack's House. Also note, Faith and Fiction will take a holiday break on Sunday, Dec. 21 and Dec. 28, and resume class on January 4, 2026. Anyone interested in joining the class in person or via zoom, please contact Merry Touns at [merryparis@yahoo.com](mailto:merryparis@yahoo.com).

**12 Steps are for Everyone (Sundays at 9:15am)** Participants discuss the effectiveness of the 12 steps of recovery as a process for spiritual growth each Sunday, at 9:15am in the Church Board Room. Contact Patty Justice at [justicepatty8@gmail.com](mailto:justicepatty8@gmail.com) with questions.

## **Wednesday Men's Bible Study**

**Men's Bible Study Breakfast** This group gathers weekly on Wednesdays in the Parish House for a home-cooked breakfast and Bible study, 6:30am – 8:00am. Questions? Contact John Fay at [jfay@faynelsonfay.com](mailto:jfay@faynelsonfay.com).

## **Featured Events**

**TODAY! WOTC Christmas Brunch (December 7)** - Celebrate the season at the WOTC Christmas Brunch! All are invited to gather in the Parish House and Courtyard immediately following the 10:30am service to enjoy food, fellowship, and festive fun. Decorate gingerbread houses, and meet a very special guest — Saint Nicholas!

**TODAY! Exploring Episcopal (December 7)** This program offers adults an opportunity to deepen faith through Scripture, theology, and church history—and to explore how these shape our shared life of faith. It's ideal for those curious about The Episcopal Church, learning more about Christianity, or considering baptism or membership at Trinity. Whether or not you've been part of a church before, you're welcome to learn, ask questions, and discern if Trinity feels like home. Immediately following the 10:30 service in the Menge Boardroom.

**Advent Home Eucharists (December 10, and 18)** On three evenings in the season of Advent, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Trinity will offer in-home Eucharists hosted by Trinity parishioners. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather and worship with a small group of church family—a chance to connect with familiar faces and meet someone new. Attendees are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvres or dessert to share. Please register online or by emailing [jpitzer@trinitynola.com](mailto:jpitzer@trinitynola.com). *December 10 and 18 hosts to be announced.*

### **Wednesday, December 10**

Co-hosted by Elizabeth and Andrew Wooten, and Jeanne and Martin de Laureal at the home of Elizabeth and Andrew  
12 Lasalle Place  
New Orleans, LA 70118

### **Thursday, December 18**

Hosted by Parker and Toto Robinson  
5125 Camp Street  
New Orleans, LA 70115

**Krewe de Voix presents “Bach at Christmas” (December 12)** - Now in their 10th season, Krewe de Voix (pronounced Vwa) Chamber Choir—led by Trinity Organist & Choirmaster Paul Weber—presents their annual Christmas concert on Friday, December 12 at 7:00pm in the Church. This year's program features two of Bach's greatest vocal works: the Advent Cantata Savior of the Nations, Come! (Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland) and the virtuosic motet Praise the Lord, All Ye Peoples! (Lobet den Herren). Joined by a chamber ensemble of New Orleans' finest players and vocal soloists, this holiday concert is supported entirely by audience donations. Suggested donation: \$15 at the door.

## **Pastoral Care**

**Evening Prayer with Healing: A Light in the Darkness (December 16 at 6pm)** - 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 on Tuesday, December 16 at 6:00pm in the Chapel.

## **Diocesan Events**

**Women Gather in Community (Thursday, December 11)** - Join Rev. Annie Knazs Jung, Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church & School, New Orleans as we explore several women's courageous spiritual journeys, including Mary & Elizabeth, in the lens of Advent Season. Rev. Annie will also share her recent experience of traveling the Camino de Santiago as a solo spiritual pilgrimage- backpacking 115km through Spain, following the Way of St. James. Lastly, all attendees will have time to reflect on spiritual journeys they have been on or are discerning embarking on- one courageous step, one sacred "Yes!" at a time.

Register at <https://seccla.org/events2/second-thursday-women-gather-in-community/>

## **Christmas Worship at Trinity**

**Children's Christmas Liturgy & Celebration (December 21)** - Our Children's Christmas Liturgy will take from 5:00pm – 7:00pm on Sunday, December 21, in the church. The children will show us the way to Bethlehem. After this simple yet joyful service, we will gather in the circle drive to share in some holiday cheer under the twinkling lights of an old magnolia tree. Contact Ashley Bond at [abond@trinitynola.com](mailto:abond@trinitynola.com) with any questions.

**Christmas Eve, 4:00pm (December 24)** - A Rite II Festive Holy Eucharist in Trinity's historic sanctuary, featuring the Trinity Choir with string orchestra lead the congregation in Chirsmtas carols.

**Christmas Eve, 9:30pm (December 24)** - A Rite II Festive Holy Eucharist in Trinity's historic sanctuary, featuring the Trinity Choir with string orchestra performing Josef Haydn's "Missa Sancte Joanne de Deo".

**Christmas Day, 10:30am (December 25)** - A Rite II Holy Eucharist in the church.

## **Christmas Giving**

**Christmas Giving Tree for Anna's Place Youth** - Anna's Place youth programs offer a comprehensive arts-based curriculum in a safe and nurturing environment to help alleviate the inequalities that disproportionately affect communities in poverty. Sponsor the Christmas wish list of one specific youth by selecting a name off of the Christmas Giving Tree in the Bishops Hall foyer. The deadline for returning wrapped presents is Tuesday, December 16.

**Be a Santa to a Senior** - Help share love, joy, and comfort with the seniors at Clover Adult Day Care. The Fancy Pelican has curated heartfelt holiday gift packages filled with warmth and the spirit of giving, and our goal is to bring smiles to 40 men and 71 women, making sure every one of Clover's 111 seniors feels cherished. Gift packages are purchased from The Fancy Pelican online or by emailing [tina@tfnola.com](mailto:tina@tfnola.com). Please order by December 17.

**Christmas Ministry Cards** - Need a thoughtful Christmas gift? Christmas Ministry Cards are \$15 each and benefit a Trinity ministry. Cards may be purchased at Jack's House during the week, or during coffee hour in Bishops Hall on Sundays - Today, December 7 and next Sunday, December 14.

**Essential Envelopes** - Though the Christmas Holidays are a joyful time for many of us, 18% of New Orleanians suffer from food insecurity - primarily children. When schools are on break this is especially difficult for families with children. Your gift toward "essential envelopes" this year will provide families with a Christmas greeting and a \$100 gift card to WalMart. To donate, contact [jpitzer@trinitynola.com](mailto:jpitzer@trinitynola.com). Deadline is December 19.

**Episcopal Migration Ministries** has been working in the U.S. with migrant families for over 80 years. This year the need is in our own city as businesses close and families are navigating a very complicated immigration system. If you would like to help, please make a donation to Trinity Migrant Ministries to supply food, diapers, and formula for affected families. If you wish to participate in distributing these supplies, please contact Maria Elliott. [melliott@trinitynola.com](mailto:melliott@trinitynola.com)

**The annual "Madonna and Child" painting by Tim Trapolin** is hanging in the undercroft. It is available at the end of the Christmas Season for a minimum of \$1200 donation to Trinity Migrant Ministries. Please contact Maria Elliott [melliott@trinitynola.com](mailto:melliott@trinitynola.com)

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**Together, we bless the space between us.**

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