



TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
January 5, 2025 - 10:30am

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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.

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.

∞ Opening Acclamation

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

∞ Collect for Purity

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. **Amen.**

∞ The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

∞ The First Reading

JEREMIAH 31:7-14

The People sit.

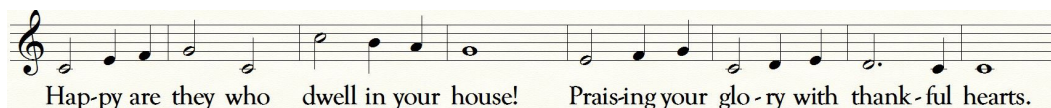
Thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among 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,”

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

∞ The Gradual, Psalm 84:1-6

CHANT BY C. HYLTON STEWART



Antiphon, sung by the choir then all.

Choir: 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.

Antiphon, all.

Choir: 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.

Antiphon, all.

Choir: 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.

Antiphon, all.

∞ The Second Reading

EPHESIANS 1:3-6, 15-19a

Blessed 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.**

Sequence Hymn, *Unto us a boy is born (Puer nobis nascitur)*

BLUE HYMNAL 98

Please stand as you are able.

∞ 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.**

In 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

THE REVEREND JOHN M. PITZER

∞ The Nicene Creed

All stand and say together

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

∞ The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Shannon our Bishop, and for all bishops
and other ministers;
People **For all who serve God in God's Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence

People Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

People We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

People Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

∞ The Confession

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

All **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

∞ The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another.

∞ Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn, *There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob*

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

There shall a star come out of Jacob,
and a scepter shall rise out of Israel,
with might destroying princes and cities.

As bright the star of morning gleams,
so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
of light and consolation.
The Word, O Lord,
radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!

∞ The Doxology

The People stand.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

∞ The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is 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* (Proulx)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a quarter rest. The second staff has a slur over the first two measures. The third staff ends with a quarter rest. The fourth staff has a slur over the last two measures. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line.

The People stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues on p. 362 in the Red Book of Common Prayer.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the staff. The score is marked with a double bar line at the end.

The Celebrant continues on p. 363 in the Red Book of Common Prayer.

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

∞ The Lord's Prayer

Read aloud together.

**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.**


Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

∞ The Breaking of the Bread


The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Antiphon



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse



Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-fied for us; there-fore let us keep the feast. *Repeat Antiphon*

∞ 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. As you approach the altar area, please use the hand sanitizer station before receiving the host. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn, *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning* BLUE HYMNAL 116

Communion Hymn, *As With Gladness, Men of Old* BLUE HYMNAL 119

∞ Sending Out Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Those who will visit the sick, home bound, and hospital bound are called forward.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one Body, for we all share one Bread, one Cup.**

∞ The Post Communion Prayer

All stand.

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

Recessional Hymn, *The first Nowell the angel did say (The First Nowell)* VS. 4-6

BLUE HYMNAL 109

∞ The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Today's Worship Leaders

PREACHER:	The Reverend John M. Pitzer
CELEBRANT:	The Reverend Andrew Thayer
ORGANIST &	
CHOIRMASTER:	Dr. Paul Weber

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Shared Story, Stewardship 2025 - With our lives and prayers, our presence and gifts, we are writing the next chapters in the story of Trinity Church; There is one grand story, comprised of many tiny stories, bound together by our faith in God and this community. What happens if we all lean in?

If you have not yet made a pledge for 2025, we encourage you to do so promptly. Your pledge allows us to responsibly plan for our 2025 budget, seize opportunities for growth and provide ongoing support for the ever changing needs of our community. Scan the QR code to pledge online or visit <https://trinitynola.com/pledge>.



For those who have already made a stewardship commitment for 2025, thank you!

Featured Events

Caring for a Loved One (begins January 9) - We can't heal from what we don't acknowledge. Being fully present to someone you love requires emotional, physical and spiritual strength. No one can do it alone. Join us, as you are called on to support your loved one, so that we can support one another on the journey. Lead by Debby Poitevent, LCSW, on the second and 4th Thursday of each month at 9:30am beginning January 9 through May 22. Contact: Debby Poitevent at dpoitev@aol.com.

Welcome Dinner (January 16) - Welcome to Trinity, Welcome to New Orleans, Welcome to the Episcopal Church, Welcome! Whether you are new to Trinity or just feel new, you are invited to dinner with the rector - and he's cooking! Gather with other newcomers, clergy and staff at 6:00pm on Thursday, January 16 in Trinity's Parish House. Come with any questions and to learn more about Trinity and the Episcopal faith - but mostly, we want to meet you in person and help you connect here. Please RSVP to Mary Katherine Williams at mkwilliams@trinitynola.com.

Rite 13 for Middle School Youth (begins January 19) - Rite 13 is a spiritual formation class for 6th and 7th grade students. Beginning on January 19th, Trinity will offer Rite 13 during the 10:30 am service. Classes will take place at Molly's House (the building on Coliseum directly across from the chapel), and will be approximately 45 minutes long. Students return to the church in time for communion. To register your student, please email Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com.

Worship: Beyond Sunday

Tuesday Morning Eucharist - Join us for Eucharist in the Chapel, every Tuesday at 7:30am.

Evening Prayer and Healing (January 14) - We pray together for healing from violence in our city, depletion from stress, care for our creation, exhaustion from economic uncertainty, hunger in any form, and the healing of our bodies and souls. Praying and singing together in community is a way of expanding our intentions and desires for wholeness with God's help. Your voice is an important one! Please join us at 6:00pm in the Chapel on the second Tuesday of the month. Questions? Contact Maria Elliott at melliott@trinitynola.com.

YogaMass (February 1) - Offered on the first Saturday of every month at 10:30am in the sanctuary, YogaMass brings together the practice of yoga, breath work, meditation, and Holy Communion. Contact abond@trinitynola.com.

Children, Youth and Families

Rite 13 for Middle School Youth (begins January 19) - *See featured events.*

Family Night: King Cake and Compline (January 10) - Bring the whole family for a night of Carnival fun! Each family will make and decorate their own Almond Galette (a traditional French cake known as Galette des Rois, and spend time together. Meet in Bishops Hall at 5:30pm. Please RSVP to aeastham@trinitynola.com so we have the right amount of supplies.

High School Pilgrimage to France (June 6-15, 2025) - High School students are invited to travel to Taizé, a faith community in Burgundy, France, where we will join the monastery's rhythms of daily prayer, service, and rest. This is a unique opportunity for high schoolers to connect with themselves, one another, and God. For more information, email Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com.

Guild of the Christ Child (GOTCC) - Is your family growing? Please let us know! If you are expecting, adopting, fostering, and anything in between, please email Maria Elliott at melliott@trinitynola.com so that we can pray for you and your family.

Godly Play is a Montessori approach to the spiritual formation of children and is offered every Sunday at 10:30am during the school year. Classes are organized by grade (PK3-5th). To learn more contact Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com.

Adult Formation

Sundays

Rector's Forum - You're invited to the Rector's Forum, Sundays at 9:15am, held in our new Menge Family Board Room at Jack's House! This weekly gathering is a wonderful opportunity to explore the Sunday Episcopal Lectionary readings in greater depth. Each session, we'll dive into the themes, context, and insights of the Scripture, with plenty of time for discussion, questions, and reflection. Whether you're curious about the readings, looking to deepen your understanding, or simply want to connect with fellow parishioners, all are welcome!

12 Steps are for Everyone is for anyone seeking a practical path to spiritual and emotional freedom. Join us Sundays at 9:15am in the Church Board Room. Contact Patty Justice at justicepatty8@gmail.com.

Faith and Fiction Class meets at 9:15am in the classroom just off the Trinity School Library in-person, and also on Zoom. Facilitators choose short stories (mostly secular) to discuss from a Christian perspective, looking for glimmers of the divine, illustrations of God's grace, and insights about how to live our lives in accord with the teachings of Jesus. New members and "drop-ins" are always welcome. Contact Merry Touns at merrytouns@yahoo.com. *Faith and Fiction is on hiatus for the holidays and will resume class on January 5.*

Weekdays

Mens Bible Study Breakfast - This group gathers for a home-cooked breakfast and Bible study with the rector, The Reverend Andrew R. Thayer, from 6:30am - 8:00am on Wednesdays.

Diocesan Events

Women Gather in Community-Solomon Center (January 9) - Join us for an inspiring day retreat that explores the possibility of practicing what it means to love our neighbors and ourselves as we seek to be vessels of God's love on earth as it is in heaven. Led by self-transcendence researcher and interfaith minister, Rev. Dr. Ani Vidrine, this retreat promises to be a journey of introspection, connection, and empowerment. Immerse yourself in a supportive environment where you will experience heart-centered contemplative practices, engaging discussions, and reflective exercises, that will give you the opportunity to connect with others and set intentions. *Please bring an 8x10 frame with cardboard backing (on which to affix your magazine pictures), a glue stick, scissors, and magazines to donate for the "art as prayer" collage activity.

All are welcome, on Thursday, January 9 from 9:00am - 2:00pm. Questions: Please call Lisa Holden (504) 296-7234.

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Trinity 2024: Together We Build, is a joint Church and School \$13 million fundraising effort to create a more functional and attractive campus for the Trinity community. This is Trinity's first capital campaign in over a decade and is comprised of seven capital projects and an endowment for the maintenance and upkeep of these projects. For more information visit www.Trinity2024.org.

