

December 7, 2025 10 a.m.

Trinity Episcopal Parish

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. You will find that our worship blends the ancient mysteries of the church with a modern and vibrant faith. Everything you need to worship with us is in this bulletin. Located in the pew rack are Welcome, Small Group, Volunteer, and Giving connection cards. Please complete a Welcome Card so we can learn a little more about you.

NURSERY: Kids of all ages are welcome to attend the service! However, parents may prefer to take infants and toddlers up to 3 years old to our staffed nursery, located downstairs in the Parish House next to the sanctuary. The ushers or greeters can accompany you to the nursery.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL: Children's Chapel is available for children ages 4-7 every Sunday (except the first Sunday Family Service). Participating families are asked to sign in using the check-in station as you enter. During the singing of the Gloria, children will gather and process to Children's Chapel. Children are escorted back to their families at the Peace.

Please note that the Parish House doors are locked during the service. Should you need access to the Nursery or Children's Chapel during the service, please see an usher, or go to the breezeway door and the gatekeeper will assist you.

RESTROOM: A restroom is located to the right as you enter the church, to the left as you exit.

LIGHTING A VOTIVE: The Little Side Chapel (located in the alcove to the left as you enter the church) is available to anyone wishing to light a candle and have a few moments of reflection and prayer.

PRELUDE: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, Arr. Albert Travis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of the Shepherd – the candle of Peace. The Shepherds witnessed the message of peace that entered the world. Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

SILENT MEDITATION AND RINGING OF THE BELL

The Word of God

Lord have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

1 Give the King your justice, O God, *

and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously *

and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *

and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *

he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *

from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *

like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *

there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *

who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! * and may all the earth be filled with his glory.

Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand

Verses 1,2,&3 before Gospel, verses 4&5 after

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

NICENE CREED

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 ("Tell Out My Soul," for the stewardship season)

Priest: As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to tell out our souls in joy.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople, especially Sean, our presiding bishop, John, bishop of Tennessee, and [____] our priest today ... Tell Out my Soul,

The Greatness of our House of Prayer.

Leader: I bid your prayers for our nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to terror and war, for a spirit of goodwill. We pray for our national institutions that they will work together in justice, remembering especially Donald, president of the United States, Bill, governor of Tennessee, and Wes and Joe, our mayors ... Tell Out my Soul,

The Greatness of the Promise of Liberty.

Leader: I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts. ... Tell Out my Soul,

The Greatness of our Love.

Leader: I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and who we name now either silently or aloud. [silence] ... Tell Out my Soul,

The Greatness of our Compassion.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. We pray for those we name now with our voices or in our hearts. [silence] ... Tell Out my Soul,

The Greatness of our Stories.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the men and women in the service of our nation, and their families, at home and abroad. We pray for their safety, their courage, and a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. ... Tell Out my Soul,

The Greatness of our Sacrifice

Leader: I invite your celebrations, remembrances, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with grace. ... May we be inspired to share our wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and our church as we Tell Out our Soul,

The Greatness of the Lord.

Priest: Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with you and the world you made. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. Silence may be kept.

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.

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

All stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Privott Stroman

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

You may leave your offering in the plates as they are passed, or visit https://trinityparish.com/giving/ or scan the QR code using your phone's camera to give online.



You may also mail your offering or pledge to: 317 Franklin Street, Clarksville, TN 37040

MUSICAL OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

The People stand and sing while the offerings are brought forward.

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.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer D)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

SANCTUS Hymnal S114

The People sing:

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 remain standing or kneel.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM Hymnal S158

The People sing:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

grant us thy peace.

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.

DISTRIBUTION

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion. Here are the options:

Bread intincted by the priest: Proceed to the right (pulpit) side, standing or kneeling. The priest will carefully intinct (dip) the bread in the wine and place it in your open hand.

Bread and wine (common cup): Proceed to the left (eagle lectern) side, standing or kneeling. You will receive bread in your hand, which you should immediately consume, and then you will drink from the chalice. Touching only the base of the chalice, you may assist in directing the wine to your lips. Please do not touch the upper part of the chalice or intinct the bread.

Bread only: Left side. After receiving bread, cross both arms over your chest to indicate no wine. **Blessing only:** Either side: If you or your child wish to receive a priest's blessing instead of bread and wine, please cross your arms over your chest.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Please join in the singing of the Communion hymns.

Creator of the stars of night Hymnal 60

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR BLESSING

Priest: 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 communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: May those who receive it be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Priest: May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread one cup.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand or kneel.

Let us pray.

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

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen**.

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen**.

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen**.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately following today's service for coffee and a light meal.

Those serving today

Wreath lighting: Graham family 1st reading: Allison Lee Stroman

Psalm:

2nd reading: Pluto Graham

Prayers: Jen Williams

Verger: Nancy Snyder Gibson

LEM/Cross: Jodi Stephens-Smith

Torch/server: TJ Neville

Torch/cup,plates: Robert Bowles

Ushers: Steven Stroman, Ben Morrow Greeters: Casey Williams, Megan Williams Livestream: Jamie Loy Gatekeeper: Jeanie Faust Parish H. lockup: Howell Foust

Organist: Mike Epley Altar Guild: Mark

Celebrant

We are joined today by the Rev. John Smith of Madison.

Flower donation

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, NASHVILLE

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Carlos Johnson Anthony and Robin and Diana and Henry Jordan Jana Killebrew

Parish Prayer List

Calendar

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

• 7:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken

• 10 a.m.: Holy Eucharist Rite II, with music, nursery available

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

9 a.m.

Children: Godly Play for students pre-school through 5th grade.

Youth: Students 6th through 12th grade.

Adults: Walk in Love: "Episcopal Beliefs and Practices" by Scott Gunn

11:30 a.m. (following 10 a.m. service)

• Adults: Luke's Gospel and Acts of the Apostles

Nursery is available starting at 9 a.m. through the 10 a.m. service for infants up to 3 years old.

FELLOWSHIP:

- Small Groups meet weekly or bi-weekly. To sign up, go to https://trinityparish.com/engage/small-group-connections/ or call the church office, 931-645-2458.
- Women's Study, "The Gift of Years," second Saturdays at 9 a.m., Parish Hall Library.
- Loaves & Fishes Trinity volunteer Day, third Wednesdays at noon, 325 Crossland Ave.
- Circuit Workit low-impact exercise, Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall.
- Chair Yoga, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m., Parish Hall.

Announcements



How does your Soul Tell Your Story at Trinity?

Our Stewardship Campaign is underway, and we are asking all Trinity parishioners to reflect and discern how their story can best be told. Stewardship comes in many forms, such as time, talent and treasure. How can you share your time at Trinity? How can you share your talents at Trinity? How can you share your treasure at Trinity? Pledging for your annual contribution allows our Vestry to budget and plan for the year ahead. Budgeting covers everything from outreach to electricity.

Join the Altar Guild!

Trinity's Altar Guild is a ministry of women and men who serve on teams of volunteers who maintain and prepare the Altar for services. Their tasks include cleaning the linens and vessels, and preparing the sacraments for the Eucharist. The guild's behind the scenes work is essential to our worship. We are in need of new members. Please consider joining us. Contact Jeanie Faust, Altar Guild Chairperson, by calling 931-624-7265 or email faustjeanie@gmail.com, or talk to her after Sunday's services.

Save the date!

Empty Bowls Lunch February 11th, 2026. Tickets will be available in the coming days. Please be on the lookout for information as it will start coming out soon!

CHRISTMAS DINNER BASKET COLLECTION: Please help us provide Christmas dinners to Byrns-Darden Elementary School families in need by contributing to the Christmas Dinner Basket Collection on Dec. 7 and 14! \$50 provides the basics for a Christmas dinner which will be provided on a Kroger gift card which we will enclose in a personalized card to be handed out at Byrns-Darden by their school counselor. Our goal is to provide Christmas dinner for 30 families! You can provide a check marked "Christmas dinner baskets" or speak to Kate Smith for more information - norakatemom@gmail.com or (931) 551-7412.

Newcomers Sunday

Join us the First Sunday of every month in the library after church.

Second Saturday book study

Please make plans to attend December 13, at 428 Harper Road from 10 to 12 noon. Please bring your meditations on Fresh Bread for October and November. Also, please bring finger foods and a dirty Santa gift!



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