

# The First Sunday of Christmas



**December 28, 2025**  
7:30 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.

**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.

#### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Today we light again the candles of hope, peace, love, and joy. Remembering that Jesus came to bring light to the world, we light the Christ Candle.*

#### SILENT MEDITATION AND RINGING OF THE BELL

### The Word of God

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

#### COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, Have mercy upon us.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,

and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147

1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

**2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \***  
**he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

**4 He counts the number of the stars \***  
**and calls them all by their names.**

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

**6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, \***  
**but casts the wicked to the ground.**

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

**8 He covers the heavens with clouds \***  
**and prepares rain for the earth;**

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

**10 He provides food for flocks and herds \***  
**and for the young ravens when they cry.**

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

**12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \***  
**in those who await his gracious favor.**

13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;

**14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \***  
**he has blessed your children within you.**

15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**16 He sends out his command to the earth, \***  
**and his word runs very swiftly.**

17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

**18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \***

**who can stand against his cold?**

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

**20 He declares his word to Jacob, \***

**his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.

Hallelujah!

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Titus 2:11-14**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: John 1:1-18**

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**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 (BCP, p.328)

CONFESSION OF SIN

*The people kneel.*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against thee**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved thee with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us and forgive us;**  
**that we may delight in thy will,**

**and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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*

**TODAY'S OFFERING:** *Today is the fourth Sunday: A second offering is collected for FUEL, which provides weekend food packages to schoolchildren in need.*

All things come of Thee O Lord.

**And of Thine own have we given thee.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer I)

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (see BCP p. 334)

*The People kneel or stand.*

... By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

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.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The people kneel or stand.*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**

*Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately following today's service for coffee and breakfast.*

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**Those serving today**

Lector: Thommy Barbeauld  
LEM: Laura Harpel

Acolyte: Blake Yrabedra  
Usher/Greeter: Phil Harpel

**Celebrant**

We are joined today by the Rev. Martin Odidi of Nashville.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Parish Cycle of Prayer**

Russ and Christina and William Longhurst

Frank and Patricia Lott

James and Kelly and Li and Rhianna and Jamison and Gwendolynn and Joshua and Gunnar Loy

**Parish Prayer List**

Michael Brunet



## Calendar

### SUNDAY WORSHIP:

- **7:30 a.m. Sunday:** Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken
- **10 a.m. Sunday:** 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



We are off to a great start with our Stewardship drive, but we have a long way to go. Please submit your intention for 2026 as soon as possible, so our Vestry can confirm our budget for the coming year. You can turn in your pledge card by mailing it, drop it by the church office, or place it in the plate this Sunday. You also can submit your intention online by going to:

[app.easytithe.com/App/Form/7acc8200-0dfd-45c2-93b8-2f12a738c03e](http://app.easytithe.com/App/Form/7acc8200-0dfd-45c2-93b8-2f12a738c03e)



**GAME NIGHT:** Join fellow parishioners for dinner and fun the first Wednesday of each month beginning January 7. We will gather in the parish hall for a delicious meal (suggested donation of \$10 per person, kids 15 and under are free) at 5:30 pm, then start playing games at 6 pm until 8 pm. Children are welcome too! We will have board games, card games, video games - something for all ages. Want more information? Contact Kate Smith at (931) 551-7412 or [norakatemom@gmail.com](mailto:norakatemom@gmail.com).

### **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!



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To access **Trinity Guest WiFi** the password is: trinityparish

## Our Team

Office Administrator: Kelsey Deboard

Nursery: Kelly Loy and Lisa Mejeun

Treasurer: Beverly Kimbrough

Lead Verger: Chris Smith

## Our Vestry

Howell Foust, Senior Warden  
Steven Stroman, Junior Warden  
Maryalice Telford  
Heather Fleming  
Will Green  
Frank Lott

Bob Houston  
Bill Kimbrough  
Cornelia Mitchell  
Chris Nolder  
Amy Truesdale

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