

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
& THE THE CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY

WELCOME!

We're so glad you're here.

Trinity is a welcoming, worshipping community where all belong, are loved, respected, and embrace Jesus' example of loving, serving, and seeking justice for all.

Today, we gather for a special occasion: the celebration of Trinity's ongoing ministry and the installation of Jordan Bishop as Rector. This service reflects the renewed covenant between Trinity and its pastoral leader. Together, we affirm our shared commitment to follow Christ, joining hands in the work of love, service, and justice. Through prayer, scripture, and the sacraments, we commit ourselves to shared ministry in Christ's name.

Please note that **the words in bold** are spoken by all of us together.

Thank you for being here to celebrate this joyful moment in the life of our church!

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Prelude - Pavane by Maurice Ravel

Rebecca Murdock, Cellist and Julie Lefevre, Pianist

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Within our darkest night, you kindle a fire that never dies away.

Lector-

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ, joining our voices with the joyful song of his mother Mary.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For you, O Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name. You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation. You have shown strength with your arm, and scattered the proud in their conceit, casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.

Advent Hymn - Within Our Darkest Night

Taizé

With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er
Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le feu qui ne s'é -

dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you
teint ja - mais, ne s'é - teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al -

kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way.
lu - me le feu qui ne s'é - teint ja - mais, ne s'é - teint ja - mais.

Am B Em Am B Em Am B

Opening Hymn - #76 - On Jordan's Bank

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1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: Winchester New, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

Gathering of the Community

Bishop-

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God, Creator of all.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

Bishop-

People of Trinity, you have reflected on your ministry and discerned your choice for a new Rector.

Shalini Forbis, Senior Warden and Matt Graf, Junior Warden-

We have chosen and called Jordan Bishop to be our Rector, and he has accepted.

Bishop-

I commend your choice and affirm this call.

Are you, the people of Trinity, ready to continue in your ministry, with Jordan as your priest?

We are.

The Word

Lector-

Jordan, with this Bible we proclaim and hear God's living Word. Join us in the ministry of telling the Good News to the World.

Rector-

Amen. Let us hear again the Good News of salvation.

The First Lesson

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

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

Canticle 9 – The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel Hymn - My Soul in Stillness Waits by Marty Haugen

The congregation sings the refrain:

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by the lyrics "For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits,". The tempo marking *mp* is placed above the staff. The second staff continues with the lyrics "tru- ly my hope is in you." and is marked *a tempo*.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

(followed by a time of silence)

Hymn - #64 - O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light, vs 1-2

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1 O heaven - ly Word, e - ter - nal Light, be - got - ten
 2 pour light up - on us from a - bove, and fire our
 3 and when, as judge, thou draw - est nigh the se - crets
 4 O let us not, for e - vil past, be driv - en
 * 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



1 of the Fa - ther's might, who in these lat - ter days wast
 2 hearts with ar - dent love, that, as we hear thy truth to -
 3 of our hearts to try, to rec - om - pense each hid - den
 4 from thy face at last, but with thy saints for ev - er -
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry



1 born for bless - ing to a world for - lorn;
 2 day, all wrong de - sires may burn a - way;
 3 sin and bid the saints their reign be - gin;
 4 more be - hold thee, love thee, and a - dore.
 5 be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Bishop-

Jordan; people of Trinity, in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

We will, with God's help.

The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop blesses the water-

We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Rector-

Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

Rector Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and
renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Rector Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Rector Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Rector Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Rector Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Rector Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Rector Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Rector Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Rector Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Rector—

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop and Rector will now sprinkle the people with holy water, a reminder of our baptism and the grace we have received. As the water is sprinkled, you may choose to make a sign of the cross or simply receive this blessing with gratitude.

The Prayers of the People

Lector—

Jordan, with this prayer book we offer our prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings to God.

Rector—

Amen. In the Spirit of God, who searches the heart and knows our deepest needs, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who yearn for Christ's healing.

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, remind us that you are always with us, that like Joseph we might always be eager to fulfill your will, and be eager to pray:

O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We especially pray for the church of the Holy Nativity in Kinnear and for the Anglican Church of Tanzania, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind especially Joanne, Hilda, Mary, the Adams Family, Anthony, Whitney, Cal, Baby Vasquez, Barbara, Larry, and Diane that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Let us now offer our prayers for our own needs and those of others either silently or aloud.

Deacon-

O Christ, hear our prayers, restore us, and show us the glorious light of your countenance, that we might be saved. Come Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

THE TABLE

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

Offertory – My Sheep May Safely Graze by J.S. Bach

Margaret Proctor, Guitar

All things come of thee, O Lord. **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The people's offerings of bread and the wine are brought forward.

Rev's Walt and Janet Seeley -

Jordan, when we share the bread and the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Join us at God's table to offer and bless our gifts of bread and wine.

Rector -

Amen. Together, let us keep the feast.

The Great Thanksgiving

Kocher and Wells

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.**

Surely it is you, Lord God, who saves us, for you are our stronghold and our sure defense, and you shall be our Savior forever. From bondage and then from exile you brought your people home; you gave Zion a song, filled Jerusalem with joy, and renewed your children in praise.

When your creation was captive to sin, you sent your Son to restore your people: upon the cross he bore the sin of the world, and through his resurrection you have become our salvation. In your love and by your Spirit, you have opened the wells of salvation to flow through all the earth with the water of rejoicing. And so we give you thanks with the saints of every age and exalt you in the company of heaven as we join their unending hymn.

Sanctus

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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.

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Gathering God, as grain is collected from the fields, in your Son you draw us to yourself; and as that grain is drawn together, in this holy meal you make us one.

Send your Holy Spirit upon your church to make us your harvest of righteousness. Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ our Lord; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Holy One of Israel, you are the great one in our midst. Come and dwell among those who long to know you amid toil and strife. Where your loved ones have been exiled by judgments against them, remove every fear from their hearts and give them hope. Where your sons and daughters

face the threat of enemies, show them how best to love their persecutors. Where oppression has turned your children into outcasts, gather them in your arms and carry them home. Bring us to that day when shame turns to praise and all creation resounds with rejoicing in your midst, Holy One, eternal Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. All are welcome at this table.

You now are invited to come forward to the altar rail and receive communion. If you wish to receive wine, please take a chalice as you come forward. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine, you may cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

*As you return to your seat, please place your chalice in the basket provided.
Please do not throw your chalice in the trash.*

Hymn - #56 - O come, O come, Emmanuel, vs 1, 6, 7

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1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

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

6 O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.
Refrain

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Bishop-

We have celebrated this new pastoral relationship in the great prayer of the Church. Jordan, I commend to your love and care the people of Trinity. My brothers and sisters in Christ, I commend to your love and care your Rector, colleague and friend, Jordan.

Announcements

Please note the announcements are already in the back of the bulletin.

Those having both birthdays and anniversaries this week are invited to come forward at this time.

Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries – (together) O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional -#657 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATORY MEAL IN THE
COMMUNITY ROOM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
SERVICE.

TODAY'S SERVICE

Acolyte

Shalini Forbis, Senior Warden

Lectors

Kim Brown

Sue Butts

Advent Wreath Prayer

The Glazer Family

Greeters

Beynon St. John

Midge St. John

Audio-Visual

Beverly Swistowicz

Helen Gordon

Musicians

Garold Whisler, Music Director, Organist

Rebecca Murdock, Cellist

Julie Lefevre, Pianist

Margaret Proctor, Classical Guitarist

Dakota Metzger, Vocalist

Clergy

Rev'd Linda Hudson

Rev'd Jordan Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori,
26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church
and Assisting Bishop of Wyoming

Announcements

Coming Up at Trinity Episcopal Church

Monday, Dec 16, 23, 30 - 8am - Men's Breakfast
Tuesday, Dec 17 - 8am - Morning Prayer (No morning prayer Dec 24, 31)
Tuesday, Dec 17 – 6pm – Vestry
Thursday, Dec 19 – 2pm – Fill backpacks
Thursday, Dec 19 – 6pm - Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner at Trinity
Friday, Dec 20 - 3:30pm - TEC helps with Community Meal
Sunday, Dec 22 – 9:30am – Fourth Sunday of Advent - Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, Dec 24 - 5pm - Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, Dec 29 – 9:30am - Service of Lessons and Christmas Carols

Prayer Requests

Joanne, Hilda, Mary, the Adams Family, Anthony, Whitney, Cal, Baby Vasquez, Barbara, Larry, and Diane

(Please email trinitylndr@gmail.com to add to the prayer list.)

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