

*Trinity Episcopal Church, Nichols
Trumbull, CT*



Sunday, December 4, 2022

*The Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist – Rite II*

WELCOME!

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, your joining us is a blessing. Please fill out a Visitor Card and place it in the offering plate, so that we can get to know you better. Please come and have some coffee and good with us after service in the Peet Hall.

❖ Parish Announcements ❖

☪ PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember those in need of prayer: Margy, Bill, Amy, M'lee, Dave, Kelly, Maggie, Catherine, Carolyn, Alison, Kevin, Andrew, Adele, Jane, Al, Phyllis, Xavi, Adam, Billy, Kelly, Paul, Robby, Suzie, Chris, Dee, Donald, Frank, Larry, Pat, Jodi, Rui, Susan, Lisa, Marilee, John, Donna, DJ, Deacon Knute, Fran, Suzanne, George, Chris, Jamie, Michael, Hunter, Mason, Samuel, Alex, Debbie, Manny, Gayle, Will, Lucille, John, Margaret, Nancy, Louise, Fred, Steve, Donna, Lenny, Amber.

☪ WORSHIP

☀ **Christmas Poinsettias & Book of Remembrance Donations** - If you would like to make a donation of Christmas poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary, or a donation to Trinity's Book of Remembrance, please see the attached order form. *All orders are due to the church office by Sunday, December 11th. Thank you!*

☀ Christmas Stories: 4 Gospels. 4 Stories. One Lord.

Think you know the Christmas story? Come find out with our Advent series shared with Trinity, Trumbull and St. Peter's Grace, Monroe! We often forget that there is not a single Christmas story, but rather, each Gospel provides us with important and unique insights. *Each Wednesday of Advent at 5:30pm, we will explore a different Gospel's account. The first two Wednesdays will be hosted at Trinity and led by Rev. Kate and the second two Wednesdays will be at St. Peter's Grace and led by Rev. Derek.* By the time Christmas itself arrives, you will have grown in your faith and understanding, with a newfound appreciation for the beauty and mystery that is the Incarnation and Nativity of Jesus Christ.

Upcoming Christmas Events

Sunday, Dec 18th – Christmas Pageant

Saturday, Dec 24th – Christmas Eve - 3pm Family Service

Saturday, Dec 24th – Christmas Eve – 5pm Traditional Service with Choir and Trumpet

Sunday, Dec 25th – Christmas Day – 9am Holy Eucharist

Please note, we will hold Morning Prayer on the 4th Sunday of each month in the Sanctuary.

☪ CARING CONNECTIONS

Birthdays – Alisha Cruz (the 29th), Brenda Stapleton (Dec 5th)

☪ PARISH LIFE

🎄 St. NICHOLAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who came and made our annual fair a success!

☪ OUTREACH

Sweaters for Seniors: Once again we are purchasing sweaters for senior citizens for distribution through Priscilla House. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please call or text Vestry member Lisa Brown at 203-954-8874 to receive the name and size of sweater for a person in need. *All sweaters should be dropped off at the church no later than December 11th. Thank you!*



Hymn: Hail to the Lord's Anointed (H 616)

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: Waiting for Peace (*all remain standing*)

“Repent Change your ways, be baptized!

Litany:

John the Baptist proclaimed, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near”.

And the people went out to him and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

And John said, “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 with the Holy Spirit and fire.” We light the first Advent candle to remind us to keep awake and be ready. (Pause while the first candle is lit.) We light the second Advent candle to remind us to change our ways. (Second candle is now lit).

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.

Kyrie (S 95) (*Cantor intones, congregation repeats*)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

Collect Of The Day

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

The First 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. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 72 (*Congregation invited to join choir on alternate verses*)

Give the King your justice, O / God,*
and your righteousness / to the King's Son;

That he may rule your people / righteously*
and the / poor with justice.

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / people,*
and the little / hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the / people;*
he shall rescue the poor and crush / the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and / moon endure,*
from one generation / to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the / mown field,*
like showers that / water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous / flourish;*
there shall be abundance of peace till the / moon shall be no more.

Blessed be the LORD God, the God of / Israel,*
who a/lone does wondrous deeds!

And blessed be his glorious Name for / ever!*

and may all the earth be filled with his glory. / Amen. Amen.

The Second 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. *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: Prepare the Way O Zion (H 65)

The Gospel *Matthew 3:1-12*

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

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." This is the Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Moment of Silent Reflection

The Homily

The Reverend Kate McKey-Dunar

The 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.

The Prayers of the People

Holy Spirit, you join us together in a common bond of love and faith in Jesus Christ. Keep all churches focused on God's mission of healing and reconciliation of all people. Give wisdom to those who lead the church: lay leaders, deacons, priests, and bishops. Strengthen all of us to do your work in the world, so that we will be drawn closer to your kingdom here on earth every day.

Silence

God of all people and nations, help us to work together for peace and harmony. Help the leaders of our country remember that we are all created in your image, and that in working together we can accomplish so much more. For it is in the combining of our efforts for the good of all humanity that we can all be truly free.

Silence

You tell us to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the imprisoned. Bless all who provide comfort to those in need. Keep our own eyes open to the opportunities in which we can minister to others. For in the eyes of others, we shall see you.

Silence

Watch over all who live and work. Keep those who protect us safe, including our firefighters and police officers. Give courage to those who represent us in government. Provide the skills needed for all who work in our hospitals and schools. Grant us all compassion to live and work together so we may make our community a sign of your presence in the world.

Silence

Heavenly Creator of all, keep watch over those who are in pain or hurt in any way today. Protect those who find themselves in trouble or in danger. May your presence comfort them and give them courage to face their difficulties. For with you, we are never alone.

Silence

God, you give us life. You are also with us in death. Hold all who have died in your arms that they might be at peace. Comfort us in our sadness. Let us remember our loved ones with joy and thanksgiving for the time we had together. Give rest to all of us, for we know that with you there is no sorrow or pain, but life everlasting.

Silence

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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

Welcome and Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

The Offertory Sentence

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

✠ **THE HOLY EUCHARIST** ✠

The Offertory

Hymn: Low How A Rose e'er Blooming (H 81)

(to be sung)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharist Prayer C

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 him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn.

Sanctus (S130)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Let us pray

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

Amen, Amen, Amen. *(sung)*

The Lord's Prayer

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Fraction Anthem: Angus Dei (S 164) (*sung*)

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

(*gluten free wafers and juice are available upon request*)

Communion Hymn: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People (H 67)

Prayer After Communion

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

Hymn: Love Divine, all Loves Excelling (H 657)

The Dismissal

The altar flowers today have been given by Bond Koteas to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the health of family. The additional flowers are given in loving memory of Shirley Roehrich by her loving family.

Clergy
Intercessor
Lectors
Organist & Choirmaster
Usher

*The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar, The Rev. Diane Peterson
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In case of a pastoral emergency please call our Priest-in-Charge Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar at 507-990-0220 or email at rev.kemd@gmail.com. *Thank you!*

Office Hours are Monday – Thursday 11-3pm.
Rev. Kate's Office Hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 1 – 3pm
Please note, the office is closed on Friday.