

TRINITY
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A Sacred Place for All People

11:15 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

THE MISSION OF TRINITY CATHEDRAL IS TO PROCLAIM IN WORD
AND ACTION GOD'S JUSTICE, LOVE AND MERCY FOR ALL CREATION.

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The congregation stands in body or spirit.

OPENING HYMN 72

Hark! The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe, Jr. (1770-1843);
harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.**

TRISAGION

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146:4-9 (*sung by the choir*)

Plainsong: Tone VII.1

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,

and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;

he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign for ever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands in body or spirit.

SEQUENCE HYMN 70

Herald, Sound The Note Of Judgment



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, warn - ing us of right and
2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; tell the news that Christ is
3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— those re - pent - ing are for -
4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has come to share our



wrong, turn - ing us from sin and sad - ness
here; make a path - way through the des - ert
given; God re - ceives his way - ward child - ren,
life, bring - ing God's own love and pow - er,



till once more we sing the song.
for the one who brings God near. Sound the trum - pet!
and to them new life is given.
grant - ing vic - tory in our strife.



Tell the mes - sage! Christ, the Sa - vior King, has come!

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Children are invited to gather in the soft space and follow the Children’s cross for a lesson in the Conference Room C/D. They will return to their parents by the passing of the peace.

The congregation sits after the preacher’s opening words.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Megan Allen-Miller

The congregation stands in body or spirit.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our own Bishop, Anne, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek a deeper knowledge of the Divine. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially... Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for...

The intercessions of the congregation are offered at this time.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins to God.

Celebrant and People

**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 the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The congregation shares with one another a sign of peace and then sits.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

Offertory Sentence

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

How Lovely are the Messengers, from *St. Paul*, Op. 36

Text: Romans 10:15,18

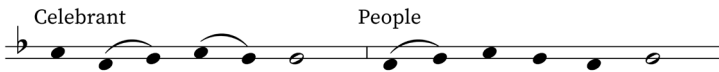
Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.
How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace,
they that preach us to gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.
How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace,
they that preach us the gospel of peace.

The congregation stands in body or spirit at the invitation of the celebrant.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer A (Expansive Language)



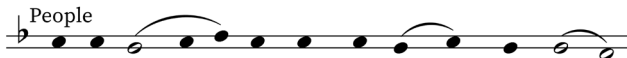
God be ___ with you. And al - so with you.



Lift ___ up your hearts. We lift ___ them to the Lord.



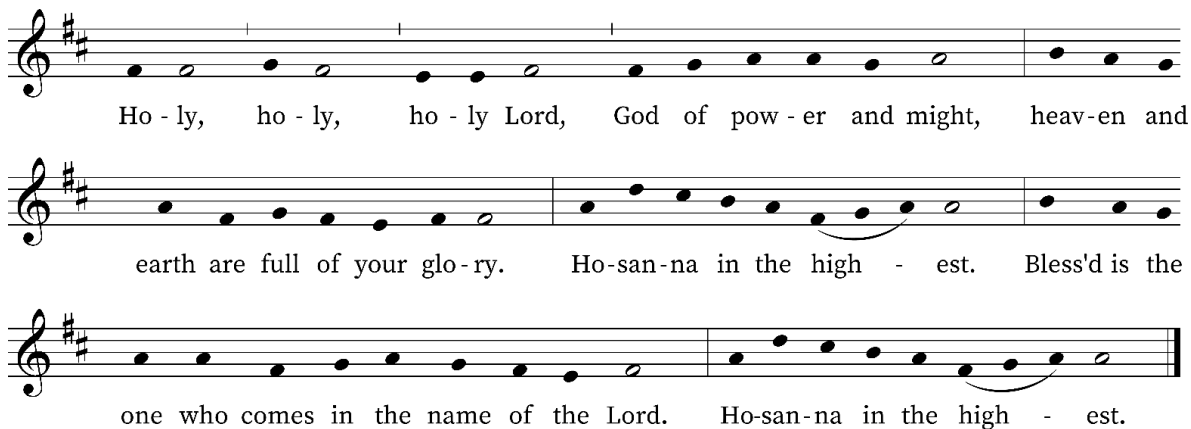
Let us give thanks ___ to the Lord our God.



It is right ___ to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your 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 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav-en and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless'd is the
one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ 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 Jesus 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



A - MEN.

Celebrant 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.

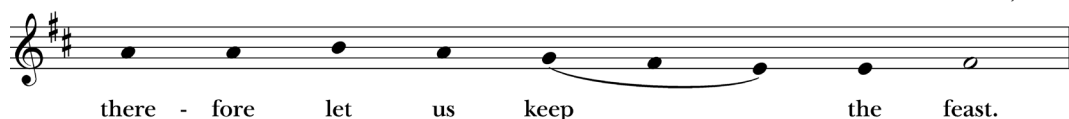
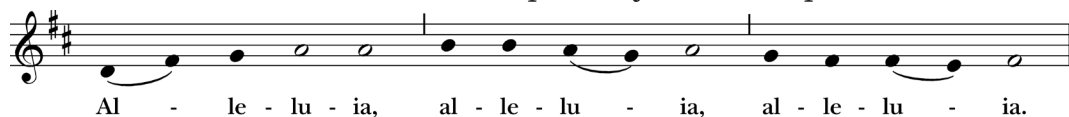
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept



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 Bread and the Cup are given with these words:

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

All are invited to come forward for Communion or a blessing. Bread and wine are both offered, though drinking from the common cup is not required. If you choose to receive wine, please refrain from intinction (dipping bread in the wine) at this time. Gluten-free bread is available for those who need it. After communion the congregation sits.

ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

Confortamini et jam nolite

Text: Isaiah 35:4, Sacrae Cantiones (1585), No. 18

Music: Orlando di Lasso (1530/32-1594)

*Confortamini et jam nolite timere,
ecce enim Deus noster retribuet iudicium,
ipse veniet ut salvos nos faciat.*

Be courageous, and do not be afraid:
for behold, our God gives judgment:
God comes to save us.

THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS *(When needed)*

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these Holy gifts to N., that those to whom you go may share with us in the body and blood of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The congregation stands in body or spirit.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 68

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

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Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)



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PRAYER LIST – December 14, 2025

For God's healing grace upon all who ask for our prayers, especially:

Mickey Pressler	Catherine Wells	May Targett
Kent Cicerchi	Bruce Holloway	George and Sandy Luther
Steve Roberts	Dan McGuire	Kevin Hengst
Laura Blunk	John Gordon	Nancyanne Sinclair
William Persell	Evan Coaker	The Abookire Family
Kathy Chapman	Marty Burkett	Tanya Weiker Snowden
Ron Ross	Larry Ross	

Mary, JP, Zack, and Lisa, friends of Karla Rivers

Joan Condon, sister of Ted Andrews and sister-in law of Bruce Holloway

Trey Winson, for prayers requested

Susan Dolan-Laughlin, sister of Neil Green and sister-in-law
of Joyce Green

Barbara Permelia Barbe, friend of Neil and Joyce Green

Greg Sonnhalter, friend of Cynthia Ries

Luisa, friend of Trinity

Charles Walker, son-in-law of Pat and Jeff Spiess

Steve and Holly Atkinson, friends of Debbie Likins-Fowler

Family of Robson Lima, for prayers requested

Margrit Hopkins, godmother of Andrew McCollister

Judith Junda, friend of George and Sandy Luther

Monty Gray, friend of Michael and Catherine Wells

Julie Dimitrov, friend of Dolores Brown

Michael Graham, husband of Marian Graham

Len Morrell, stepfather of Julie Travis

Danny and Kathy Nelson, parents of Kaneala Nelson

Friend of Karen, for prayers requested

Terrill Johnson, cousin of David Cratty

Jo Anne Fowler, mother of Bob Fowler

Dan MacDonald, friend of Darrell Lausche

Danajean Cicerchi, sister of Kent Cicerchi

Kimberly Yakowec, daughter of Kathy Raymond

Carolyn Faiver, sister of Chris Faiver

Jenna Rehmer, friend of Tom and Brooke Feher

Joseph Morel, friend of Nancyanne Sinclair

Rich Vranich, friend of Bob Gref and Aloise Weiker Gref

Robert Obermann, nephew of Michael and Catherine Wells

We ask for God's nearness to those who grieve for loved ones and those who have recently died, especially:

Dave Condon, brother-in-law of Ted Andrews and Bruce Holloway
Susan Benningfield Hudson, friend of Karla Rivers

May light perpetual shine upon them.

We ask for the safety of U.S. military personnel, especially:

James Piepsny	Chris Munz	Charles Lewis
Michael Bryant	Caleb Glorioso-Mays	Aaron Spiess
Tekai Georgianna	Jerrod Peterson	Charles Sarano
Greyson Elliott	Cameron Bowen	

We pray for the flourishing of our companions in the Diocese of Belize and the Diocese of Tanga, Tanzania; for churches in our own Diocese, especially:

Grace Church, Defiance	Trinity Church, Findlay
St. Paul's Church, Maumee	St. John the Evangelist, Napoleon
St. Paul's Church, Oregon	St. Timothy's Church, Perrysburg

And for churches in the Anglican Communion, especially the churches in the Diocese of Saldanha Bay, Southern Africa.

We ask God to bless the work of the Vestry's Executive Committee in their supervision of the resources of the cathedral's operations and spiritual life.

We offer blessings upon those celebrating birthdays this week:

John Entsminger	Joey Johnson	Patty Roberts
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Prayers of petition & intercession for friends and family remain on our Prayer List for 6 weeks. **Long-term prayer requests (beyond 6 weeks) can be submitted for the Prayer Tree.**

For prayer requests, thanksgivings & congregational birthday blessings: Doreen Hughes, 216.774.0415, dhughes@trinitycleveland.org.

Please submit requests by noon on Thursday for inclusion in print on Sunday.



# Christmas at Trinity

## **DEC. 17 | Messiah Sing | 12:00 PM**

Trinity's annual Christmas season sing along! Free of charge with free parking. Bring your own score or borrow one from us.

## **DEC. 24 | Christmas Eve**

- Family Eucharist & Pageant | 5:00 PM
- Choral Eucharist | 10:00 PM

## **DEC. 25 | Christmas Day**

- Holy Eucharist | 10:00 AM

## **DEC. 26 | BUILDING CLOSED**

## **DEC. 28 | Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival | 2:00 & 4:30 PM**

For more information, please visit: [www.boarsheadcleveland.org](http://www.boarsheadcleveland.org)

## **DEC. 28 | Lessons & Carols | 10:00 AM**

Gather to sing carols and share Communion together.

## **JAN. 1 | BUILDING CLOSED**

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**Join us for Evensong at 6PM on Wednesdays, October through May, in the cathedral or online.**

## **Upcoming concerts**

**Wednesday, December 3 | 12PM  
Cleveland Celtic Ensemble**

**Friday, December 5 | 7PM  
Alla Boara presents Natale in Italia**

**Tuesday, December 9 | 7:30PM  
Singers' Club of Cleveland**

**Tickets are pay-what-you-wish from [singersclub.org](http://singersclub.org).**

**Wednesday, December 17 | 12PM  
Messiah Sing-a-long!**

**Thursday-Friday, December 18-19 | 7PM  
Apollo's Fire presents Praetorius Christmas Vespers  
Purchase tickets at [apollosfire.org](http://apollosfire.org).**

**Unless otherwise noted, admission is free, and free parking is available in the Trinity Commons parking lot at 2333 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.**

**Sign up for the Music & Art mailing list:**

**Questions? Want to receive a brochure?  
Email Emily at [music@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:music@trinitycleveland.org).**

**<https://www.trinitycleveland.org/music-art/>**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **Two Opportunities to Support Those Who Lost SNAP Benefits**

SNAP benefits expired in October and far too many people remain hungry. Trinity has increased support for The Friendly Inn's *Adopt a Shelf* food pantry program in Central Neighborhood. To make a monetary donation select "Hunger Ministries" on Trinity's contribution page.

Trinity's Sunday hot meal program has also seen an increase in guests, including children. To support that ministry, select "A Place at the Table" on Trinity's contribution page.

Interested in donating pet food for families in need? You can donate to Cleveland APL, Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter, and Neighborhood Pets Outreach and Resource Center. Please check their websites for donation and drop off details.

## **Holiday Hospitality**

The holiday season is in full swing, and that means we'll be seeing many new faces joining us for worship! One of the simplest and warmest ways we can offer hospitality is by wearing our name tags and greeting visitors with a friendly hello. If you spot someone you don't recognize, don't hesitate to introduce yourself; those small moments of kindness make a big difference.

## **Christmas Flower Remembrances**

Remember a loved one at Christmastime with flowers on the altar. All remembrances received by Thursday, Dec. 18 will be listed in the holiday services' bulletins. You can give online or via check. If using a check, include the name of the person you're honoring in the check memo. Checks can be mailed to the office or placed in the offering plate.

## **Call for Auditions**

Do you have a talent you'd like to share as part of the Lucky in Love Cabaret on Friday, February 13? Auditions will be held on Wednesdays, January 7 and 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m., or you can request an alternative time. Email Craig, [cgahnz-kuhar@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:cgahnz-kuhar@trinitycleveland.org) to sign up for an audition; email Emily, [music@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:music@trinitycleveland.org) with other questions about the cabaret.

# EVENTS

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## TODAY | DECEMBER 14

### **St. Nicholas Sunday | Giving Tree Ingathering | 9:00 AM & 11:15 AM**

Bishop Nicholas will join us at the 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM services on St. Nicholas Sunday. He will join us during worship as we help prepare his sleigh with gifts from the Christmas Giving Tree.

### **Messiah Class (part 7) | 10:10 AM**

A study for both the music lover and the biblical seeker, this class explores the scriptural texts of Handel's *Messiah* through a careful examination of the texts and musical accompaniment. Facilitator: Fr. C. Eric Funston

### **Formation for Children and Youth | 10:10 AM**

Grades 1-4: Godly Play in the Godly Play area on the 3rd floor.

Grades 5-8: Disciples and Dragons in our Gaming Room in the back area on the 3rd floor.

Grades 9-12: Youth Group: Meet on the 3rd floor.

## THIS WEEK

### **Handel's Messiah Sing-Along | Wednesday, December 17 | Noon**

We need YOUR voices to make up the choir for the Messiah Sing! A limited number of scores will be available on loan, but if you own one, bring it with you. You will want to arrive early in order to secure these parking in Trinity's lot and preferred seating in the church.

### **Choral Evensong | Wednesday, December 17 | 6:00 PM**

Our last Evensong of 2025 honors the writer Dorothy L. Sayers. The upper voices of the choir sing canticles by Peter Mathews and the beloved Bach/Gounod Ave Maria, with the Rev. Megan Allen-Miller preaching. Evensong will resume in February 2026.

### **Healing Eucharist | Thursday, December 18 | 12:10 PM**

A quiet, profound service that offers a mid-week respite. All are invited to Holy Communion and, if desired, a laying-on of hands and anointing for healing of themselves or others.

# EVENTS

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## **Apollo's Fire presents: Praetorius Christmas Vespers | Thursday, December 18 & Friday, December 19 | 7:00 PM**

Praised as “a sheer delight” (*New York Times*), Apollo's Fire's acclaimed Christmas program returns! Artistic Director Jeannette Sorrell weaves the works of 17th-century composer Michael Praetorius into a Vespers service. The cathedral resounds with antiphonal choirs, trumpets, sackbuts, cornettos, lutes, harp, strings, and recorders. Familiar highlights include “Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming” and “In Dulci Jubilo,” with children's voices shining in this haunting and joyous celebration. Purchase tickets at [apollosfire.org](http://apollosfire.org).

## **NEXT SUNDAY | DECEMBER 21**

### **Messiah Class (part 8) | 10:10 AM**

A study for both the music lover and the biblical seeker, this class explores the scriptural texts of Handel's *Messiah* through a careful examination of the texts and musical accompaniment. Facilitator: Toni Ponzio

### **Formation for Children and Youth | 10:10 AM**

Grades 1-12: Group Gathering in Youth and Family Center on the 3rd floor.

### **Greening of the Church | 12:30 PM**

The Flower Guild and interested volunteers will prepare the church for Christmas by hanging greens, putting out poinsettias, decorating trees, and setting up the creche. All are welcome to stay after the 11:15 a.m. service to help—many hands make light work. No floral experience is needed.

## **BEYOND**

### **Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival | Sunday, December 28 | 2:00 PM and 4:30 PM**

Tradition returns to Trinity! The Boar's Head is a cherished institution at Trinity, performed here since 1961. The Elizabethan-inspired pageant celebrates the arrival of the Christ child and the triumph of good over evil. If you've never seen it before, you owe it to yourself to take part in this holiday tradition.

Volunteers are welcome—come be part of the fun! You can be a costumed participant, sing in the choir, or help out behind the scenes. To sign up or for more information, visit: [boarsheadcleveland.org](http://boarsheadcleveland.org).

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## **Meet, Eat, Repeat! Let's Set the Table Together**

Get ready, dinner groups are coming soon! These small, casual gatherings are a fun way to share food, laughter, and connection with others at Trinity, whether you're a newcomer or a longtime member. Gatherings will take place seasonally, with the first round happening in February, March, and April. Groups meet in homes, restaurants, parks, wherever good food and good company meet. Sign-ups open in early January, so keep an eye out for your chance to pull up a chair!

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**DEC 25 | NO HEALING EUCHARIST**

**DEC 26 | BUILDING CLOSED**

**JAN 1 | NO HEALING EUCHARIST**

**JAN 8 | Evening Concert: No Exit with Zeitgeist**

**JAN 11 | Baptism of our Lord**

**JAN 18 | Dean's Forum on MLK Sunday**

**JAN 19 | BUILDING CLOSED**

**JAN 21 | Brownbag Concert: Cleveland Chamber Choir**

**JAN 25 | Youth Group Pancake Breakfast**

For a complete listing of events, please visit [trinitycleveland.org/calendar](http://trinitycleveland.org/calendar)

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# SERVICES AT TRINITY CATHEDRAL

## SUNDAYS

**8:00 a.m.** Early Eucharist (Chapel)  
**9:00 a.m.** Abundant Table Service \*\*  
**11:15 a.m.** Choral Eucharist \*  
**4 p.m.** Solemn Sung Eucharist \*  
(First Sunday Oct-May)

## WEDNESDAYS (SEP-DEC)

**12 p.m.** Brownbag Concert  
(first and third Weds)  
**6 p.m.** Evensong \*  
visit [trinitycleveland.org/music-art-trinity](http://trinitycleveland.org/music-art-trinity) for more details

## THURSDAYS

**12:10 p.m.** Healing Service  
\* Livestreamed Service  
\*\* Livestreamed the first Sunday of the month.

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**Soft Space in the Transept** of the Cathedral is available for parents, infants and young children on Sunday mornings. Soft Space has a large mat, toys and more for quiet play—allowing parents to remain in the worship service.

**The Flowers on the Altar** are offered to the glory of God in loving memory of those who have gone before us.

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**Please note:** Prayer requests submitted Thursday by noon will be included in Sunday's Bulletin. Those submitted after will be included the following Sunday.

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