

**TRINITY**  
**CATHEDRAL**  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH

A Sacred Place for All People

11:15 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

December 7, 2025

Second 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

La Nativité du Seigneur (The Birth of the Lord)

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

I. La Vierge et l'Enfant (The Virgin and the Infant)

*The congregation stands in body or spirit.*

## OPENING HYMN 76

On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry

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 hear - 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.

## 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.

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 congregation sits.*

# 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.

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

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19** (*sung by the choir*)

Plainsong: Tone I.1

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 alone 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*

**W**hatever 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.

*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 67

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
let the val - leys rise to meet him  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
and the hills bow down to greet him.  
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

# THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 3:1-12*

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

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

**I**n 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.”

*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 Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

## 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 God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*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

*Offertory Sentence*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*Fuit homo missus a Deo*

Text: John 1: 6,7 (adapted)

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

*Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen erat Joannes.*

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

*Hic venit in testimonium, ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine,*

This man came as a witness, to give testimony about the light,

*et pararet Domino plebem perfectam.*

and to prepare for the Lord a perfect people.

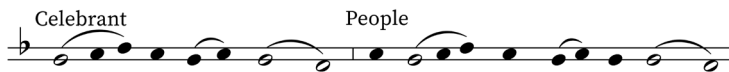
*The congregation stands in body or spirit at the invitation of the celebrant.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer A (Expansive Language)



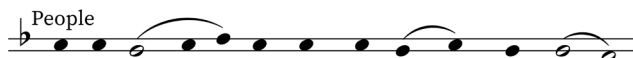
God be \_\_\_ with you. And al - so with you.



Lift \_\_\_ up your hearts. We lift \_\_\_ them to the Lord.



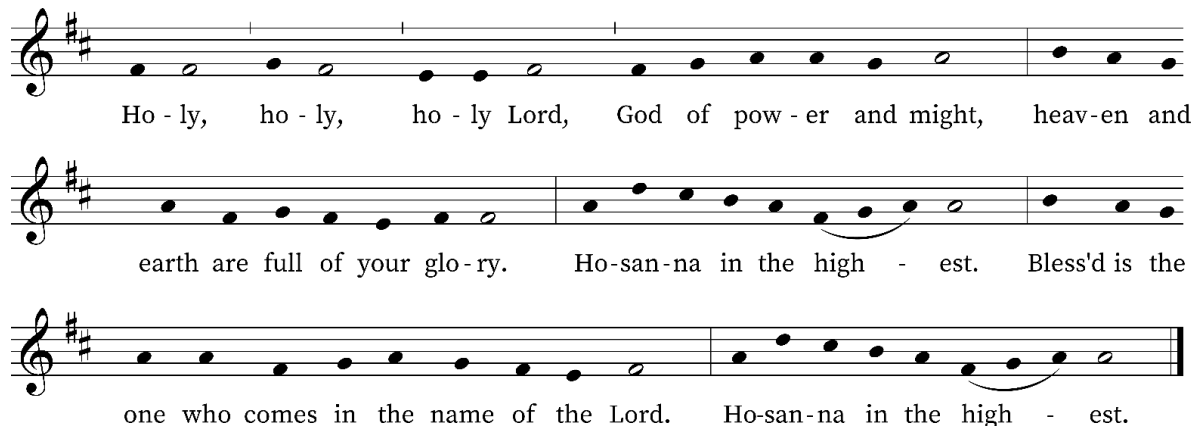
Let us give thanks \_\_\_ to the Lord our God.



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.



*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

*A Tender Shoot*

Text: 15th cent. German,

Vers. by Otto Goldschmidt (1829–1907)

Trans. by William Bartholomew (1793-1867)

Music: Kerensa Briggs (b. 1991)

A tender shoot hath started  
Up from a root of grace,  
As ancient seers imparted,  
From Jesse's holy race,  
It blooms without a blight,  
Blooms in the cold bleak winter,  
Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us  
From Jesse's root should spring;  
The Virgin Mary brought us  
The branch of which we sing;  
Our God of endless might  
Gave her this child to save us,  
Thus turning darkness into light.

## 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.

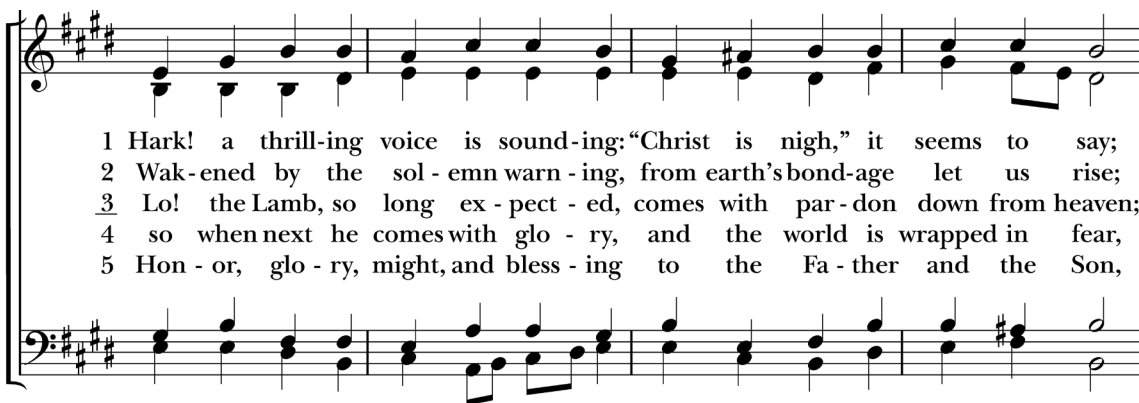
*The congregation stands in body or spirit.*

**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.**

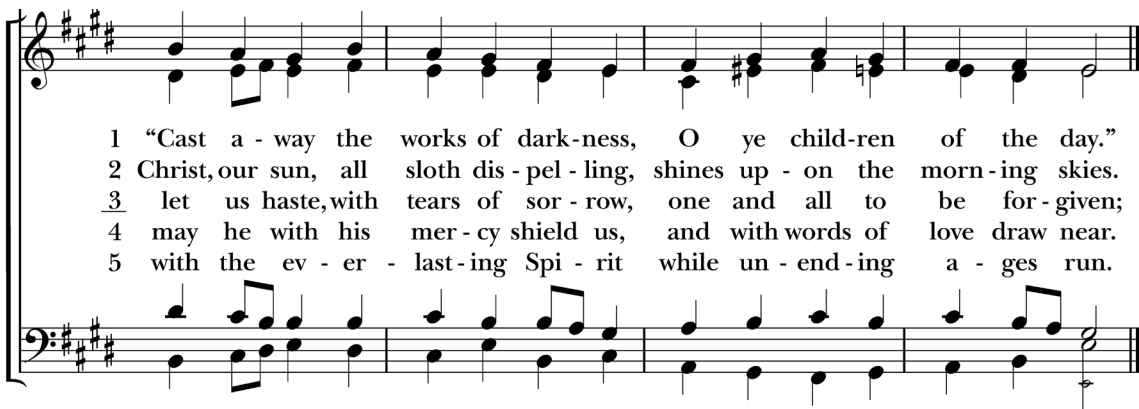
## THE BLESSING

### CLOSING HYMN 59

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935).

# THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

# VOLUNTARY

Toccata on “Creator alme siderum”

Pietro Yon (1886-1943)



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## PRAYER LIST – December 7, 2025

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

Kent Cicerchi

Catherine Wells

May Targett

Steve Roberts

Bruce Holloway

George and Sandy Luther

Laura Blunk

Dan McGuire

Kevin Hengst

William Persell

John Gordon

Nancyanne Sinclair

Kathy Chapman

Evan Coaker

The Abookire Family

Ron Ross

Marty Burkett

Tanya Weiker Snowden

Larry Ross

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

Dave Condon, brother-in-law of Ted Andrews

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:

Bob Targett, husband of May Targett and member of Trinity  
Irene Bulaong, aunt of Karen Hall  
John Cramer, friend of George and Sandy Luther

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	Jerrold 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; and for churches in the Anglican Communion, especially in the Diocese of Ruwenzori, Uganda.

In the Diocese of Ohio, we entrust to God's care our clergy in non-parochial ministries.

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:

Becky Fuller	Dawn Hermes	Gretchen Mettler
Brian O'Riordan	Toby Radloff	

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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](mailto: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).**

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# WAMderings

Come wander with Worship, Art, and Music (WAM)! Each month we'll set off on a liturgical adventure, discovering the sacred in new places.

Sept. 28  
7:30 PM

## **Taize Prayer Service**

St. Mary's Chapel at St. Ignatius High School  
1911 West 30th St, Cleveland, OH 44113

Oct. 19  
4:00 PM

## **Choral Evensong**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
2747 Fairmount Blvd, Cleveland Heights, OH 44106

Nov. 17  
7:00 PM

## **Choral Evensong**

Church of the Saviour  
2537 Lee Rd, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

Dec. 7  
4:00 PM

## **O Antiphons Service**

Trinity Cathedral  
2230 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44115

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **Marion Sterling Holiday Drive**

Trinity Cathedral will again provide Christmas gifts for about 250 students at Marion Sterling Elementary School.

Here's how it works: select a name from the tree, sign it out at the volunteer table, purchase gifts requested, and return the gift tag with gifts wrapped and ready for delivery by Dec. 14. You are welcome to take more than one gift tag, and the suggested amount per child is \$40. You are also welcome to volunteer as a shopper and gift wrapper for unclaimed gift tags at the end of the drive, or join the team to deliver gifts to the school. If you have taken a gift tag from the giving tree and did not sign it out, please return to the table on Sunday with your gift tag number and child's name so we can keep track of your wonderful donations. Thank you for your generosity and support!

You may also monetary donation by going to Trinity's website. Thank you for supporting our community, your donations and time make a real difference!

## **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.

## **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.

# EVENTS

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## TODAY | DECEMBER 7

### **Messiah Class (part 6) | 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: Allison Hauserman

### **Sunday Schmooze & Labyrinth Walk | Conference Room C/D | 10:10 AM**

You are invited to join the Faith Formation mission team for a guided labyrinth walk at 10:10 a.m. in conference room C/D. For the remainder of Advent, Trinity is offering a labyrinth in the west transept of the nave for self-guided walking through Monday, Dec. 8. All are welcome to make use of the labyrinth during normal building hours. We ask that you remove your shoes before walking the labyrinth.

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

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

### **O Antiphons Service | 4:00 PM**

In place of our December Solemn Eucharist, we will be offering a service of Lessons and Carols based on the Great "O" Antiphons for the last week of Advent. The choir will sing anthems by Peter Hallock, Charles Wood, Gerald Near, and others.

## THIS WEEK

### **Singers Club of Cleveland presents: Home for the Holidays**

#### **Tuesday, December 9 | 7:00 PM**

Join the Singers' Club of Cleveland for "To Dwell in Harmony," to celebrate the season. With a continuous history since their founding in 1891, the Club represents a cross-section of the region, presenting the finest music for men's voices. Tickets are pay-what-you-wish and may be reserved at [singersclub.org](http://singersclub.org).

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## **Racial Justice Rule of Life Circle | Wednesday, December 10 | 5:00 PM**

Racial justice and healing calls us to deep inner work that can animate and energize our outer work. If you'd like to explore the intimate and personal work of racial healing, we hope you'll consider being a part of Trinity's Racial Justice Rule of Life Circle, which meets at 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month. We share stories and explore the possibilities of hope and healing in a space where we honor our respective journeys. Participants in the Circle this month will focus on these two discussion questions:

- Where do you see race impacting Christmas observances in the U.S.?
- Can you think of any ways to incorporate the healing grace of reparations into your Christmas observance?

Contact Marie Curry, Toni Ponzio, or Geoffrey Jacobson on Realm for more information.

## **Expansive Evensong | Wednesday, December 10 | 6:00 PM**

For our next Expansive Evensong, members of the choir lead us in Taize singing, and Canon Adrienne will lead a discussion on the Daily Office readings for the day.

## **Healing Eucharist | Thursday, December 11 | 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.

## **NEXT SUNDAY | 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

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## **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.

## **BEYOND**

### **Bellwether Farm's Special Holiday Offerings**

Bellwether Farm is offering two unique holiday gift sets to share the gifts of Bellwether Farm this year. Gift boxes are tea or coffee themed, and each includes a hand-crafted mug for enjoying hot beverages year-round. In the tea box, you'll receive 4 oz of Blessed Bee Bellwether honey and a sampler of fair-trade, organic Storehouse Tea's seasonal flavors. Bellwether's coffee box includes fresh, Bellwether-made biscotti as well as a signature Bellwether Blend locally roasted coffee, provided through partnership with Firelands Coffee Company. Don't wait! The tasty and seasonal treats won't last long. You can place your order through the Bellwether website at [www.bellwetherfarm.com/get-involved/holiday-specials](http://www.bellwetherfarm.com/get-involved/holiday-specials). Pick-up is available at Bellwether Farm December 15-19, and at Trinity Commons December 15-18.

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## SAVE THE DATE

**DEC 17 | Messiah Sing!**

**DEC 18-19 | Apollo's Fire presents Praetorius Christmas Vespers**

**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**

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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**Trinity Cathedral Welcomes Everyone:** people of all faiths, races, nationalities and walks of life: urban and suburban, rich and poor, gay and straight, families and singles, young, old and in-between. We hope you will feel welcome here. Please complete a visitor card located on the Cathedral columns and give it to an usher, or leave it in the offering plate. Don't leave without a Welcome Packet, and check us out on social media.

**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 The Bishop & Mrs. Leonard, Mary E. Smith, Rae Ann Fowler, Mary E. Blakemore, Mary D. Penfield.

**FYI:** We encourage and remind you to secure and protect your personal valuables when visiting Trinity Commons. If you are visiting Trinity today and would like to help support our mission and ministry, donation envelopes are available at the Welcome Table. You may also donate to Trinity online at [www.trinitycleveland.org/support](http://www.trinitycleveland.org/support).

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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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