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SUNDAY DECEMBER 28, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
10:00 AM LESSONS & CAROLS WITH EUCHARIST

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

PRELUDE

Ding Dong Merrily on High

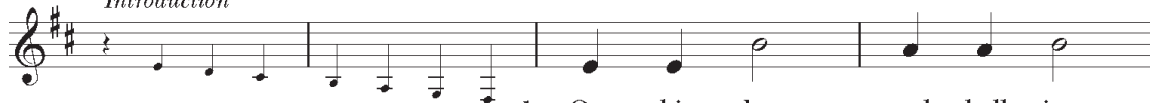
arr. James Curnow

Dave Duro, trumpet

HYMN 92

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Introduction



1 On this day earth shall ring
2 His the doom, ours the mirth;
3 God's bright star, o'er his head,
4 On this day an - gels sing;



with the song child - ren sing to the Lord, Christ our King,
when he came down to earth Beth - le - hem saw his birth;
Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed,
with their song earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, hea - ven's King,



born on earth to save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.
ox and ass be - side him from the cold would hide him.
lay their gifts be - fore him, praise him and a - dore him.
born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.

Refrain



Id - e - o - o - o, Id - e - o - o - o,



Id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

"Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!" is Latin for "Therefore, glory to God in the highest!"

Words: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; tr. Jane M. Joseph (1894-1929)

Music: *Personent hodie*, melody from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

BIDDING PRAYER

The Book of Occasional Services

Dear people of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in the Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion until the glorious redemption brought to us by the holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of Christ's whole world, for peace and justice on the earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for God's Church in our country and in this city.

And because God particularly loves them, let us remember in Jesus's name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children, as well as all those who do not know the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God, Jesus's pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the community of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-28

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in the Creator's image, in the image of God he created them; male and female God created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

HYMN 371

Thou, Whose Almighty Word

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt. Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

HYMN 126

The People Who In Darkness Walked

1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;
2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,
3 To us the prom - ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,
5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.
3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.
4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.
5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

Words: John Morison (1749-1798), alt.; para. of Isaiah 9:2-7. Music: *Dundee*, melody *The CL Psalmes of Davis*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592-1635?), alt.

THE THIRD LESSON

Luke 1: 26-35, 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

HYMN 265

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,



his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,



"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!



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THE FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2: 1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

HYMN 78

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Alto) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with two parts and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major/D minor) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893). Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

HYMN 94

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,
2 “Fear not,” said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou-bled mind;
3 “To you, in Da - vid’s town, this day is born of Da - vid’s line
4 “The heaven - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,

1 the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
2 “Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.
3 the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
4 all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid.”

Words: Nahum Tate (1625-1715)

Music: *Winchester Old*, melody from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1592; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1922; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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THE SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 2: 1-11

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage. When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

HYMN 119

As With Gladness Men Of Old

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,

1 so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 2 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek the mer-cy-seat.
 3 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven-ly King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

John 1:1-18

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

HOMILY

The Rev. Canon Adrienne Koch

HYMN 107

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: In dulci jubilo, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Sentence

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, — hea-ven and earth are full, full — of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various musical notations such as chords, beams, and rests.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, —

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, —

hea-ven and earth are full, full — of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na - in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 according to his command, O Father:

People **We remember Christ's death,
 We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
 We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Christ, through whom we are made acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

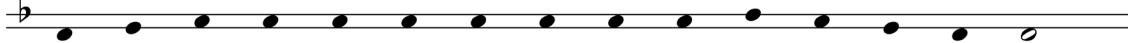
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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

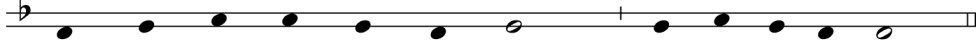
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept

Cantor



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

All



There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION 98

Unto Us A Child Is Born



1 Un - to us a Child is born! The King of all cre -
2 Cra - dled in a stall was he with sleep - y cows and
3 He - rod then with fear was filled; "A prince," he said, "in
4 Now may Ma - ry's son, who came so long a - go to
*5 Un - to us a Child is born! The King of all cre -



1 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the
2 ass - es; but the ve - ry beasts could see that
3 Jew - ry!" All the lit - tle boys he killed at
4 love us, lead us all with hearts a - flame un -
5 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the



1 Lord of ev - ery na - tion.
2 he all men sur - pass - es.
3 Beth - le - hem in his fu - ry.
4 to the joys a - bove us.
5 Lord of ev - ery na - tion.

The accompaniment for stanza 1 may be used for all stanzas.

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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 your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the One who creates and restores everything that is, the One who is Mary's child and child of God, the One who is the Holy Spirit, May this Holy One bring you compassion and peace, and bless your lives with joy. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 99

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their
2 The shep - herds feared and
3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

Repeat Refrain

hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Trinity Cathedral is especially grateful to Dave Duro, trumpet, for enriching today's worship.

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## **PRAYER LIST – December 28, 2025**

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

|                 |               |                         |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Mickey Pressler | May Targett   | George and Sandy Luther |
| William Persell | Kent Cicerchi | Catherine Wells         |
| Laura Blunk     | Kevin Hengst  | Nancyanne Sinclair      |
| Marty Burkett   | John Gordon   | The Abookire Family     |
| Ron Ross        | Evan Coaker   | Tanya Weiker Snowden    |
| Larry Ross      |               |                         |

Chloetta Kinney, cousin of David Cratty

Dick Houseman, cousin of David and Gayle Cratty

Tekai Georgianna, cousin of Eric Travis

Jerry B. and SD, friends of David and Gayle Cratty

Mary Hippler, sister of Mark Malloy

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

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

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

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

Jo Anne Fowler, mother of Bob Fowler

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:

Jerry Combs, friend of Eric Travis

May light perpetual shine upon him.

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

James Piepsny

Chris Munz

Charles Lewis

Michael Bryant

Caleb Glorioso-Mays

Aaron Spiess

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; and for churches in the Anglican Communion, especially in the Diocese of Seoul, Korea.

In the Diocese of Ohio, we entrust to God's care our Clergy Spouses, Partners, Families, and Retired Clergy and Retired Clergy Chaplains.

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:

Barbara Crouse

Patty Hrehocik

Mike Knoblauch

Elby Koch

Pam McKee

Kathy Oliver

Steve Roberts

Jim Wojtila

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seasonal Shelter Opening Soon

The Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH) will be opening a seasonal shelter in early January to offer our unhoused neighbors a warm, safe, and welcoming place to stay overnight. This low-barrier shelter will also provide support and connections to longer-term housing. If you would like to help, NEOCH is gratefully accepting donations of the following items: twin bed sheets and blankets, towels and washcloths, cleaning supplies and laundry detergent, coffee, snacks, and black garbage bags.

You can drop off donations on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and Sundays from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the seasonal shelter located at 1530 East 19th Street. Your generosity will help ensure a comfortable and caring environment for those who need it most! More information about the seasonal shelter and volunteering opportunities can be found online at www.neoch.org/seasonal-shelter. If you any questions, please reach out to Jan Kelemen.

The Mitten Tree

We need your help to keep the children of Marion-Sterling School warm and well-dressed this winter. The Mitten Tree is an annual campaign aimed at collecting donations of hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and warm socks for the children of Marion-Sterling Elementary School.

Here's how it works: When you bring in your donations, hang them on the tree located in the Promenade to decorate the Mitten Tree. You are welcome to bring donations beginning today, Sunday, December 21st through Sunday, January 11th.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, we can use help on Sundays through January 11th to assist at the table and accept donations. We need help from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Contact Corinne Wallner if you can help. Thank you for your continued support!

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.

EVENTS

TODAY | DECEMBER 28

Christmas Lessons & Carols | 10:00 AM THIS IS THE ONLY SERVICE TODAY

Gather to sing carols and share communion together. The Rev. Canon Adrienne Koch preaching.

Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival | 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.

THIS WEEK

LGBTQ+/PFLAG Chosen Family Dinner | Monday, December 29 | 6:00 PM

We'd love for you to join us for a heartwarming and safer space Holiday Dinner alongside members and allies of the LGBTQ+ community! Enjoy a delightful evening filled with good food, great conversations, tons of fun, and laughter. Please register by scanning the QR code here →



NEXT SUNDAY | JANUARY 4

Messiah Class (part 9) | 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. The Rev. Canon Adrienne Koch is this week's facilitator.

Sunday Schmooze | 10:10 AM

Join us between the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services for a special New Year's Sunday Schmooze sponsored by Congregational Life. Enjoy festive treats, connect with fellow parishioners, and take part in a fun, interactive game of BINGO highlighting past activities. We'll also share a preview of upcoming events.

EVENTS

Solemn Eucharist: Epiphany | 4:00 PM

On the first Sunday of the month, join members of the Cathedral Choir for a solemn Eucharist with incense, bells, and clergy from around the diocese. In January, we will observe the Epiphany at Sunday's Solemn Eucharist, with a cantor singing the medieval *Missa Lux et Origo*. The Rev. Dr. Brian Wilbert preaching and the Rev. R.J. Johnson celebrating.

BEYOND

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 to sign up for an audition; email Emily, music@trinitycleveland.org with other questions about the cabaret.

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!

Book Discussion: How We Learn to Be Brave | Thursday, January 15 | 2:00 PM

How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith by Mariann Edgar Budde is a book that explores how to find courage in life's critical junctures, blending memoir, theology, and cultural examples to examples to guide readers in responding with grace and clarity.

Discussions run over four sessions: Thursdays, January 15, February 19, March 19, and April 16. Facilitated by Sally Lambert. Scan below to find more information or register.



Ginger Bitikofer Retirement Afternoon Tea | Sunday, January 25 | 2:00 PM

Join us as we celebrate Ginger Bitikofer as she retires from Trinity Cathedral with an Afternoon Tea featuring finger foods, selections of tea, and lots of fun and memories of Ginger. Register at <http://bit.ly/GingerRet> or contact Eric Travis.

EVENTS

Cozy Winter Fun Day | Saturday, January 31 | 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

It was such fun last year—let's have another Cozy Winter Fun Day, on Saturday, January 31, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Cathedral. We'll have board games, a knitting/craft table, and a potluck lunch. Bring a game or your current craft project (if you wish), and a dish to share (soup/chili, salad or side dish, bread, or dessert). And you can bring a friend. Open to all ages.

Come when you can and leave when you need to. Find more details contact Dan McGuire or Rebecca Miller. Sponsored by the LGBTQ+ Circle and open to everyone—let's come together for some fun!

SAVE THE DATE

JAN 1 | NO HEALING EUCHARIST

Jan 7 | Brownbag Concert: Horizon Trio

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

For a complete listing of events, please visit trinitycleveland.org/calendar

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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 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 Newell Castle Bolton, William Weston Park, Helen Newell Garfield, Ruth C. Haddock.

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