

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 5, 2025

8:00 am

Trinity Episcopal Church



THE SEASON IS — Christmas! The Christmas season lasts for twelve days and is kept in a variety of ways. You can follow the song and offer your beloved a gift for every day. You can simply keep the feast by doing acts of kindness that bring Christmas joy to friends, family and strangers. When our Christmas season ends, the Epiphany season begins. The feast of the Epiphany, January 6th, is the day we celebrate the coming of the magi with their gifts to worship the new born King.

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Prayer requests for the bulletin should be sent to the parish office by Wednesday to appear in the Sunday bulletin. The clergy and members of our church are happy to pray with you on the phone if you would like.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Patricia Downing—Rector
David Simmons—Director of Music
Martha Diver—Reader/Intercessor
Stan Diver—Server
Martha Diver—Coffee Hour Host

Team 1: Cee Kelsey, Betty Jane Gunther, Bid Hukill—Altar Guild
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Flowers arranged by Tina Thornes.

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The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Processional Hymn TH 102


Once In Royal David's City




1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the



1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in



1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this
4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -



1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —
2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —
6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

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.***

Gloria *Spoken in unison.*

***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor,

together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

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

Psalm 84 *Spoken in unison.*

*How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.*

*The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.*

*Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.*

*Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.*

*Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.*

*They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.*

*Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.*

*Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.*

*For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.*

*For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;*

*No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.*

*O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!*

The Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

The Gospel *People stand as they are able.*

Luke 2:41-52

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

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Downing

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, O Lord, that all who proclaim your birth may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

O Christ, who is born among us,
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. On this day we pray for an end to war, violence, and exploitation around the world.

O Prince of Peace, who dwells among us,
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

O God, who creates and sustains us,
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us, we give thanks today for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially Esther Summers, Lucia Ramirez Martinez, Ryan Yeager, Greyson Pryslak, Finley Ewald, Samantha Aguilar, and Caitlin & Joseph Mujica.

O Jesus, our beloved companion,
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Anne Digan, Jim Yandle, Melissa Perry, Marilyn Serrano, Paquito Ocasio, Emiliano Morales, Andy Boutcher, Courtney Thompson, Phil Simmons, Diana Wood, Wayne Wilson, Tritstina McNeill, Richard Leuliette, Bett Malgieri, Josephine Otwell, Jesús Busto, Jerry Harrell, and Nancy Calhoun; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

O Christ, our compassionate healer,
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, and those in whose memories our Christmas flowers are given, that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

O God, who gives us life immortal,
Hear our prayer.

The Concluding Collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***

The Peace

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

The Holy Eucharist

The Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

All things come of Thee, O Lord, ***and of thine own have we given Thee.***

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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:

Celebrant and People

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

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 Lord 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 he 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,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Post Communion Prayer

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 Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
 2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
 3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
 4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
 this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
 and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
 this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

Refrain



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

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The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Announcements

Trinity provides meals for Clark House the first Monday of each month and Epiphany House the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Presently, you would be preparing for 10 to 12 people, which includes staff. You are also welcome to join them for the meal. The entire year is open because we have not requested since April of last year because you all are so great about signing up in advance!! Several of our regular meal preparers have moved away this year and will no longer be signing up so please consider participating in this ministry. Sign up in the lobby or contact Sarah Berninger: berninger59@comcast.net or 302-351-2422.

Stewardship 2025—Joy & Connection—The theme for the 2025 stewardship campaign is joy & connection. The stewardship letters and cards were mailed the week of October 7 and the link for online pledges is available on our website and via the Realm Connect app. Thank you to all who have already submitted their 2025 pledge. If you have not, please consider sending it in or doing so on Realm. Please note, if you have been using the old VANCO site for your donations, please close out that account and open one in Realm. Please contact Bid Hukill and Catherine Dean if you have any questions.

ENCORE CHORALE returns to Trinity for Spring 2025 Season! CALLING ALL SINGERS 55 & OLDER! The Encore Chorale of Wilmington begins its Spring 2025 rehearsal/concert season here at Trinity on Wednesday, January 29th. Registration is now OPEN online for the spring semester at EncoreCreativity.Org No prior singing experience is necessary and no audition is required. Encore focuses on creating musical excellence while also having a ton of fun. David Simmons, Trinity’s Director of Music, is the conductor of the Encore Chorale of Wilmington. Each semester is 15 weeks in length and culminates in a public performance here at Trinity. Weekly rehearsals are held at Trinity on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Full and partial scholarships based on financial need are available. For more details, email David at david@trinityparishde.org .

RADIO RHYTHMS come to Trinity on Sunday, February 16! The Arts At Trinity(TAAT) opens the 2025 concert season on Sunday, February 16, at 4:00 pm, when it presents the one of a kind ensemble THREE FOR A SONG in RADIO RHYTHMS! Alex Hassan, Doug Bowles and Jennifer Timberlake are purveyors of and specialists in the fabulous music of the 1920s and 1930s. Hassan, a master of the “piano novelty” style, brings his more-than-ten-fingers approach to making a piano sound like an orchestra. Bowles and Timberlake will “warble” you tunes of the Broadway stage and popular scene with authenticity, raucous fun and romantic sweep - with a special focus paid to the women composers and lyricists of the era. You will feel like you’re in the audience at a 1930s radio broadcast as they entertain, inform and delight you. You may even be the first audience in the world to hear some new discoveries of “lost songs.” You can never go wrong with THREE FOR A SONG!

TRINITY CHOIR – Rehearsals Resume for 2025! – COME JOIN US! Have you made a New Year resolution to add more music and more fun to your life?!? COME SING WITH THE TRINITY CHOIR! Maybe you sang in high school or college, or in a church choir years ago, and want to get back into singing? We welcome both experienced singers as well as people who have NEVER sung in a choir. EVERYBODY is welcome and encouraged to become a part of the musical life of our congregation through participation in this wonderful vocal ensemble. Trinity’s Choir has lots of fun making music together and we are always looking for new voices to join us in the choir loft. We rehearse on Thursdays at 7 pm. Come give it a try! There is always room for new voices in the choir!

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