TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024

If you are visiting, please fill out a Visitor Card and put it in the offering plate or hand it to a greeter. Restrooms are located downstairs.

Kid's bags are in the narthex. Please return the bags and they will be refilled for next Sunday.

Please remember that many are preparing for worship with prayer before the service.

Hymn in Procession # **66** (standing as you are able)

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

- 2 Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art: dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king, born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy

Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for

ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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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*.

(8:30 service only)

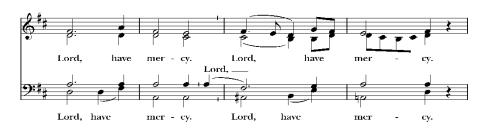
Lord, have mercy.

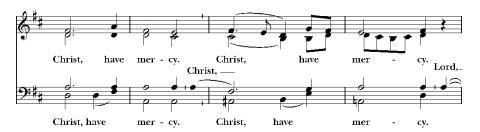
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

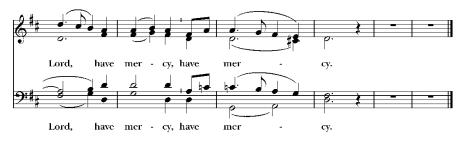
The Holy Eucharist II, Lord have mercy: Kyrie

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #96









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The Collect

(kneel or stand as you are able)

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated during the reading of the Lessons and the Psalm.

The First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,

whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15 The Song of Mary Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; * for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: * the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, * for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen*.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn # 56 (standing as you are able)

4 O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

Refrain

6 O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.

Refrain

8 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 1:39-45(46-55) (stand as you are able)

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon 8:30 The Very Reverend Sarah Carper Morris

Pageant 10:30 "The Creche" written by Vicky Town

The Nicene Creed (standing as you are able)

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.

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.

Prayers of the People Form III

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

The Peace BCP 360

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

(8:30 service only)

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord. **People** And of thine own have we given

Thee.

(10:30 service only)

Offertory and Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Stand as you are able. The Celebrant faces the people and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 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:

Celebrant and People

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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.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 [_____ and] 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.

People 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

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A period of silence is kept.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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 ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. You may intinct from the small chalice or drink from the chalice. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. (Amen.) The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. (Amen.)

Music at Communion #81

- 1 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
 Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
 It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.
- 2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
 the Rose I have in mind,
 with Mary we behold it,
 the Virgin Mother kind.
 To show God's love aright,
 she bore to us a Savior,
 when half spent was the night.

3 O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere; true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

Blessing

Celebrant

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

People Amen.

Hymn in Procession # 57 (standing as you are able)

- Lo! he comes, with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
 thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
 Alleluia!
 Christ the Lord returns to reign.
- 2 Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty; those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears, cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers; with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

Immediate Needs: Kitty Martin Kelli Vincen Lorri Martin Gene Joe Waddell Riva Kenneth Matthews Henrietta Williams Joe Allred Barbara McGatlin Dakota Wood **Bromage Family** Cheryl Menezes Western NC Jo Causer Katie Nichols **Long Term Needs:** Ann Cochrane Will Nichols Linda Carroll Lisa Elliott Wade Nichols **Doris Fawcett** Glenn F. Angie Nolfo Steve Hines Carolyn Flippen Phyllis Rose Mary Kilby Nancy Follett Candace Sammons Carrie Krahn Carol Ford Mac Sammons John Moore Phyllis Frye James Kris Saunder Rev. Bill Pendleton Denny Jennings Jeanette Staples Lorene Ramsey

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TRINITY FAMILY IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

Amanda Eads, Wesley Frye, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch, Gordon Lynch, Haley Muething, John Nichols, Christopher Noble, Robert Poole

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Diocese of Costa Rica

BIRTHDAYS

December 22nd Angela Lawrence, 22nd Luis Aguilar

ANNIVERSARIES

December 24th Jim & Charlotte Wuenscher

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for my husband Robert and my mom Jane Carper by Sarah Morris.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to Vicky Town for writing and directing our pageant. And thank you to everyone that participated.

This afternoon- our choir will join First Presbyterian Church of Pilot Mountain to sing **Handel's** *Messiah* at 2:00 p.m. The event will take place at First Presbyterian Church in their sanctuary. Please come show your support for Trinity's choir and enjoy this beautiful music

Our Candlelight Christmas Eve services will be held on Tuesday, December 24th at 4:30 p.m. and at 11:00 p.m. Plan to join us and invite a friend!

There will be **no Wednesday evening services** on December 25th or January 1st. Services will resume on Wednesday, January 8th.

Next Sunday-December 29th **one combined service** of Lessons and Carols at 10:30 a.m.

Don't forget to include Amory King on your Christmas Card list. Her new address is 2971 Mumbarto Apartment B, Boise, ID 83713

Staples is asking for packets of chili seasoning. We have ingredients to make a pot of chili, but we just need the spices.

The **2025** Stewardship Campaign is in full swing, and our goal is to raise \$227,000 in order to support the operations of Trinity. Last year we had 52 parishioners pledge. To date, for the current year, we have received 44 pledge cards totaling \$213,685. Thus, we are 94% of the way there. We would like to have this year's campaign completed by December 31st in order that we can finalize the budget for 2025. We thank you for your past, present and future support.

We have a **new nursery attendant** named Maddie Tate. We need volunteers willing to stay in the nursery with her to help. The list will be scheduled on a rotation. Please let Tobi know if you are willing to assist.

Confirmation Class-If you are interested in Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation, please see Sarah. We will be continuing classes each Sunday morning at 9:30. This class is for anyone who wants to go deeper in their faith or to revisit or learn the basics of our Episcopal tradition.

Trinity Book Club - We will reconvene on Wednesday, Jan 8th, and begin our next book, *Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy*, by D, Kraybill, S. Nolt, & D. Weaver-Zercher. If you have any questions, or need help finding a copy of the book, please call Wendy Tatman.

MINISTERS FOR THE 8:30 SERVICE

Today	Ministry	Next Sunday
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Marie Larsen LECTOR

Mike Wilson CHALICE BEARER

Pat Sanderson GREETER
Mike Wilson ACOLYTE

MINISTERS FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE

This Sunday	Ministry	Next Sunday
Ann Vaughn	LECTOR	Multiple
Lucinda & David	CHALICE BEARER	***
Gloria & Larry	GREETERS	Jim & Wendy
Jane & Linda	ALTAR GUILD	Kate Appler
Lee Wilsonwithers	VESTRY	Ross Borders
David Silvia	ACOLYTE	Wyatt Fallin

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	
	9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	
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10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Pageant

Tuesday 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist

11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist

Wednesday Christmas Day

Thursday 8:30 a.m. Staples

Next Sunday 10:30 a.m. Lessons and Carols

(one combined service)

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar-Super Bowl party at the Appler's home Sunday, February 9th. More information to come after the holidays

TRINITY VESTRY

Ross Borders, Roxann Moore, Jessica Simandle, Wendy Tatman, Ann Vaughn, Mike Wilson, Lee Wilsonwithers No matter where you come from or where you're going
No matter what you believe or what you doubt
No matter what you feel or just don't feel today
No matter whom you love
You are welcome into this space to be met by a God
Who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows
your mind, and...
Who wants to have a relationship with you