



Morning Prayer II

First Sunday after Christmas (Year C)

DECEMBER 26, 2021 9:00 AM ONLINE SERVICE

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. We are delighted that you are gathered together with us today on Zoom. Please follow along with the following order of service.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

Officiants Justin Varteresian, Steve Ketcham
Digital Minister Ann Marie Lockwood
Altar Guild Mary Ellen Yaroshefski

Flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard W. Torian.

OPENING SENTENCE

BCP 75

Officiant Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a savior, who is Christ the Lord. *(Luke 2:10,11)*

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 79

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Then All pray together, kneeling:

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 Officiant remains kneeling and gives the Collective Absolution

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

The People may stand

The Invitatory and Psalter

THE PRECES

BCP 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All 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. Alleluia.

JUBILATE PSALM 100

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *

serve the LORD with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The LORD himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the LORD is good;

his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS 147:13-21

Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *

— praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgements.
Hallelujah!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

The Lessons

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET
ISAIAH (61:10-62:3)**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,

and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

CANTICLE 9 FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy
One of Israel.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE
GALATIANS (3:23-25; 4:4-7)**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and
guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.
Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ
came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now
that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a
disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent
his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order
to redeem those who were under the law, so that we
might receive adoption as children. And because you
are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our
hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a
slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir,
through God.

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

CANTICLE 15 THE SONG OF MARY

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 forever. Amen.*

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
 JOHN (1:1-18)**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him 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 the will of man, 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.

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

HOMILY

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth;
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The People may stand or kneel for the prayers.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 97

All pray together:

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.

SUFFRAGES SET A

BCP 97

The People respond with the lines marked "R".

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
 R. And grant us your salvation.
 V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
 R. Let your people sing with joy.
 V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
 R. For only in you can we live in safety.
 V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
 R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 213

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The People may stand or kneel for the prayers
and respond to each petition as instructed*

Presider This Advent season we pray for the homecoming of the faithful and the renewal of ministry.

Leader With all our heart, mind, body, and spirit, let us pray together saying, "Hear our prayer."

For all Holy Assemblies: for the return of the faithful, for the renewal of the community, for our mission of love. We pray especially for our covenant parish, Saint Mary of the Assumption, and our partner dioceses of Kumasi and Asante-Mampong in Ghana.

O Inviting One. *Hear our prayer.*

For all Peoples: for the recognition of our common humanity, for setting aside competition for cooperation, for lifting up the lowly and lowering the mighty, for your life of justice to be established.

O Convicting One. *Hear our prayer.*

For all the World: for the homecoming of all people to the land, for living in harmony with all life, for commitment to peace amongst humanity and all species, for the cessation of exploitive civilization and the establishment of new and renewed gentle living.

O Creating and Sustaining One. *Hear our prayer.*

For all life along the Kittacuck¹, river and valley: for the vitality of our land, fish, and wildlife, for the support of individuals and families in all life circumstances, for

the honoring of the past and consideration of the future, for the cycle of seasons and renewal of all.

O Incarnating One. *Hear our prayer.*

For all who suffer and who are in any trouble: for the homeless and hungry, for those cold and in pain, for those afflicted with the virus or any illness, for those suffering in mental health. We pray especially for the Owen, Branco, Taylor, & Ruggiero Families; Stephen; Jonathan & Juliana Owen; Mary Branco; Aida Mitchell; David Gillis; Rita & Dick Cronan; Zak Gustavesen; Brad Gustavesen; Bryson; Marcia; Theo Coughlin; Marion MacDonald; Brendan Donohoe; Emma Souder; Anna Smith; the Garretson Family; Bitsy; Enid Barton; the McDonnell Family; Paul Langlois; Sharon Manoogian; Sal & Vas Ferreira; Laura Uretsky; Peter Lee; Gloria Falcone; Barbara; Valerie; Clinton Clark, III; Marco Weiss; Al Price; Mary Torian, Beth & Terry; Esther McKenzie; Lisa Wilson; Sandra Arbogast; Judy Shea; Robin Rowe; Skye Bayleigh Plaisted; Alisha Starkis Weddeke; Chrissy & Mark; Thomas Scano; the Canali Family; Sherel & Lou Frere; Craig Silverman; Justin Perkin; Tom Childs; Nancy Sharoogian; Bob Mezzadri; all those serving in the military and the Peace Corps, especially Avary DeRagon; Drew Beauchamp; Charles; Laura; Elena; Brendan Wood; Danielle & Joel Marsh; Tom Bento; Joel Joudrey; Justin Woessner and their families.

O Co-Suffering One. *Hear our prayer.*

For those who have departed this life: for those who have died in this and all pandemics, for victims of violence, for myriad species lost in extinction. We particularly remember today Shirley Owen, Ronald Taylor, and Richard Torian.

O Living One. *Hear our prayer.*

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O Living One. *Hear our prayer.*

*Additional prayers may be offered at this time,
either silently or aloud.*

Joining our voices together, we now pray:

O Comforting One, be with us in our hope and our fear. Bring us home to your eternal presence in all moments of life. Gather with us, pray with us, sing with

¹ "Great tidal river" (Alogonquin) now called the Blackwater, original home of the Wampanoag, Nipmuck and Narragansett.

us, mourn with us, rejoice with us. Be with us now and always. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

All pray together.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth
your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

CONCLUSION

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do
infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to
God from generation to generation in the Church, and
in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*



UPCOMING PARISH & CHURCH EVENTS

TODAY	1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 10:00 am Lay-led Morning Prayer
Dec 27	<i>Feast of St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr</i>
Dec 28	<i>Feast of Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>
Dec 29	<i>Feast of the Holy Innocents</i>
Jan 1	<i>Feast of the Holy Name</i>
JAN 2	2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 9:00 am Holy Eucharist on Zoom with the Rev. Lavonne Seifert
Jan 6	<i>Feast of the Epiphany</i>
JAN 9	1ST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 9:00 am Holy Eucharist on Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- As we wait out the **Omicron wave** of the pandemic, the leadership of the parish has moved all services to 9:00 am online via Zoom through at least January 9th out of an abundance of caution and love for our people. Please wear high-quality masks, avoid gatherings, and get your booster if able. Stay safe, be blessed!
- **Stewardship** season is here! During this time of considering our pledges of tithes, time, and talent to Christ's church for 2022, we ask all to contemplate our theme of "Coming Home" to family and faith. Pledge at: trinitychurchmilford.org/2022-pledge
- The **2022 parish annual meeting** is scheduled for February 6th. More details to come soon.
- The **Community Dinner** program provided gift certificates for 80 adults and 20 children to eat at Johnny Jack's this Christmas Day, thanks to your financial support.
- **Liturgical note:** For this Advent Season, our prayers are for the homecoming of the faithful. We also begin Year C of our three-year lectionary cycle, featuring *The Gospel according to Luke* and this author's emphasis on caring for the marginalized.

EVERY WEEK

SUNDAY	9:00 am Holy Eucharist on Zoom only through January 9th
Tuesday	6:00 pm Tai Chi in Lane Chapel
Wednesday	7:00 pm Contemplative Gathering Returns on Zoom January 12th
Thursday	12:00/2:00 pm Volunteers prepare meals 4:00 pm Community Dinner served
Friday	10:00 am Painting Class (Murray Hall)

EVERY MONTH

The Vestry meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm via Zoom. All parishioners are welcome.

Luncheon groups of women (JULIETs) and men (ROMEOS) meet monthly at local restaurants.

Youth (8th through 12th grade) meet at 6:30 pm on one Sunday per month for fun, fellowship, and formation.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Community Dinners are prepared and served weekly to all, alternating between restaurant and cooked meals.

Laundry Love provides supplies and quarters; pandemic distribution by police dispatcher Lisa Trusas.

Eyeglass and **food donations** collected in the side narthex and given to the Lion's Club and Daily Bread.

PARISH OFFICE

We are open 10 am-2 pm Monday through Thursday.

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The office is closed for the Holidays through January 2nd.

Father John is on vacation through January 8th.

THE MINISTERS OF TRINITY ARE THE PEOPLE OF THIS PARISH

led by

The Right Rev. Doug Fisher, *Bishop*

The Rev. John Elliott Lein, *Rector*

Rachel Carpenter, *Sunday School Coordinator*

Magee Lambert, *Secretary*, Paul Del Molino, *Sexton*

Beth Moeller, *Sr. Warden*, Lisa Ruggiero, *Jr. Warden*

and the Treasurer, Clerk, and Vestry.

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