

# Trinity Episcopal Church

Invite, Include, Inspire



*Celebrating the Epiphany*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Christmas**

**Morning Prayer Rite II**

**January 4, 2026**

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# Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church

We are delighted to have you with us today.

Everything that you need for the liturgy can be found in this bulletin.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you.

Children are always welcome in the church.

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## The Word of God

**Prelude: What Child Is This?**

*Performed by Thomas Roberts*

*Please stand as you are able for the procession.*

**Processional Hymn: The First Nowell**

**H109 vss 1, 2 & 6**

vs 1: The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields as they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.

vs 2. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.

Vs. 6 Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.

## Announcements

**New Serving Schedule** for January available for reference. Please check vestibule for paper copies. Volunteers for upcoming month scheduling are always welcome and appreciated.

**Annual Meeting Reports Due:** All Committee Chairpersons are asked to submit a report to Evarnia Owen no later than Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>.  
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**Annual Meeting:** is scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2026. Luncheon will be provided.

**Eucharist** will be celebrated by Rev. Olivia Hamilton on Feb 1, 2026 and by Rev. Melanie Slane February 8, 2026.

Officiant: I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation shall reach to the end of the earth. Isaiah 49:6b

Officiant and People: **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**

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Officiant 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**

Officiant: 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

Officiant: Alleluia. To us a child is born. Come let us adore Him. Alleluia

**Venite**

*Psalm 95:1-7*

Officiant and People:

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
**and a great King above all gods.**  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
**and his hands have molded the dry land.**  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**The Psalm:**

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

Lector and People

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
**and your righteousness to the King's Son;**
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
**and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
**and the little hills bring righteousness.**
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
**he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
**from one generation to another.**
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
**like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
**there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
**and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
**and all the nations do him service.**
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
**and the oppressed who has no helper.**

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*

**he shall preserve the lives of the needy.**

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*

**and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

*Please be seated for the reading of scripture.*

**The First Lesson:**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Lector: A reading from the book of Isaiah

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 13** A Song of Praise Please Stand as you are able

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*

**you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*

**on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*

**in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**The Second Lesson:**

Ephesians 3:1-12

Lector: A reading from the book of Ephesians

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least

of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

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

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah  
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Please Stand as you are

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
**he has come to his people and set them free.**

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
**from the hands of all who hate us.**

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
**and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

Free to worship him without fear, \*  
**holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \* **and to**  
**guide our feet into the way of peace.**

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.**

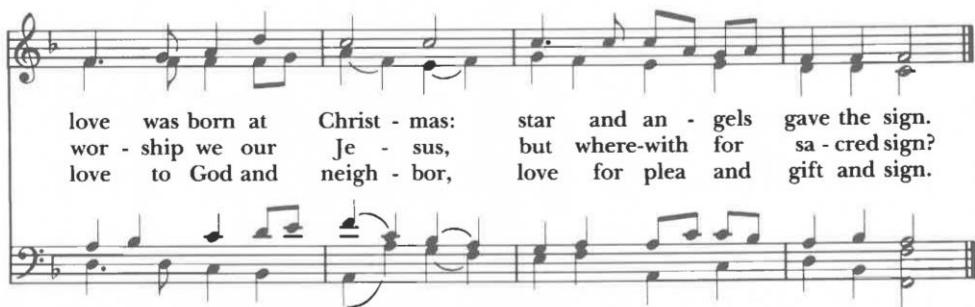
*Please remain standing as you are able.*

**Gradual Hymn: Love Came Down at Christmas**

H84



1 Love came down at Christ - mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;  
2 Wor - ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di - vine;  
3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,



love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.  
wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where-with for sa - cred sign?  
love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894), alt.

Music: *Gartan*, melody from *Petrie Collection of Irish Melodies, Part II*, 1902;  
harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

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Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mathew.  
**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

*Please be seated.*

## Children's Sermon

Christina Roberts

## Homily

Millie Woryk

**Offertory Sentence:** Let us with gladness present the oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

## Offering

### Offertory Hymn: What Star Is This

H 124



1. What star is this, with beams so bright, More love - ly  
2. 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From Ja - cob  
3. O Je - sus, while the star of grace Im - pels us  
4. To God the Fa - ther, heav'n - ly Light, To Christ, re -



1. than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to an-nounce a  
2. shall a star pro - ceed"; And lo! the \_ east - ern  
3. on to seek thy face, Let not our \_ sloth - ful  
4. vealed in earth - ly night, To God the \_ Ho - ly



1. new - born king, Glad tid - ings of our God to bring.  
2. sag - es stand To read in heav'n the Lord's com-mand.  
3. hearts re - fuse The guid - ance of thy light to use.  
4. Spir - it raise An end - less song of thank - ful praise!

Text: LM; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806-1876, alt.

Music: adapt. by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621.

Please Stand As You Are Able

## Presentation Hymn: In the Bleak Midwinter

H-112, v 3

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor \_\_\_\_ earth sus - tain;  
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,  
 4 What \_\_\_\_ can I give him, poor \_\_\_\_ as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heaven and earth shall flee a-way when he comes to reign:  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim throng - ed the air;  
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow - on - snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed  
 but his mo - ther on - - ly, in her maid - en bliss,  
 if I were a wise - man, I would do my part;

the in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 Lord \_\_\_\_ God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.  
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)  
 Music: Cranham, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

Irr.

Officiant: All things come of thee, O Lord, and of our own have we given.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together,  
all standing*

**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**

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

**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 Suffrages***

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**And grant us your salvation.**  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**Let your people sing with joy.**  
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**For only in you can we live in safety.**  
Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
Let your way be known upon earth;  
**Your saving health among all nations.**  
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit**

### **Collect for Peace:**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of

peace; that, having done our will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Collect for Guidance:**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the care and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Prayer for Mission:**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People:**

Lector: God of revelation, as we gather in praise for the gracious mystery of your Son, we remember the many needs of your church and your world.

For the Church: that we may be given wisdom and discernment: that we might become a leading star for others in their journey to Christ.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

**People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Lector: For this nation and all in authority around the world: grant us knowledge and sound judgement, so that we might help bring justice peace, and mercy to all people.

Arise, shine; for your light has come

**People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Lector: For the earth and or for the wisdom and ability to conserve it: that we might see how you are made manifest through all creation.  
Arise, shine; for your light has come

**People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Lector: For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially for **Bill Shaw, Jo Stull, Becky Daffner, Leanne Jones** and all those on our prayer list. We pray that your healing light be with them.

Arise, shine; for your light has come

**People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Lector: For all those who have died: that they might know the light of your resurrection.

Arise, shine; for your light has come

**People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

You are welcome to share the sign of the peace with the people around you.

### **The General Thanksgiving (spoken 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 ourselves 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.**

Officiant: *Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen**

### **The Dismissal:**

Presider: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Recessional Hymn: We Three Kings of Orient Are

H 128

Verses

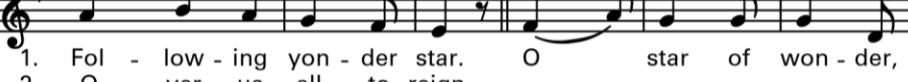


1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we  
2. Born a King on Beth - le-hem's plain, Gold I bring to  
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: In - cense owns a  
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of  
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and



1. tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain, Moor and moun - tain,  
2. crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er, Ceas - ing nev - er  
3. De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and prais - ing Glad - ly rais - ing,  
4. gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing, dy - ing,  
5. Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!"

Refrain



1. Fol - low - ing yon - der star. O star of won - der,  
2. O - ver us all to reign.  
3. Wor - ship him, God on high.  
4. Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.  
5. Sounds through the earth and skies.



star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright; West - ward



lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1-11.

Text and music: *Carols, Hymns and Songs*, 1863; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**Postlude:** We Three Kings of Orient Are

arr. by Fred Bock

Please join us in the Parish Hall following the service  
for a time of coffee and fellowship.

## **Those Serving Today**

Officiant: Millie Woryk  
Organist: Joel Hootman  
Acolytes: Westley and Thomas Roberts  
Lectors: Katie Sparks and Nancy Blair  
Usher: George Guttermuth  
Camera: Jim Beerbower  
Altar Guild: Mary Siegel and Jenny Anticoli

## **This Week at Trinity: Jan. 4-11, 2026**

Wednesday Jan 7 7:00 pm Celtic Compline  
Thursday Jan 8 1:00 Fellowship Meeting – Parish Hall

*Please note that the Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> Buildings and Grounds Committee has been rescheduled for Monday, Jan 12, 2026, 10:00 AM*

## Parish Cycle of Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants **Andrew Allen, Vicki Almeda, Jennie Ambrosio, Mike and Jenny Anticoli**. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer For Those Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants **Dan Swank, Wiley Smith** as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer For Those in the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially **Aaron Griggs, Seth Glenn, and Eean Glenn (grandchildren of Diana Bodenmiller)**. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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