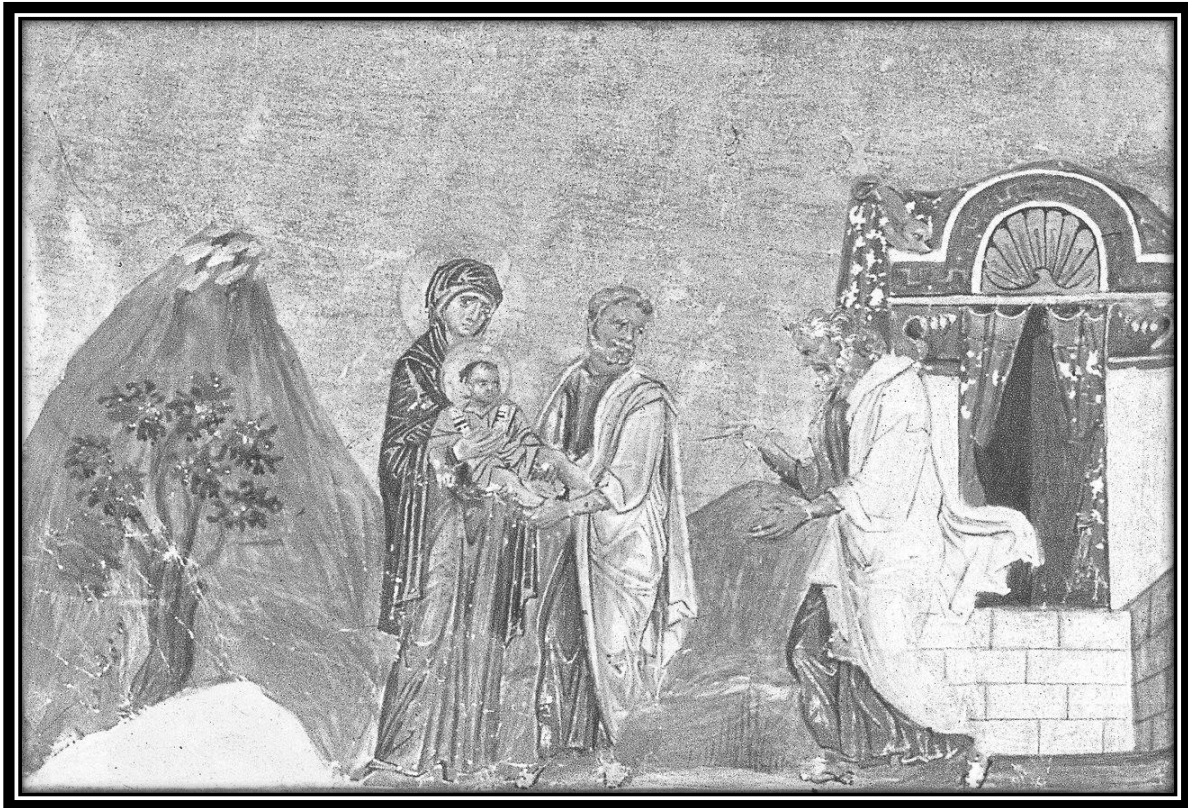


# TRINITY CHURCH

*First Sunday after Christmas*

*December 28, 2025*

*9:30 a.m.*



## WELCOME TO OUR TRINITY CHURCH FAMILY!

*FOLLOWING JESUS. BUILDING COMMUNITY. LOVE THROUGH SERVICE.*

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# 9:30A.M. FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS – MORNING PRAYER

## The Invitatory and Psalter

Prelude	<i>In Dulci Jubilo</i>	<i>Settings by Johann Michael Bach, Dietrich Buxtehude, and Hermann Schroeder</i>
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Opening Hymn #102, st. 1,2,4,6	<i>Once in royal David's city</i>	<i>Irby</i>
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### Opening Sentences

Officiant: Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Officiant: Let us pray. Light of life, you came in flesh, born into human pain and joy, and gave us power to be your children: Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us, so that all creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in the way of peace. *Amen.*

### Invitatory

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

*All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. 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!*

Officiant: Alleluia. For us a child is born:

*All: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.*

Venite Hymn #93	<i>Angels, from the realms of glory</i>	<i>Regent Square</i>
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### Collect of the Day

Officiant: 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 Word of the Lord

## Lessons of the Day

### First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

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.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm

Psalm 147:13-21

Officiant: Please join me in reciting from Psalm 147, responding with the italicized verses.

12 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*

praise your God, O Zion,

*13 who has strengthened the bars of your gates, \**  
*who has blessed your children within you.*

14 For the Lord has established peace on your borders \*  
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

*15 The Lord sends out a command to the earth, \**  
*and this word runs very swiftly.*

16 The Lord gives snow like wool \*  
and scatters hoarfrost like ashes

*17 and hail like bread-crumbs; \**  
*who can stand against such cold?*

18 The Lord sends forth the word and melts them, \*  
blowing with the wind and the waters flow.

*19 The Lord declares the word to Jacob, \**  
*statutes and judgements to Israel.*

20 The Lord has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them these judgements have not been revealed. Hallelujah!

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Galatians.

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.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn #107	Good Christian friends, rejoice	In Dulci Jubilo
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A Lesson from the Gospel

John 1:1-18

Officiant: A reading from the Gospel of John.

Officiant: 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.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## Announcements

*Thank you for your financial gift to the life of Trinity Church. Your contribution truly is a gift which helps our church family spread God's gift of love and joy with the world! To give to the parish general fund, please use the labeled envelopes in your pew, for unlabeled cash offerings go to the discretionary outreach fund.*

## Christmas Carols Hymn-Sing

*The congregation is welcome to request favorite Christmas hymns. A list of carols from The Hymnal 1982 is printed at the end of the service on page 6.*

## Apostles' Creed (Congregation)

Officiant: Please join me in saying the Apostles' Creed.

All: *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 Lord's Prayer

Officiant: God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: *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.*

### Intercession Prayers

Reader: Jesus the Word, we pray for the confidence of your peace in our lives.

Jesus the Word, we pray for all those who live amid violence or uproar.

Jesus the Word, we pray for the earth, knowing we have broken its peace.

Jesus the Word, we pray for all those in need of good news this day: Here, you may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

*(Silence.)*

Reader: With the angels and shepherds that first Christmas, O Jesus, the Word made flesh, may we trust in and share the joy of your incarnation.

Jesus the Word, now dwell among us.

*(Silence.)*

Reader: We thank you, O God, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for parishioners celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially Erin Coote, Brittany Gilman, Oakley Stenroos, Sue Trepanier, Diane Novak. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Reader: God, in your mercy

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, we pray for: Jackie, Deborah, Jackie, Leah, and Ed. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Reader: God, in your mercy

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Reader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, and all those who have been remembered with the Christmas flowers this year, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Reader: God, in your mercy

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Officiant: Gracious God, you have redeemed us through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, whose birth we celebrate as the child of Bethlehem: Bless us with every spiritual blessing, that we may live as your adopted children and witness to your glory with unending praise and thanksgiving. *Amen.*

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom ( <i>Officiant and Congregation</i> )
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Officiant: Please join in the Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

*All: 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 Blessing

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

## Closing Hymn #92

*On this day earth shall ring*

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## Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth in peace rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: *Thanks Be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!*

## Postlude

*O rejoice, ye Christians, loudly*

*Ernst Pepping*



## Christmas Hymns from The Hymnal 1982

77 From east to west, from shore to shore

78 O little town of Bethlehem

79 O little town of Bethlehem

80 From heaven above to earth I come

81 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

82 Of the Father's love begotten

83 O come, all ye faithful

84 Love came down at Christmas

85 O Savior of our fallen race

86 O Savior of our fallen race

87 Hark! the herald angels sing

88 Sing, O sing, this blessed morn

89 It came upon the midnight clear

90 It came upon the midnight clear

91 Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light

92 On this day earth shall ring

93 Angels, from the realms of glory

94 While shepherds watched their flocks by night

95 While shepherds watched their flocks by night

96 Angels we have heard on high

97 Dost thou in a manger lie

98 Unto us a boy is born

99 Go Tell It on the Mountain

100 Joy to the world! the Lord is come

101 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed

102 Once in royal David's city

103 A child is born in Bethlehem, alleluia

104 A stable lamp is lighted

105 God rest you merry, gentlemen

106 Christians, awake, salute the happy morn

107 Good Christian friends, rejoice

108 Now yield we thanks and praise to Christ

109 The first Nowell the angel did say

110 The snow lay on the ground

111 Silent night, holy night

112 In the bleak midwinter

113 Duérmete, Niño lindo (Oh sleep now, holy baby)

114 'Twas in the moon of wintertime

115 What child is this, who, laid to rest

