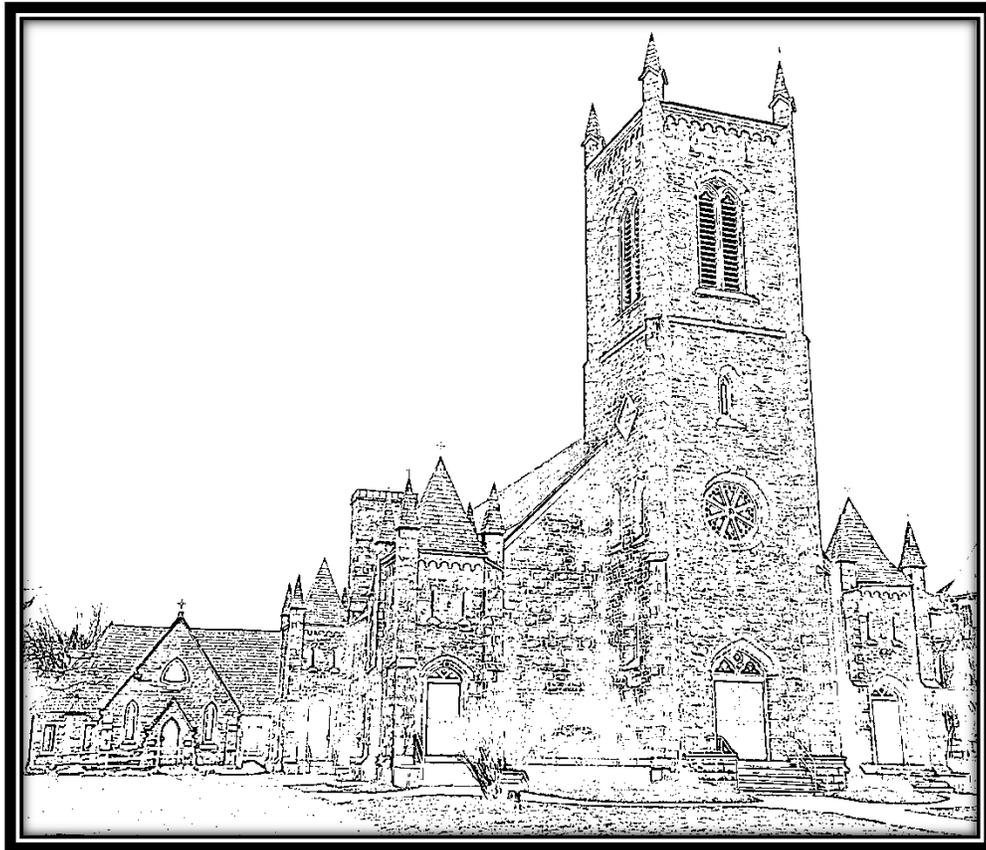


Trinity Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

9:30 a.m.



Welcome to our Trinity Church family!

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We are a vibrant Episcopal family united in following Christ.

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE: The Rev. Sarah C. Ginolfi

WHAT AM I GRATEFUL FOR?

The following list of Gratitudes is a result of last Sunday's stewardship activity:

- My family, friends and community
- The gifts of family, love, unity
- I am grateful for how God has opened my heart and me our new home at Trinity
- My health, my family, and my good life
- For those who are helping to restore the Rutland community and those who widen our perspectives
- The happy caring people of Rutland
- Life, healing. Love, friends, family
- Family, life, spiritual life of church, freedom
- Community, who I am how I show it
- Family, friends, nature, good health, church,
- I found my home here in 1982
- Community members who have made the choice to protect us all through masks & vaccines, Scarlet
- Good health, family, quality of life
- Sarah, our Priest in charge
- Friends and community of Trinity
- The strong sense of community at Trinity
- Family
- The church reopening now, the church being there thru Covid, renewed energy with Trinity and our strong Vestry and leadership
- SARAH
- Pie makers led by Melissa and Jay
- The chance to learn at men's bible study
- My health, my family, my friends, gift of life
- I have a warm home and plenty of food, I have a loving husband and family, that I have a job and that I have great friends
- Living here in VT
- Most of my best friends ever I met at Trinity
- The love of friends that treat me as family
- I am thankful for my daughter Melissa who also is in the Trinity Church Family. She is also a very helpful to us so we never feel alone
- Family, friends, health, home, church, employment, Family and health
- Spouse, family, friends, church, neighbors, home
- The peace of worship and the people in it
- Pastoral Care, bible study, Holy, Eucharist
- Dogs (and cats, and pets and animals of all kinds, but especially dogs)
- The privilege to be a mother. I am grateful for life and knowing that God is always by my side
- Beautiful music at Trinity
- God and his great mercies, family, friends and health
- Trinity choir, friendships, support, my health, and happy family
- Health and my children
- My church, my faith, my family, my nana who instilled my faith and relationship to Jesus
- God giving me opportunities every day to share His love
- Diversity- for all the people who enjoy doing things I neither can nor want to!
- Musical gifts and for the choir
- For everyday
- Loving God, and this creation we live in, family, friends, and neighbors
- Trinity is home to AA, RSVP and others
- My family, neighbors, and my home
- Mother's successful operation
- Family, friendships, home, and church
- Being a part of a community of Faith with such generosity of spirit and caring for each other
- My neighbors and pastoral care
- To be able to help community
- Music, choir and organist, our priest in charge and her positive energy
- Dragonflies, 12 step meeting access
- I am grateful that I am strong, and healthy, and I can help others who need it
- I am grateful that I am a caring person and I work in the schools to share to young people
- Family, abundance of necessities, ability to share with others, comfortable housing, health and relationships with others
- The supportive community of Trinity
- My loving wife and family, for being in VT, for our church and LOVING community
- A caring church family and a healthy and loving family group
- A safe city where I can walk unafraid

HOW DO I SHOW COURAGEOUS HOPE / GIVE BACK

The following list of Courageous Hopes is a result of the November 14 stewardship activity:

- Giving
- Compliment a stranger & make them smile
- Outreach
- Everyday random acts of kindness
- Being optimistic and finding the best in others
- God has blessed me with a chance to step out of my comfort zone and befriend strangers on the other side of his small world and share His love so freely
- Dog therapy, taking care of those who need it, smiling, holding the door for others
- Expand the community and the choir
- Pastoral care, outreach
- Donating time and money to my community
- Keep Faith in what is to come
- I “welcome the stranger” in our community by volunteering with USCRI in Vermont
- Participating in community fundraiser and other events
- Pastoral care
- Volunteering, giving back to our community
- Staying connected the past 18 months, singing through the masks, pledging
- Together we can accomplish so much if the work God has guided us to endeavor to accomplish our selves and together
- Give support and follow
- Hope for the community to be safe and caring
- Give back through prayer of our community
- The gift of prayer and hope
- I give to the Rutland food cupboard
- Participate in the Women of Trinity, donate to charitable drives, monetary donations give back
- In service at various events
- Promote my church to community to make it known outside these walls
- Pastoral care team, and visit people who are in the hospital or homebound
- My God and Jesus in my life
- Shop local, support local stores with \$\$ donate items and monies
- Helping others as I can- by supporting all without judgment, just trying to be a good person
- Project vision, sock drive, food pantry, donations
- Giving back in any way that I can
- By acting on truth and denying falsehood
- I give back to so many organizations with a presence for helping others
- I was part of the team to provide covid vaccines to healthcare workers
- Humility
- Being thankful for all I have
- Bringing donations and getting involved in community outreach and services
- I drive for one to one,
- By helping to feed those in need, by volunteering
- Through my daily work (caregiver) I show hope and compassion
- I have hope for my community because our community is a very giving community
- Volunteering for meal on wheels and the compassionate friends’ group

Announcements

Wanted: Live Stream Tech Volunteers—We have a great start to our tech team, but we could use a few more volunteers. It's not difficult and training doesn't take long. If you can help out, please speak with Wendy.

Women of Trinity Meeting—The WOT will meet in the library *today*, December 5, following our worship service. Please remember to bring a package of diapers for our gift to First Step Pregnancy Center.

Advent Series: Invite, Welcome, Connect—Advent is a season of preparation, hope, and hospitality. During this season, we'll run an evening formation series via Zoom to explore how we can invite, welcome, and connect newcomers to our beloved parish home. Three sessions will be offered on Tuesday nights (Dec. 7th-Invite, 14th-Welcome, and 21st-Connect) at 7:00pm via Zoom. While these three focus areas are interrelated, those in attendance will be able to access each night's content without participating in every session. We'll email a link to the Zoom meeting each week.

Christmas Flowers Memorials—Have your loved ones honored or remembered during Christmas with a gift to the Christmas Flowers! Submit the names of those you'd like to have remembered along with your gift (*suggested* donation of \$50), and they will be included on the prayer list throughout the Christmas Season. The deadline for submission is Friday, December 17.

Christmas Services--Christmas Eve, December 24: we begin at 5:15pm with a musical prelude and Holy Eucharist follows at 5:30pm. On Christmas Day, December 25: we'll celebrate Holy Eucharist at 9:30am. Since Christmas falls on a Saturday this year, our service on Sunday, December 26 will be a "lessons and carols" style service with Nanci Gordon leading us in prayer and offering the homily (at our regular 9:30am time).

Best Practices for Current COVID-19 Status—With the increase of COVID-19 cases in Vermont and nationwide and for the safety of our Trinity family, the Trinity Vestry recommend (but do not require) that face masks be worn in church and that seating spacing be more strictly followed. Please use the pews marked with green tape.



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY IN MEMORY OF:

John E. and Eva S. Hill

Our Staff: *Priest-in-Charge*, the Rev. Sarah Ginolfi; *treasurer*, Linda Fay; *Parish Administrator*, Wendy Grace; *Music Director*, John Riddle; *Sexton*, Jeff Zoesch

Our Vestry: *Senior Warden*, Fern Fryer; *Junior Warden*, Jay Slenker; Melissa Alarie; Kathy Hall; Rich Jones; Krey Kellington; David Thurmer; Holly Webb

Today's Liturgical Assistants: *Altar Guild*— Lois Jaworski, Elizabeth Bushey, Elaine Foskett, Melissa Slenker; *Chalice Assistant*— Donna Kemnitzer; *Old Testament Reader*— Winnie Grace; *Epistle Reader*— Katya Cooke; *Intercessor*— Wendy Grace; *Ushers*— Maria Cruise, Mary Ruth; *Live Stream Tech*— Ernie Hathaway

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9:30 a.m. Second Sunday of Advent – Holy Eucharist

The Invitatory

Prelude

Two Short Preludes

Ernest Bloch

Opening Hymn #76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Second Candle - the Candle of Peace

Advent wreath with two lit candles represents the prophets who foretold the birth of Jesus.

Officiant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: *Thanks be to God*

Officiant: Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Peace. Last Sunday we lit the First Candle in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs, this First Candle reminded us of our hope in Christ. We light it again as we remember our Saviour, born a king in the line of King David. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and we believe that he will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us, to rule the world wisely and bless all nations. Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". They told us how he would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations.

(A person lights the First Candle, the Candle of Hope)

When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peace-makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us he brings us peace and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again. We light the Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found. Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

(A person lights Second Candle, the Candle of Peace)

Officiant: Let us pray:

All: *Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.*

Opening Sentences

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Officiant: 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.*

(Music denoted with an S- prefix is service music and is located in the front of the hymnal.)

All: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Word of the Lord

Lessons of the Day

First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Reader: A reading from the book of Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Song of Zechariah (Canticle 16)

S-248

(The choir will sing the antiphon at the beginning and end, and the congregation is invited to join in singing the canticle verses.)

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it

to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

the Rev. Sarah Ginolfi

Nicene Creed (Congregation)

Officiant: Please join me in saying the Nicene Creed.

Officiant and People: 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.

Intercession Prayers and Confession

Reader: Dear God, we seek to follow your will. Guide us as we deepen in spirituality, grow in compassion, and be your courageous hope in the world.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. We pray for **the Anglican Church of Burundi; Ministries of the members of the Diocesan Staff and Rock Point Commons Staff.** We pray also for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Shannon, our Bishop, Sarah, our priest, and for all bishops and other ministers. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Reader: God, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: 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.

Silence

Reader: God, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: 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.

Silence

Reader: God, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for parishioners celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, **especially Erica Bovey, Keanna Chadburn, Ann Clark, Rachel Cruise, Janet Kirbach, Katie Patrick, Mary Proulx, Paul Proulx, Shania Reed.** 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.

Silence

Reader: God, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, **we pray for: Rodney, John, Meg, Mike, Emily, Susan, Mona, Harriet, Mary Ann, Joan, Guy, Arlynn, Christian.** 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.

Silence

Reader: God, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially John and Eva Hill in whose memory the altar flowers have been given; and Joan Susmann who died last week, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Reader: God, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

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

All: 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 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

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

People: And also with you.

Thank you for remaining in your place for the passing of the peace. In these times, you may exchange the peace through eye contact with a wave, a bow, a smile, or whatever motion you grow to embrace in this adapted practice.

Announcements

All may come up the center aisle to receive Communion. Alert an usher if you wish to receive communion in your seat. The priest will distribute the bread and the wine in "kits" that we will consume together once all are served.

Thank you for your financial commitment to the life of Trinity Church. Your gift helps our church family spread God's love and joy in the world! Offering plates are located at the top of the center aisle on the way to the altar as well as near the center exit doors.

Offertory Anthem

Song of the Advents

Russell Schulz-Widmar

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

S-120

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift 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.

Celebrant: 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:

Sanctus

S-114

*All: 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.

Eucharistic Prayer B *(People stand or kneel as able.)*

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,

All: We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: 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.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

*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.*

The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Agnus Dei

S-158

*All (sung): Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Grant us your peace.*

The Invitation

Celebrant: 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.

Thank you for following the direction of the ushers, maintaining 6 feet of distance from other family groups, and waiting to consume the elements upon returning to the pews.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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 blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

Closing Hymn #65

Prepare the way, O Zion

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks Be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Prepare the way, O Zion

Wilbur Held

Exiting: *Your presence is a blessing! Thank you for this gift. There are waste bins at each exit for communion container disposal. Join others for fellowship outside!*