

Trinity Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

9:30 a.m.



Welcome to our Trinity Church family!

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*We are a dynamic Episcopal family united in following Christ.
Seeking God Growing in spirituality Serving all with compassion Embracing courageous hope*

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

The Word of the Lord

Prelude	<i>Processional Music</i>	<i>Herman Berlinski</i>
<i>A voice crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"</i>		

Opening Hymn #76	<i>On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's cry</i>
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The Lighting of the Advent Wreath	<i>Second Candle - The Candle of Peace</i>
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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)

Officiant: 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

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: 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.*

Trisagion *S 102 - 3x sung* (service music, marked with *S*, is found in the front of the blue hymnal)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.*

Lessons of the Day

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Priest: Please join me in reciting from Psalm 72, responding with the italicized verses.

1 Give the Ruler your justice, O God, *

and your righteousness to the Ruler's heir;

*2 That they 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 They shall defend the needy among the people; *
they shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.*

5 They shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

*6 They shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.*

7 In their time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

*18 Blessed be the Sovereign God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!*

19 And blessed be God's glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with their glory. Amen, Amen.

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Romans.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

Celebrant: In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said

to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”
The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Sarah Ginolfi

The Nicene Creed (Congregation)

Officiant: Please join me in saying the ancient words Nicene Creed.

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

source: New Zealand Prayer Book

Reader: Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for our world,

People: the heavens tell of your glory;

Reader: for our land, its beauty and its resources,

People: for the rich heritage we enjoy.

Reader: We pray for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,

People: that we may use your gifts responsibly;

Reader: for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,

People: that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors and marvel at your creation;

Reader: for artists, scientists, and visionaries,

People: that through their work we may see creation afresh.

(Silence)

Reader: We thank you for giving us life; we praise you for those who have found eternal life with you in heave, **especially John E. and Eva S. Hill for whom the altar flowers have been given;**

People: for all who enrich our life together.

Reader: We pray for those commended to our care: **Dick, Laurie, Sue, Elaine and Gary, Patricia, Nanci** and all who are sick,
People: for prisoners, refugees, and those who are deprived of fulness of life;
 Reader: for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your Church, especially **The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East; and the Ministries of the members of the Diocesan Staff and Rock Point Commons Staff.** We pray for Sarah, our priest, and all clergy and lay ministers.
People: for all who seek to bring life to others.
 (Silence)
 Reader: We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation. For parishioners celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: **Gloria Hawley, Rachel Cruise, Janet Kirbach, Ann Clark, Katie Patrick, Erica Bovey, Keanna Chadburn, Shania Reed, Paul Proulx;**
People: Give us reverence for life in your world.
 Reader: We thank you for your redeeming love;
People: may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.
 (Silence)
 Reader: God, Creator, bring us new life.
People: Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.
 Reader: Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.
 Celebrant: God of peace, let us your people know, that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you. Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ. *Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All: God of all mercy, 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.
 Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Announcements

Thank you for your financial commitment to the life and ministries of Trinity Church. We are also grateful for your prayerful consideration of a pledge toward our 2023 Fearless Hope Campaign. Together, we reveal God's abundant love for the world! Offering plates are located at the top of the center aisle near the altar as well as near the center exit doors.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda 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 God 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 124

*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

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*All: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
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: (Rite I version)

*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.*

(Green Mountain Online Abbey version)

*Our loving God in heaven,
holy is your Name,
may your reign come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.*

Give us today our daily bread.

*Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.*

*For all creation, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.*

The Fraction S 152

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

All are welcome to proceed up the center aisle and either stand or kneel along the railing to receive Communion. Gluten free wafers and/or grape juice are available upon request. Those wishing to receive a blessing instead of Communion are invited to cross their arms as a signal to the priest. Please alert an usher if you wish to receive communion in your seat.

Communion Anthem

Song of Zechariah

Hal H. Hopson

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: *Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Blessing

source: Saint Clare

Celebrant: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessings be with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn #65

Prepare the way, O Zion

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

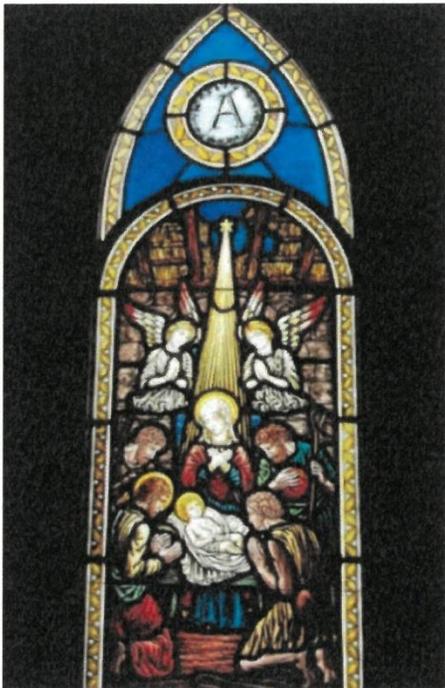
Postlude

Prepare the way, O Zion

Wilbur Held

Exiting: Your presence is a blessing! Thank you for this gift.

Oh, come let us adore him!



Our Trinity Church family wishes you and yours a Holy and blessed Christmastide in 2022!

Come celebrate the Nativity of our Lord with us:

Christmas Eve

- ★ 7:00pm Choral Prelude
- ★ 7:30pm Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day

- ★ 9:30am Holy Eucharist

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Announcements For week of December 4, 2022

WOT Meeting Today—The Women of Trinity will meet *today* in the library after worship. Please bring your suggestions for this year's outreach giving.

Christmas Greens and Flowers—If you would like to remember your loved ones in this year's Christmas bulletins with a gift toward the Christmas décor, please submit your names (and donation noting Christmas flowers) to the office by December 18. If you can't offer a gift, we'll still take your remembrances, and God bless you!

Rutland Area Chorus Presents *Messiah*—This year's presentation of *Messiah* will be held at Grace UCC today, December 4 at 3:30pm and again at 7:00pm. The concert will also feature a new composition by Chris Artley called "The Kings They Came from Out the South" and is the winning composition of the 2022 Grace Church Composition Competition.

Sock Drive—Our next sock drive will be this coming Saturday, December 10 from 11:00am to 1:00pm. We'll also have collection baskets in the narthex and Brinckerhoff Room.

Caroling on the Lawn—On December 10 from 12:00-12:30pm we'll be singing carols on the front lawn. Together, let's sing joy into the hearts of downtowners!

Games and Crafts Social—The Outreach and Evangelism Team invite you to a fun afternoon of games and crafting next Sunday, December 11 following worship and fellowship. Do you have a favored game? Bring it along!

Apple Pie Fundraiser—We have just a few pies for sale in our freezer, thanks to many volunteers who served at stations and donated ingredients. Pies are \$15 and can be purchased after church on Sundays or during regular office hours during the week.



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

Our Vestry: *Senior Warden*, Fern Fryer; *Junior Warden*, Jay Slenker; *Members:* Melissa Alarie; Lisa Frankel-Boerner; Kathy Hall; Rich Jones; David Thurmer; Holly Webb

Today's Liturgical Assistants: *Altar Guild*—Lois Jaworski, Elaine Foskett, Melissa Slenker; *Chalice Assistant*—Donna Kemnitzer; *Old Testament Reader*—Shannon Hill; *Epistle Reader*—Marc Brierre; *Intercessor*—David Thurmer; *Ushers*—Bruce Howard, Kathy Hall; *Live Stream Tech*—Marc Brierre;

—Precautions for In-Person Worship—

Masks are now optional for those fully vaccinated/boosted.

We'll begin serving communion along the railing, still consuming the elements together in pews once all are served.

We encourage all to consider getting the updated vaccine booster that is now available to everyone ages 12+ (Pfizer) and 18+ (Moderna).

Outreach and Evangelism Events and Opportunities

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Dec. 10th Sock Drive and Caroling

Sunday, Dec. 11th Games and Crafts Social

Every Tuesday Volunteer with Companions in Wholeness, the feeding ministry housed at Rutland UMC. To sign up contact Ellie McGarry via email emcgarry222@hotmail.com or text message (802) 236-3136. Volunteers needed from 6am-11am.

Advent Formation Opportunities

Diocesan Advent Series: Wrestling with Revelation



The Rev. adwoa Wilson, the Green Mountain Online Abbey's new vicar for discipleship and formation, will offer a series during Advent focused on the Book of Revelation.

Every Thursday in Advent, December 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 6 to 8 p.m., people from across the diocese will gather virtually through the Green Mountain Abbey for prayer, discussion, and fellowship. The online gatherings will begin with the Order for Evening from the Book of Common Prayer, a reading from Revelation and small covenanted conversations (groups that stay together all four weeks

to get to know each other more deeply). Those considering the gatherings are asked to attend every gathering so that the small groups can grow together over time. RSVP to attend the online gatherings by emailing the Rev. adwoa Wilson at adwoa@stmichaelsvermont.org.

The Brilliance of a Star - The Birth of Something New (Online Advent Series with Mission Farm)

Beginning November 30, Mission Farm will be hosting an online Advent series, "The Brilliance of a Star - the Birth of Something New." The sessions will take place on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Please contact the church office for a link to register or visit missionfarmvt.org. (Trinity Scholarships available for suggested donation.)

- November 30, presented by Lisa Ransom, executive director of Mission Farm: "The Dirt -- Our Story of Deep Relationship with Our Sacred Center: A world infused with the Presence of The Divine."
- December 7, presented by Steven Eubanks, Franciscan Contemplative and former NASA engineer: "The Cosmos -- 'Nova' The Birth of Something New: An understanding of humanity entangled in the reciprocal goodness of Creation"
- December 14, presented by Tonita Branan, former English professor and social worker, and aspirant for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church: "The Song of Songs and Advent: Is God this fresh? Can I be crushed? Spelled? Smitten?"
- December 21, presented by Sherry Osborn, Episcopal priest and nature educator: "Discover Our Mothering Story: Seeking to be in service to all of life's beings".

