

Trinity Church

First Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 2021

9:30 a.m.



Trinity Church Welcomes You

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

Announcements

Many thanks to Nanci Gordon for leading us in Morning Prayer today!

Face Masks Required for In-Person Worship—With the increase of COVID-19 cases in Vermont and nationwide and for the safety of our Trinity family, we are now requiring that face masks be worn in church and that seating spacing be more strictly followed. If you do not have a mask, please ask the ushers for one. Please use the pews marked with green tape.

Office Holiday Hours—The offices will be closed on 12/24 and 12/27, and 12/31 and 1/3. During the week between Christmas and New Year's, staff will be in the offices only on an "as necessary" basis, so regular hours will not be observed during the holidays.

2022 Calendars Available—The 2022 Liturgical calendars, compliments of Tossing Funeral Home are available for pick up in the narthex.

Ingathering for Communion Wine—We are accepting donations of Sheffield's Tawny Port Wine for our Holy Communion.

Christmas Tree Pickup—Rutland Boy Scout Troops 105 and 120 will once again collect discarded Christmas trees at the end of the holiday season, with pickup dates scheduled for Saturdays, January 8 and 15. To schedule your tree pickup, please call 802-438-8721 or email RutlandBSTreeCollection@gmail.com. (This is their major fundraiser, so donations are greatly appreciated and accepted at pickup.)



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY IN MEMORY OF:

The Christmas Memorials

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; *Members*: Melissa Alarie; Kathy Hall; Rich Jones; Krey Kellington; David Thurmer; Holly Webb

Today's Liturgical Assistants: *Altar Guild*—Helen Thomas, Winnie Grace, Mary Ruth, Linda Barcomb; *Chalice Assistant*—Melissa Slenker; *Old Testament Reader*—Larry Jensen; *Epistle Reader*—Wendy Grace; *Intercessor*—Lisa Boerner; *Ushers*—Jay Slenker, Lisa Frankel-Boerner; *Live Stream Tech*—Dana Peterson

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The Invitatory and Psalter

Prelude	<i>La Nativité</i>	<i>Jean Langlais</i>
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Opening Hymn #102 (st. 1, 2, 4, 6)	<i>Once in royal David's city</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.

Confession and Absolution

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.*

Invitatory

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

Officiant and People: 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. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Venite Hymn #83 (st.1, 2, 6)	<i>O come, all ye faithful</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: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm

Psalm 147:13-21

Officiant: Please join me in reciting from Psalm 147.

*13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; **

praise your God, O Zion;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

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: The Word of Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon	Nanci Gordon
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Announcements

Christmas Carols Hymn-Sing

The congregation is welcome to request favorite Christmas hymns. A list of carols from The Hymnal 1982 is printed on the back page.

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: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

*Officiant and people: 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 B (Intercessor and Congregation)

Intercessor: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People: *Govern and uphold them, now and always.*

Intercessor: Day by day we bless you;

People: *We praise your name for ever.*

Intercessor: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People: *Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People: *For we put our trust in you.*

Intercessor: In you, Lord, is our hope;

People: *And we shall never hope in vain.*

The Collects

A Collect for Sundays

Officiant: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Intercession Prayers

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 Church of the Province of Central Africa; the Ministry of Green Mountain Online Abbey, Deacon Mary Taggart.** We pray also for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Shannon, our Bishop, Sarah, our priest, **Nanci Gordon, today's officiant,** 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 Preston Billings, Susan Bishop, Susan Champine, Erin Coote, Betsy Morgan, Jamie Peterson, Tin Skoric, Oakley Stenroos, Sue Trepanier.** 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, Eric, 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 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.

Silence

Reader: God, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom (*Officiant and Congregation*)

Officiant: Please join in the Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

Officiant and People: 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.

Prayer for Mission

Officiant: O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn #92

On this day earth shall ring

Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks Be to God!*

Postlude

Noël IV

Louis-Claude d'Aquin



Christmas Hymns from The Hymnal 1982

77 From east to west, from shore to shore

78 O little town of Bethlehem

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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 beautiful 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 While shepherds kept their watching

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