



Trinity Episcopal Church

December 7, 2025: The Second Sunday of Advent - 10am Choral Eucharist

Welcome to Our Parish

We are glad to have you with us for our worship today, to share in the inclusive, ever-abundant love of God. If you would like to learn more about life here at Trinity, please fill out a **Welcome Card** found in the pew racks in front of you; join us for refreshments after the service; and visit our **website** at trinitysb.org.

For an explanation of why worship at Trinity looks and sounds like it does, scan the QR code for our **Guide to the Episcopal Liturgy**.



Open Communion. Whatever tradition you come from, and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at our communion table. You will find simple directions on how to participate in the Holy Communion section of the program. Gluten-free wafers are available—just ask when the bread is presented to you.

Prayer Ministers. During communion at the 10am service, two prayer ministers are available at the back of the church to pray. The three of you will pray together in a circle and you will be offered anointing with oil.

Children. On Sundays, Trinity offers religious formation for our children (ages 3 to 12) through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. It takes place as early as 9am in the church school building behind the sanctuary. Children are brought into the church during the offertory hymn to join us for communion at the 10am service.

Nursery and Toddler Care is from 9:45am to the end of the 10am service on Sundays in the nursery upstairs. During the offertory hymn, you are welcome to gather your child from the nursery to join you for communion in the church.

Trinity's Youth Group (grades 7-12) meets weekly during the school year for fellowship and reflection.

Our ushers are always glad to be of assistance, including answering questions, providing hearing loops as needed, and giving directions to the church school building, the nursery, and other on-site facilities.

Hearing Loop installed in the sanctuary.



An Advent Blessing

God, we long for peace,
but we have already drawn our blades.
We are at war with each other,
and within ourselves.

Our world—the evidence of our folly—on full display.
We waste away in quarries dug by our own hands.

Oh, Jesus, come to us.
Come suddenly, into the center of our deepest need.
Come swiftly into the chaos of our conflict and
distress.

Establish the peaceful order of your rule, not ours.
Your kingdom, not ours.
Reign with sovereignty in our hearts,
which refuse correction.
Reign with power over all that is ungovernable.
Reign with mercy over our communities, our
neighborhoods, and our nation.

Blessed are we who look to you, Jesus,
to be the change we cannot enact.
Come, prince of peace, to our bleeding world.

~ by Kate Bowler

Ministers of Today's Liturgy

8am Service

Preacher: The Rev. Sarah Thomas, Associate Rector

Presider: The Rev. Elizabeth Molitors, Rector

Deacon: The Rev. John Draper

Director of Music: Thomas Joyce

Harpsicord Assistant: Patrick Lindley

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Michael Dean

Reader: Michael Stivers

Intercessor: Marty Scharlemann

Acolyte: Michael Neal Arnold

Ushers: Jim Micallef, MK Micallef

9am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechists: Mac McNeel, Mary Gibson, Robin Selzler, Vanessa Woods

Volunteers: Libby Yardi, David Drabik, Aaron Sizer, Bob Perez

Director of Children and Youth: Theo Patterson

9am Nursery

Zoe George, Ella Illman

10am Service

Preacher: The Rev. Sarah Thomas, Associate Rector

Presider: The Rev. Elizabeth Molitors, Rector

Deacon: The Rev. John Draper

Director of Music: Thomas Joyce

Conducting Assistant: Grace Wenzel

Organ Assistant: Joel Lefever

Harpsicord Assistant: Patrick Lindley

The Trinity Choir

Prayer Ministers: Caryl Ann Casbon, Dodie Little

Acolytes: Terre Sanitate, Ralph Armbruster-Sandoval, Eliza Selzler

Readers: Kate Wallace, Steve Gibson

Intercessor: Ellen Whittet

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Boesch, Donna Sugano, Carol Ann Manzi

Audio Guild: Mark Nelson

Stream Team: Austin Miller

Ushers: Steve Gibson, David Gartrell, Becca Lowi, Mel Sahyun

Greeters: Elizabeth Patterson, Laura Ringquist, Beth Thompson

Welcome Table: Elizabeth Patterson, Betty Wenzel

Altar Guild: Chris Boesch, Terre Sanitate

Coffee Hour Helpers: Claude Garciacelay, Alexander Thomas, Matthew Kramer

Remember in Your Prayers

Veronica, Men of Lompoc prison, people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, undocumented immigrants, Randy Howard, Nina Zimmer, Ryley, Katie Troy, Susan Zink, Maya and Rowen, the Bergquist family, Kate Kelly, Leslie Campbell, Nancy Siris-Rawls, Bishop Sarah Mullally, Griffin Arnold, Valerie and Andrew Arnold, Phylene Wiggins, James and Patricia Wright, Marie Schoeff, Megan, Mica Basilici, Brett Evans, John Spence, Ana Orozco, Aaron, Wendy, Robert F Adams, Chris Teasley, Megan, Dylan, Ned, Paul D. and Caitlin D., Emmie and the Hoffman family, Ken Sorgman, Anastasia Miller.

Those with Long Term Illness:

Rachel Roitman, Judy Boyd, Ellen Sherman, Stephanie Campbell, Royal Claydon, Greg Hawkins, Carolyn Roberts, Michael Wilds, Karen Myers, Johnny Mac, Karen McKenzie, Joan W., Cindy Sprague, the Rt. Rev. William Smalley, Rick Huyett, Ada A., Tim, Molly Ferro, Jane G., Gloria C., Barbara Winslow, Gail Lanonette, Kathy Floyd, Vera Grigorian, Scott Smallwood, Joaquin and Jan, Quinn Sellars, Jane Arnold, Billy Jones, Gina B., Nadine Wilcox, Jane Ramshaw, Travis Stockstill, Virginia Burris, Kathy and Steve Stuck, Bruce Freeman, Rev. Mary Atwood.

For the Departed:

All victims of gun violence, Earl & Maryon, Christian Garvin, Matthew Bergquist, Jane Goodall, Jaclyn Henretig, Charles Lean, Jacob Risley, Dave Wyman, Latif, Jack Carey, Marilyn, Murphy-Houseman, Linda D., Zdenka Garciacelay.

In the Armed Services:

Craig and Catherine Christ, Michael C. Fish, David Dees, Frederick Johnston, Nicole A. Dennis, Kyle Ray, John Whitney, Sean Dunbar, Nicholas Hoegh Guldborg, Ryan Carey, Ben Wilson, Hannah Vadnais.

Postulant for Holy Orders (diaconate):

Phylene Wiggins

Pastoral Care:

If you would like names added to the prayer list, please contact the office. Names will be removed after 90 days. If you would like to receive communion at home, are going into the hospital or are otherwise in need of pastoral care, and would like to pray with or be visited by clergy, please email office@trinitysb.org or call 805-965-7419.

Advent Wreath Lighting:

8am: Serena & Gregory Swanson

10am: Mary Heumhreus & Norma Stuck

Processional Hymn

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Tune: Ascension, Irr. H. Hugh Bancroft, 1938

Words: J. Lewis Milligan, 1925, alt.

The New Century Hymnal



1. There's a voice in the wil-der-ness cry-ing, a__ call from the ways un-trod: pre -
 2. O__ Zi-on, who of-fers good tid-ings, to the height of the moun-tains dare! Lift your
 3. But the word of our God is for-ev-er, our De-fend-er's__ will is strong; God__



pare in the des-ert a high-way, a high-way for_ our God! The__ val-leys shall be ex-
 voice to the cit-ies of Ju-dah: "Be-hold your God!" de-clare. Like the flowers of the field we
 stands in the midst of na-tions, to ren-der right the wrong. Then_ God shall be as a



alt-ed, the loft-y__ hills brought low: make straight all the crook-ed
 per-ish, our hu-man__ works de-cay, the power and__ pomp of
 shep-herd, the lambs gath-ered to God's breast; and pas-tures of peace shall



pla-ces where Em-man-u-el__ may go!
 na-tions shall__ pass like a dream__ a-way.
 greet__ them, to__ give to the wea-ry rest.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

For the second Sunday of Advent—Peace

The poet, Wendell Berry, wrote:

"When despair for the world grows in me. . .

I come into the peace of wild things

who do not tax their lives with forethought

of grief. I come into the presence of still water."

We think of the 23rd Psalm,

"God leadeth me beside the still waters. God restoreth my soul."

When everything feels hopeless, when we feel as dead as the dry bones in Ezekiel's valley, God calls us away from the workaday world.

God calls us to breathe in the holy breath of peace.

When we light the candle of Peace, we breathe in the One who restores us.

Kyrie Eleison

Sung by the choir

George Malcolm (1917-1997)

Kyrie eleison (Κύριε ἐλέησον)

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison (Χριστέ ἐλέησον)

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison (Κύριε ἐλέησον)

Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

adapted from *Feasting on the Word*

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. O Root of Jesse, O Peace, stir up your power within us, that in this time we may await with abundant expectation the fulfillment of your eternal presence in creation, for you live and reign among us, Maker, Savior, and Giver of Life, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

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.

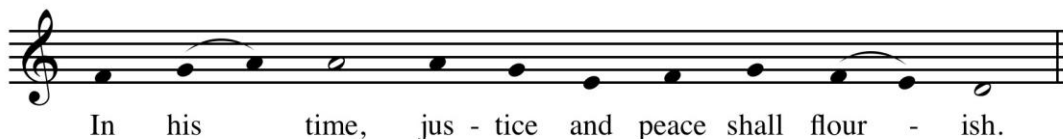
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him,
and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

The Plainsong Psalter, Tone I.1



From *Gradual Psalms*
Church Publishing Incorporated

ANTIPHON - Sung by the Cantor, then by All

Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

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

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

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

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

And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

ANTIPHON - Sung by All

Second Lesson

Romans 15:4-13

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.

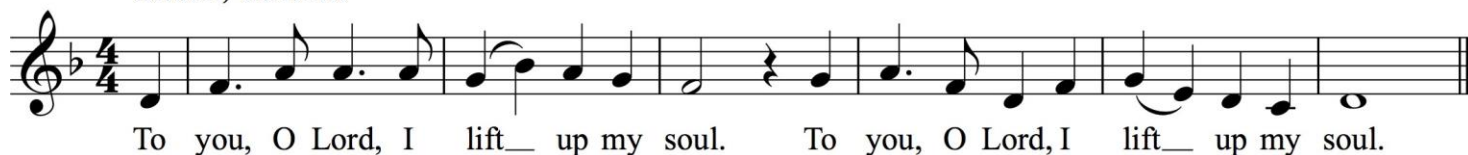
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Antiphon based on *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*
Arranged by Stephen Pishner; Adapt. by Thomas Joyce
Words from Psalm 25

Cantor, then All



Choir: The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray. God guides the humble in the right path. He teaches his way to the poor.

All repeat the Refrain

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Rev. Sarah Thomas

[Allow for a few moments of silence]

All who are able, please stand.

Affirmation of Faith

Sister Joan Chittister, OSB

**We believe in God who made us all,
and whose divinity infuses life with the sacred.
We believe in the multiple revelations of God,
alive in every human heart, expressed in every culture,
found in all the wisdoms of the world.
We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who leads us to the fullness of humanity,
to what we are meant to become.
Through Christ, we become new people,
called beyond the consequences of our brokenness,
lifted to the fullness of life.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God on earth,
who keeps the Christ vision present to souls yet in darkness,
gives light to hearts now blind, infuses energy into spirits yet weary, isolated,
searching and confused.**

We believe in God who is life. Amen.

Prayers of the People

adapted from *Feasting on the Word*

Let us pray to God, saying, Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

We come to you this day, O God, with a deepening anticipation of your birth among us. We thank you for the gift of your love. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

We pray for the church throughout the world, and for all the ministries that build up the body of Christ, that in our many vocations we may serve your glory. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

We pray for this nation and for all nations, remembering especially those who are victims of political and social injustice. We pray for elected officials and all leaders, that they will govern with courage and equity. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

We pray for all in need: for the sick, the suffering, and the dying; for strangers in our land, for the invisible ones; for our undocumented neighbors and all those who feel unsafe; for the elderly and children; for parents and grandparents and caregivers; for those who live alone and those who live lonely in the midst of family. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

We remember with mercy those who sleep without shelter, cold and vulnerable, lacking enough food; those who are overworked and those who have no work. Stir up in us the capacity to see ourselves in their struggles and to act so that others may have life abundant. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

We pray for this community, for our neighbors and friends, and for those with whom we study and work. Guide and strengthen all people in our common life to know the gifts of your grace and love. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list and for those we name aloud or silently.

[Pause to offer names.]

Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn, knowing that you enfold them into the mystery of your eternal presence.

[Pause to offer names.]

Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

We join in prayer for today's national vigil for all victims of gun violence. God of hope, we hold before you all who have lost their lives and all whose lives have been forever changed as a result of gun violence. We remember those who have ended their own lives with a gun, those who have died as a result of accidental shootings, and those whose lives have been cut short by a gun in the hands of a person with intent to kill. Remembering that we are all made in your image, we acknowledge the role the sin of racism and other forms of systemic hatred play in our American gun violence epidemic. We ask that you receive all who have died into the arms of your mercy, bless those who mourn with the hope of eternal life, and strengthen our hearts to work to bring an end to gun violence.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect:

O God who is Peace, receive these prayers from our hearts. May all that we ask and all that you see is needed in our world, be given to your people as we await your birth into the world; through Christ, our Savior. **Amen**

Confession

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins:

People **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider 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

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Announcements

The Offertory

To donate or pay your pledge, scan the QR code, on the right, with your smart phone, or visit trinitysb.org/giving. We also gratefully receive checks in the offertory plate or mailed to the Trinity office at 1500 State St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.



Please stay seated as the offering plates are passed, then stand, as you are able, as the ushers bring forward the offerings of bread, wine, and money to the altar.

Offertory Anthem

This Is The Record Of John

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

1. This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?
And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ.
2. And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No.
3. Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.

- John 1:19-23

Entrance of Children into the Sanctuary

Offertory Hymn 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

The Great Thanksgiving

adapted from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

Presider May God be with you. *All* And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts. *All* We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider

Holy are you, God of Jesse, for the branch of our salvation is rooted in you. To Abraham you promised to raise up a people bound to you in love, and through the household of David you brought life greater than our imagining in a child of grace, Jesus our Savior. Though we deny your love for us and seek to limit the reach of your mercy to others, you beckon us to repentance, opening our eyes to new life, and encouraging us to join your family of faith. In your Son's death we see the depth of our sin; yet in his resurrection we see the extent of your grace. You bless us beyond reckoning, for you welcome us into the company of prophets and apostles and saints, on earth and in heaven, with whom forever we sing your praise:

Sanctus

Sanctus from *Deutsche Messe* - Franz Schubert
1982 Hymnal - S 130, arr. Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly,
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho san - na in the high - est.

Presider

Anointing God, your Spirit rested upon your Son with wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and fear. In Christ you have anointed your future out of our past, your kingdom out of our plans, and your salvation out of our despair. As your Spirit rested upon him, send down that same anointing Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

People:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Astonishing God, your prophet Isaiah envisioned a day when the wolf and lamb would lie down together, and the leopard with the kid, and a little child would lead them. Astonish us anew by your gentle ways of peace. Shape your church to live from faith, and not from

fear. Make your future present through the lives of those who show us how to love our enemies. Hasten the day when the earth will be full of the knowledge of you, and your fullness will be all in all, and all creation from the depths of the sea to the heights of the mountains will know the peace to which your Son shall lead. Awaken that dawn when we are surrounded with everlasting praise to you: creator, redeemer, and sustainer, ever one God. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now let us pray together, in the words Jesus gave his disciples:

**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.**

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei from *Deutsche Messe* - Franz Schubert
1982 Hymnal - S 164, arr. Richard Proulx



Je- sus, Lamb of God: have mer- cy on us. Je- sus, bear- er of our sins: have
mer- cy on us. Je - sus re- deem - er, re- deem- er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Invitation

Presider This is the table of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to know Christ more. So come, you who have little and you who have much; you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who feel you have failed. Come, because it is God who invites you.

The Holy Communion

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table for communion. Please come forward to receive communion standing in a semi-circle around the altar. You have the option to receive only the bread, or the bread intincted (dipped) into the wine and placed into your hand by the clergy person distributing communion. If you wish to receive only the bread, please say "bread only" as it's your turn to receive. Gluten free wafers are also available.

Regardless of whether you're receiving the bread only, or the bread and wine, you will hear the phrases, "the body of Christ, the bread of heaven" and "the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation" as communion is offered to you. As the ushers invite your row forward, please come up the center aisle to receive communion, then return to your seat via the side aisle. If you're unable to leave the pew, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you. If you do not wish to receive communion, simply cross your arms across your chest; this will signal to the clergy to offer a blessing in lieu of communion.

Prayer ministers are available at the back of the church to pray for personal needs or concerns or to share your joys. If desired, anointing with holy oil is available from the prayer ministers as well.

All who are able, please stand.

Communion Anthem

The "O" Antiphons

Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

III: Radix Jesse (Root of Jesse)

O Radix Jesse, qui stas in signum populorum, super quem continebunt reges os suum, quem Gentes deprecabuntur: veni ad liberandum nos, jam noli tardare.

O Root of Jesse, you stand as an ensign to the peoples; before you kings shall keep silence, all nations bow in worship: Come and save us and do not delay.

IV: O Clavis David (O Key of David)

O Clavis David, et sceptrum domus Israel; qui aperis, et nemo claudit; claudis, et nemo aperit: veni, et educ vinctum de domo carceris, sedentem in tenebris, et umbra mortis.

O Key of David, Sceptre of the house of Israel. You open and no one closes; you close and no one opens: Come and deliver us from the chains of prison - we who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

- The origin of the "O" Antiphons is not known. Manuscripts from the ninth century suggest they may be attributed to St. Gregory the Great. Each presents a name given to Christ in the Old Testament and a petition asking for the fulfillment of a scriptural promise or prophecy. The antiphon texts form the basis for the verses of the beloved Advent hymn, "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

Music at Communion

Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659
(Savior of the Nations, Come)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Post Communion Prayer

adapted from *Wild Goose Worship*

Presider Let us pray.

People **Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and make us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.**

Commendation of Eucharistic Visitors

Presider Beloved community, we send our eucharistic visitors to share this Holy Communion with those who could not worship here today.
People **May they carry the prayers of all of us as they take the sacrament of the presence of Christ.**

The Blessing

adapted from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

May the God who brings heaven close to earth
give truth to our seeing and flame to our longing
that our hearts might be ready to be born again in love;
And may the blessing of God, who made us,
who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

The Dismissal

Deacon As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Toccata in F Major, BuxWV 156

Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

Coffee Hour

Join us for the Alternative Christmas Market in the Parish and Guild Halls.

New to Trinity? Please know you are welcome! Fill out the newcomer card in the pew rack or complete the online form using the QR code below so we can get to know you better!



COMPLINE
(/kompln/ KOM-plin)
with Story and Sound

Come back tonight!

Sunday, December 7, 7-8pm



Our storyteller is Steve Jacobsen.

The Compline service at Trinity is led by the Rev. Sarah Thomas.

It begins with thirty minutes of rest and reflection through synthesized sound by DJ artist Andrew Elia. Then brewed herbal tea and a conclusion with the opportunity to hear a person share a personal story.

The Compline service is held in the sanctuary, transformed with candlelight, blankets, and incense.

Thank you to all who have pledged for 2026.

Pledges received through December 3.

Sarah Adams
Susan Adams
Ann Allen
Teresa & Tim Angulo
Ralph Armbruster & Meg Beard
Michael Neal Arnold
Tony & Barbara Askew
Mark Asman & Bill Wood
Jack Azar
Andria & Brian Bargiel
Susie & Jarry Bartz
Lucy Bell
Joan Bennett
Mark Benson
Jennifer & Michael Bergquist
Lin Black
Christine Boesch
Judith & Lance Boyd
Melissa Braun
Eva Braunstein & Ryan Kelley
Megan & Stewart Brown
Robert Burtness
Diana Buzerak
Dee Dee Calderwood
Casey Caldwell & Lara Cooper
Kaye Cantu
Lois Capps
Carol Carpenter & Janet Barr
Lynn Carter & David Garner
Caryl Hurtig & Jay Casbon
Bill Chiplis & Susanne Wood
Elaine & Al Christ
Jeannie Christensen
Karen Claydon
Doug Clegg
Keith Cobell & Cara Silva
Jenna & Gregory Conarro
Michael & Tine Corrigan
Faye Cox
Chris Crabtree
Daniel & Carol Craviotto
Anne Crowe
Matthew Darling
Amy Davidson

Jean & David Davis
Nollie Lei Dawson
Michael Dean
Brookes Degen
Sarah & William Degen
Paul Delaney
John & Anna DeVore
Liz Dinovi
Sarah Dobbs
Dawn Draper
John Draper
Jane & Dick Ellison
MaryAnn & Bob Evans
Sarah Fenstermaker
Bill & Anita Ferguson
Betty & Stephen Ferry
Art & Louise Fisher
Christen Foell & Aaron Sizer
Jane & Rob Forsyth
Stephen Fountain
Marion Freitag & Jon Jessup
Claude Garciacelay &
Joel Martins De Santana
Helene Gardner
David & Susan Gartrell
Cyndie Genzmer
Stephen & Mary Gibson
Heather Gillies
Jim & Phyllis Goodner
Judy Gough
Christine Green
Jane & Kenneth Hahn
Jeanette Hatfield
Roslyn & Greg Hawkins
Julie Hayes-Nadler & Relly Nadler
Nels Henderson
Mary Heumphreus
Ian & Selena Hill
Becky & Holly Hoffman
Geoff Hornby
Anne & Randy Howard
Barbara & Joe Howell
Dale & William Hromadka
Stephen & Gail Humphreys

Billy Hurbaugh & Randall Day
Mark Ismond
Catherine Jones & David Aidnik
Erika Joyce
Thomas Joyce
Anna Kokotovic
Steve Kriz & Laura Imazu
Susan & Jeffrey Krutzsch
Larry Kugler
Kim & Paul Larsen
John & Barbara Larson
William Leahy
Joel Lefever
Fred Lindberg
Ralph & Becca Lowi
Rob Mann
Carol Ann Manzi
Laurinda Marshall
Irene Marsi
Amy & Joe Mathews
Lydia Matthews
Sarah & Dan McCarter
Kate McDonald & Max Rorty
Mac McNeel & Doug Moore
Leslie Meadowcroft-Schipper
Henry Mealy
Brian Meeder & Mark Stout
Lynn Menefee
MK & Jim Micallef
Jason & Ashley Miller
Larry Minasian
Kerry Mistretta
Elizabeth Molitors
Michele & Chris Mollkoy
Robert & Janet Monk
Lois Moore
Joanne Moran
Helen Mountford
Sandra Nathan
Pauline & Mark Nelson
Alice Noble
Georgia Noble
Bernadine Oberst
Ashley & Michael Ochi
Jackie & Aldous Pabon

Aaron Panchal
Elizabeth & Tom Patterson
Theo Patterson
Stephanie & Robert Perez
Michele Peterson
Michelle Petty
Rachyl Pines & Will Barring
Carola Pisani & Shawn Carey
Beverly & RJ Plummer
Caroline & Dave Powers
Patsy & Robert Price
Christine Purcell
Susannah Rake
Georg Rice
Laura Ringquist
Carolyn Roberts
Anne Roediger
Mel Sahyun
MaryJane Salcido
Joseph Salmey
Terre & Frank Sanitate
Stephanie Sasaki
Steven Scott
Cami Segna
Robin & Joe Selzler
Andrew Siegel
Martha Siegel
Stephen Singleton & Christopher Teasley
Jill Skellie
Ericka Sohlberg & Leander Anderegg
Lee Southerland & Bruce Berlow
Cathi & Geordie Speake
Carol & Mark Spears
John & Carla Spence
Carol & Mid Squier
Colleen & Jim Sterne
Judy & Art Stevens
Michelle & Michael Stivers
Norma Stuck
Donna & Isao Sugano
Betsy Sweda
Diane Sylvester
Edward & Nancy Tazer-Myers
Alexander Thomas
Diana & William Thomas
Sarah & Mitchell Thomas
Beth Thompson

Steve Thompson
Beth & Kevin Thornton
Joyce Turner
Mark Turner & Kenny Standhardt
Barbara Wagner & Martin Scharlemann
Kate Wallace
Kristi Wallace
Nina Ward
Deborah Wells Ah-Tye & Kirk Ah-Tye
Betty & Pete Wenzel
Grace Wenzel
Mary Weston
Ellen & Justin Whittet
Loren & Leneta Wiebe
Mona Motte & Michael Wilds
Libby & Fred Williams
Scott Wilson
Sharon Wilson & Van Bobbitt
Vanessa & James Woods
Mary Ellen Wylie
Diane Wyman
Emily & David Young
Nina Zimmer
Siu & Don Zimmerman
Susan & Paul Zink

Thank you to our children and youth who have made a pledge:

Catalina Carey-Pisani
Clare Carey-Pisani
Mateo Carey-Pisani
Joshua Hoffman
Phoebe McNamara
Anastasia Miller
Maddie Myers
Presley Myers
Hudson Ochi
Ian Price
Nicholas Price
Emma Sizer
Gwyneth Thomas

Our apologies if you did not receive a pledge packet, or if your name is not listed or is listed incorrectly. Packets are available on Sundays, and all pledge materials are also accessible online at trinitysb.org/make-a-pledge-2026.

Please contact the Trinity office at office@trinitysb.org with any corrections.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Watershed: Young Adult Dinner – Sunday, December 7, 5:30 – 7pm

If you are in the 18-30ish age range, you are warmly invited to join other young adults for dinner, discussion, and Eucharist around a common table. Our Watershed ministry is an exciting new space for Trinity's young adults to journey together in companionship and faith development. We would love to have you join us! Contact: Theo Patterson, cydirector@trinitysb.org

Blue Christmas Service – Tuesday, December 9, 6-7pm, in the Sanctuary

A contemplative service of prayer, ritual, meditation, and music to provide healing space for those who experience the Christmas season as a difficult one due to loss, grief, or loneliness.

"Celebrate Christmas at Trinity" Postcards Available

Do you have a friend, family, or neighbor you'd like to invite to one of Trinity's Christmas services? If so, please pick up a few postcards from the welcome table and invite them!

Women's Group: *Women at the Well* – Saturday, December 13, 3–4:30pm

Women at the Well continues with Cole Arthur Riley's book "This Here Flesh". Newcomers welcome! The group meets monthly in the Trinity Youth Group room (enter from Micheltorena). After the meeting this month, the group will remain in the youth group room for a Christmas Tea. To sign up to bring a sweet or savory item, please contact drcarolynroberts@aol.com.

Christmas Cookie Walk and Holiday Gift Raffle – Sunday, December 14, 9am-12:30pm

Trinity is hosting our fifth annual Christmas Cookie Walk. Invite a friend and make plans to attend this festive community-wide event. You'll select from over 90 varieties of homemade Christmas cookies. The San Marcos Madrigals choir will be with us again singing Christmas carols.

Greening of the Church for Christmas – Wednesday, December 24, 9:30am-12:30pm

Help transform our sanctuary into a magical space for our Christmas services. There is a job for everyone, no experience necessary. Stay for as little or as long as you are able. Sign up on the easel at coffee hour or on our website under *Upcoming Events*.

2026 Sunday Flower Dedications

Sign up now to dedicate a Sunday in the new year for a special birthday, thanksgiving, or memory. The suggested donation is \$75, which covers the cost of the three flower arrangements. Sign up on the easel at coffee hour or send your dedication and requested date to Mary Ann Paxton, office@trinitysb.org. Donations may be made with cash, check, or credit card online (selecting "Altar Flowers" from the drop-down menu).

Connect with us! Sign up to receive our weekly newsletter, Trinity Notes. Scan the QR code for current and past issues or visit Trinity's website at trinitysb.org/trinity-notes.



Join us this Advent and Christmas Season!



Trinity's annual Christmas Cookie Walk and Gift Basket Raffle December 14, 9am-12:30pm Parish Hall

Over 75 varieties of homemade Christmas cookies sold by the ounce.
The San Marcos High School Choir will sing carols.



Decorate the Church for Christmas December 24, 9:30am-12:30pm

Help the transformation of our sanctuary into a magical space for our Christmas services. There is a job for everyone, no experience necessary.
Meet in the Parish Hall. Stay for as little or as long as you are able.



Christmas Services 2025

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24

4pm Children's Nativity

9:30pm Carol Singing

10pm Festival Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25

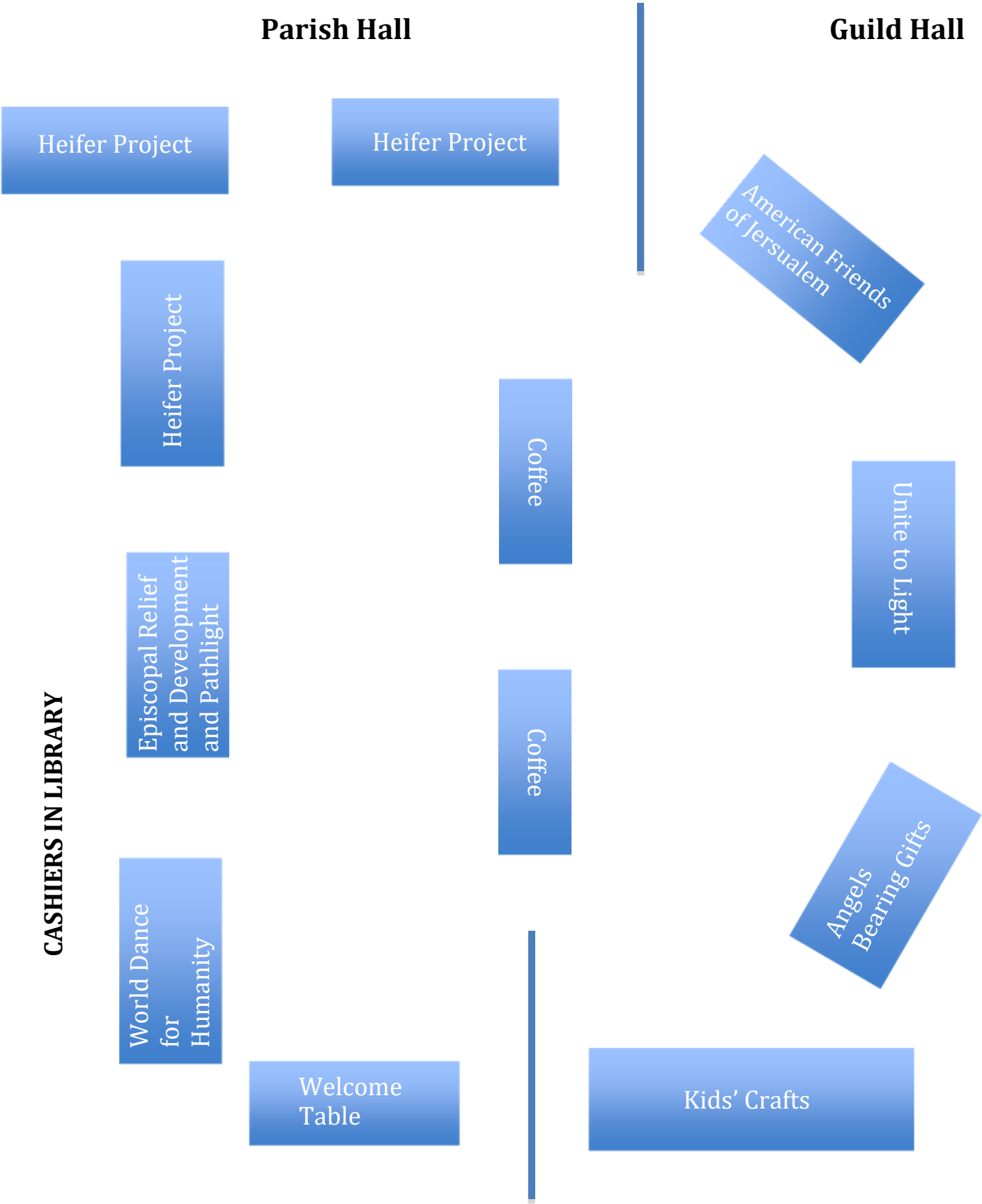
10am Choral Eucharist

First Sunday After Christmas, December 28

9:30am Lessons & Carols with Eucharist



Alternative Christmas Market Map



Alternative Christmas Market

Trinity Episcopal Church - Parish Hall

Sponsored by the Justice and Outreach Council

PASSPORT FOR HOPE

Please have a representative from each organization fill out the TOTAL amount donated for that particular organization.

Pay the GRAND TOTAL amount in the Library.



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Peace and reconciliation through churches, schools and hospitals in the Holy Land.
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Partners with locally-led organizations to advance lasting change in communities impacted by injustice, poverty, disaster and climate change.
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Pathlight International

Empowers children in Belize to receive a quality education and reach their God-given potential.
pathlight.org



Heifer International

Provides living gifts in the form of livestock to families in need throughout the world.
heifer.org



Unite to Light

Provides solar light and power to people without electricity, locally and worldwide.
unitetolight.org



World Dance For Humanity

Helps genocide survivors rebuild their lives through community support.
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Crafts Created by Trinity Children

Proceeds shared equally with all above organizations.

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Phone Number: _____

Thank you for your life-changing generosity! Merry Christmas!