

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GALVESTON, TEXAS



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

10:30 a.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Founded in 1841 and still making history.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The greenery on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Fred J. Wolma, Jr., Fred J. Wolma, III and James B. Earthman, III.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays – 8:00 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion

Sundays – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Sundays – 10:30 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion & Music

Wednesdays – 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Visit www.trinitygalv.org/calendar
for a complete listing of services, meetings and events.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel is held during the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service each week, and welcomes children, ages 4 through 5th grade. Children should remain in the sanctuary until the processional hymn and watch for the director of Children's Ministries to walk down the center aisle. At that time children may join her and walk to the Children's Chapel located on the cloister. Children's Chapel is led by two Safeguard-trained adults. At the Peace, children will be brought back to their families in time for Holy Communion.

CHILDREN'S NURSERY

The nursery is open each Sunday from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Prelude

“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us”

J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn 56 (Verses 1-4, 7)

“O come, O come, Emmanuel”

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

The Celebrant begins

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

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

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) (*Sung three times*)

Alexander Archanglsky

Holy God

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the Lessons

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,

and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk

in the light of the LORD!

debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Following the Lesson

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 61

“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us”

Wachet auf

The Gospel – Matthew 24:36-44 *Please stand*

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Following the reading of the Gospel

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Chase Bradley

The Nicene Creed – *Please stand*

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.

The Prayers of the People

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector, and Brian our own Bishops, for Jimmy our Priest, Chase our Deacon, and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald our President, Greg our Governor, and Craig our Mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

You are invited to add your own prayers and thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

The Celebrant will offer a collect.

Parish Prayer List

Lisa Burkey, Kathy Davidson, Trey Dowdy, Martha Henry, Emma, Charlotte and Nathaniel Vowan-Wiles, Wade Wiles Waling, Ariel Toher, Les McLeod, Sally Galbraith, Cookie Bussey, Jake Scott, Carolyn Speich, Charles Eddy, Shirley Ellis, Sandra Sterling, Jennifer Kelso, Brenda Atchley, Tim Nelick, Evadney Hudson, Mike Ellis, Elizabeth Sullivant, William Pennington, Debbie Williams, Tom Kimbrough, Leta Higgins, Mary Bratton, Mary Lou Shuffler, and Roger Lindsey.

Those in active military service, especially Christopher Citti, Charles Lewis, John Parker Unbehagen, Theo Unbehagen, John Kelso, Jr., and David Middleton.

Those celebrating birthdays in December, especially Peter Moore, Matthew Hughes, Catherine Polk, Beth Scribner Kimbrough, Vicki Lewis, Nicole Patillo, Katherine Zende Del, Collyn Davis, Larry Charpentier, Harper Trout, Paul Abadie, Dixie Posert, Miles Ray, Sally Byrom, Jeffrey Richard, Erin Conrad, Cindy Earthman, Bob Hesley, Jeanne Young, Carolyn Dale, Barbara Falkenhagen, Shirley Ellis, Louise Farmer, Pat Welsh, Christi Bowden, Jennifer Haglund, Brenda Atchley, Nancy Hall, Cindy McConnell, and Ken Smith.

Pastoral Care

It is our joy to be with you in prayer whether it is serving Communion at home, praying before hospital visits, or a special service of anointing. Our clergy would like to know how we can be of assistance to you in your time of need. Please scan our QR code to share your needs with us.



Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. The people may kneel or stand.

Deacon and People

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.

Absolution

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

- Welcome and Announcements –

Offertory Anthem

“Advent Message”

Martin How

Trinity Choir

Advent Message

Come Lord Jesus, O come quickly. The voice of Him that crieth in
the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, Make straight in
the dessert a highway for our God.

Offertory

*Thank you for your generosity that supports our mission and
ministry. You may make your Sunday offering in one of three ways:*

- *By placing your offering in the plate during the
Offertory, or*
- *By scanning the QR code with your phone, or*
- *By using the Square credit card scanner
in the Narthex*





Visiting with us? Let us know you're here!

Fill out the contact form with this QR Code so that we may connect with you!

Hymn 67 (Verse 1) – *Please stand*

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

Comfort, comfort ye my people,
 speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness
 mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
 of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover,
 and her warfare now is over.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A

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.**

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 and Benedictus (S 124)

David Hurd

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.

Celebrant (*Kneel or remain standing*)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer *(said by 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 Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem (S 161)

David Hurd

All: 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 peace.

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.

Instructions for receiving Holy Communion

- *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*
- *If you are not baptized and want to be, please contact our clergy.*
- *Please be guided by the ushers to the communion rail.*
- *You may drink or intinct (dip wafer) from the common chalice.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available – signify request for GF wafers by extending palms down.*
- *To receive a blessing only – cross your arms over your chest.*

Communion Solo

“Come Thou and with us dwell”

William Byrd

Dave Ekstrum, soloist

Come Thou and with us dwell

My faults, O Christ, do I confess and do Thy mercy crave;
O come Thou now to wash my sins, O come, my soul to save;
Let then the brightness of Thy birth the clouds of sin expel,
Thou art the hope of all the world: Come thou and with us dwell.
Then shall my tongue forever sing due praises to Thy Name;
Thy only wish is that we be still thankful for the same;
To Thee, the Father and the Spirit of grace be praised for aye.
Sing and rejoice and God above do magnify alway.

Communion Hymn

Hymn 615

“Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee

St. Flavian

Postcommunion Prayer (*Kneel or stand*)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Blessing

Hymn 68

“Rejoice! Rejoice, believers”

Llangloffan

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“O come, O come, Emmanuel”

Robert Powell

LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

CELEBRANT

The Rev. Jimmy Abbott

CURATE

The Rev. Chase Bradley

LECTOR

Alison Barker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Carla and Rick Swanson

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Joseph Painter

TRINITY CHOIR

Maggie Abbott

John Hurley

Joe Stanfield

Dave Ekstrum

Jane Mansfield

Georgeann Strong

Mark Giles

Bill Noble

Mary Townsend

Mary Grasso

Caroline O'Connor

Cheryl Tucker

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Patty Wood

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Tom Wimbrow, Team Leader

Angela and Tom Clark, Trish Clason, Bill Leopold,

Jim and Sally Byrom

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This week at Trinity

Sun., Nov. 30

Worship services
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Church Sanctuary

Sunday School for all
9:30 a.m.
Adults – Upper Eaton Hall
Children – Children’s Chapel
Youth – Episcopal Student Ctr.

Christmas Hope Tree
(in Narthex at each worship
service and in Eaton Hall
following the 10:30 service)

Children’s Choir Rehearsal
11:45 a.m. – Choir Room

Tue., Dec. 2

*Men’s Breakfast
and Bible Study*
6:30 a.m. - El Jardin Restaurant
413 24th Street

HAPS Class
5:30 p.m.
Lower Eaton Hall

Wed., Dec.3

Winter Book Club
4:30 p.m. - Kelso Room

Wednesday Evening Prayer
5:30 p.m. - Church Sanctuary

Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Choir room on cloister

Thur., Dec. 4

Geezers Lunch Group
11:30 a.m.
Sonny’s Place Restaurant

College Student Bible Study
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Episcopal Student Center

Fri., Dec. 5

First Friday Lunch
Tracy Shirk & Joseph Painter
Noon
Upper Eaton Hall

*Boy Scouts Troop 104
Parking Lot Fundraiser*
For Dickens on the Strand
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 6

*Boy Scouts Troop 104
Parking Lot Fundraiser*
For Dickens on the Strand
9:00am – 8:00 p.m.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew
9:30 a.m.
Kelso Room

Sun., Dec. 7

Downtown Advent Pilgrimage
3:30 p.m.
1st Stop First Lutheran Church –
2415 Winnie Street, Galveston

Trinity Top Picks

CHRISTMAS HOPE TREE

Help bring joy to children in our community by adopting a family to give to this Christmas. Donor sign-up will take place this **Sunday Nov. 30** and **Sunday, Dec. 7** (if needed) in the Narthex, following each worship service. A ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, St. Vincent's House helps those in our community with the greatest need. For more information contact the Church Office at 409-765-6317 or at info@trinitygalv.org

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH & LEARN – DECEMBER 5, 2025

A Program of Songs for Advent and Christmas

featuring Vocal soloist Tracy Shirk, Pianist Joseph Painter

Friday, December 5 - Noon – Upper Eaton Hall

Join us for our monthly 1st Friday Lunch and Learn, to include a complimentary meal and presentation each month on a variety of topics. Our December 5th Lunch and Learn will feature Tracy Shirk and Joseph Painter. A program of songs for Advent and Christmas will feature many texts from Charles Wesley. Tracy Shirk, the Director of Music at Moody Memorial First United Methodist Church will be the soloist, and Joseph Painter, Director of Music and Organist at Trinity Episcopal Church will be accompanying Tracy on the piano.

So that we may prepare appropriate lunch quantities for all, **please RSVP** with QR code listed, or email info@trinitygalv.org **by Tuesday, Dec. 2nd**.



ADVENT PILGRIMAGE

Sunday, December 7 3:30 p.m.

Held in partnership with all the downtown churches, Trinity will be the third stop on this year's event. Order of Advent Walk stops:

First Lutheran Church – 2415 Winnie Street, Galveston

First Baptist Church – 822 23rd Street, Galveston

Trinity Episcopal Church – 705 22nd Street, Galveston

Reedy Chapel A.M.E. Church – 2013 Broadway, Galveston

First Presbyterian Church – 1903 Church St., Galveston

St. Mary Cathedral Basilica – 2011 Church St., Galveston

MUSIC & FLOWER DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

We invite you to give to the Christmas Offerings Fund for flowers and music to the glory of God and in loving memory or honor of someone in your life. See insert in today's bulletin to donate with form or online. Donations must be received in the church office by Sunday, December 14th to be listed in the Christmas service leaflets.

PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER – Friday, Dec. 12 – 5:30 p.m.

Bring the whole family! For our younger parishioners, we'll have a visit with St. Nicholas and a holiday movie! Our grown-ups will have a dinner at our "decorated" tables!

(Use designated QR code to RSVP and/or to sign-up to decorate a table)

QR Code TO RSVP



QR Code TO DECORATE TABLE



ORGAN RECITAL AND CHORAL EVENSONG WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m.

Concert organist, Dan Fenn, the Director of Music at *Lord of Life Lutheran Church* in The Woodlands will perform a short recital of music for the Advent season. He will be performing on Trinity's famous Austin organ which has more than 4,000 pipes.

Immediately following the organ concert, the Adult Choir of Trinity Church will lead all in an Evensong service of scripture, prayers, and music for this sacred season in preparation for Christmas.

Childcare for children ages 5 and under will be available in Trinity's nursery. For more information, contact Trinity Episcopal Church at 409.765.6317

CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY - WORSHIP WITH US!

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24, 2025

5:30 p.m. – Worship service with

Children's Pageant and Holy Communion

9:00 p.m. – Christmas carols and music

9:30 p.m. – Worship service with Choir and Holy Communion

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship service with Holy Communion and music



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