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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist

December 7, 2025 at 8:00am and 10:30am



Welcome to Trinity!

Trinity is an open and affirming congregation, where we believe every person is created in God's image and all creation is sacred. Our deep values are **Diversity** and **Inclusion, Community, Engaging our Neighbors, and Sacred Place, Holy Space.**

The 10:30am service is being broadcast and recorded. By attending, you consent to your likeness and voice being broadcast, recorded, and published on the Internet and telephone broadcast system.

Whether you are joining us in person or livestream, we are so glad you are here to worship with us on this holy day.

We acknowledge that we worship on the unceded ancestral land of the Duwamish People past and present, the first people of Seattle, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe, to whom we pay Real Rent.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE (10:30)

WELCOME

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN (10:30)

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

Hymnal 1982 #67

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

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

TRISAGION

(8:00) *Spoken 3 times*

Holy God.

Holy and Mighty.

Holy Immortal One.

Have mercy upon us.

(10:30) *Sung Three Times*



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Hymnal 1982 #S-102

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

Please be seated.

READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE

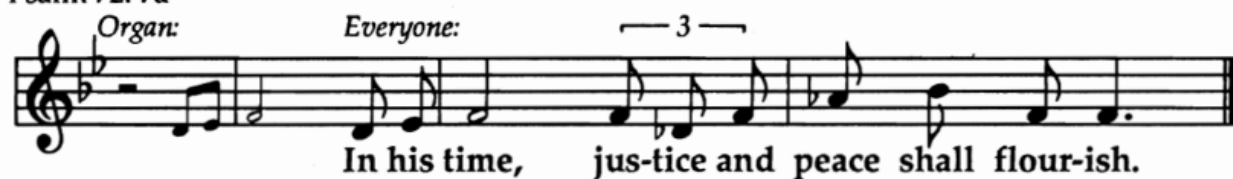
Isaiah 11:1-10

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.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72: 7a



- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice; *Antiphon*
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
Antiphon
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth. *Antiphon*
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no
more.
- 8 He shall rule from sea to sea,*
and from the River to the ends of the earth. *Antiphon*
- [18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen.]

[omitted in the Ionian Psalter]

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

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.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN (10:30) Savior of the nations, come Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland



1	Sa	-	vior	of	the	na	-	tions,	come!	Vir	-	gin's
2	Won	-	drous	birth!	Oh,	won	-	drous	child	of	the	
3	Thus	on	earth	the	Word	ap	-	pear,	grac	-	ing	
4	Come,	O	Fa	-	ther's	sav	-	ing	Son,	who	o'er	



Son,	make	here	your	home.	Mar	-	vel	now,	both			
Vir	-	gin	un	-	de	-	filed!	Might	-	y	God	and
his	cre	-	a	-	ted	spheres;	hence	to	death	and		
sin	the	vic	-	tory	won.	Bound	-	less	shall	your		



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:1-12

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

Glory to you, Lord 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.”

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev'd Andrew Cooley

"Be Still and Know that I am God". Psalm 46:11.

A brief period of silence follows the Sermon.

Please rise as you are able.

NICENE CREED

**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, was incarnate of the
Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Submit your prayer request here: <https://rb.gy/erserv>

Prayer leader

Kindred in Christ, may God strengthen our hearts in holiness. Trusting in God, let us pray, “O come, o come, Emmanuel; be our hope and our salvation.”

God our hope, increase in us love for one another that we may abound in your love. We pray for Christians around the world, every member of our Trinity community, the people and ministries *of our diocesan cycle of prayer*, military and health care chaplains, Nathan and Tina who are preparing for ordination, Andrew our supply priest, Sabeth our rector, and Phil our bishop. Keep your Church on the path of love and faithfulness. *Silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. We pray for the Duwamish people, for the women of WHEEL, and for all whose work centers the voices and experience of marginalized people. May all the world know your peace and safety. *Silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. Give us eyes to see you, wisdom to prepare for you, and faith to trust in you. *Silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored: bring the people of this city and region, nation and world together in a spirit of love and respect. We remember with gratitude the many blessings of our lives, and the blessings we name now with our lips or in our hearts. *Silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and suffering, the anxious and grieving. We pray for...and those we name now with our lips or in our hearts. *Silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. May we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with your saints. We remember... and those we name now with our lips or in our hearts. *Silence*

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God of Creation, whose Son wandered in the desert for 40 days and whose Spirit bestows unexpected blessings, enliven us with reflection and renewal, guide our leaders with wisdom and fortitude, and inspire our hearts towards love, this we pray through the one, holy, and blessed Trinity. Amen.

Presider

God of all peoples, nations, and languages, who is and who was and who is to come, hear the prayers we offer this day and enable us to serve you as faithful priests in your kingdom; through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence.*

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.**

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.**

BLESSINGS AND CELEBRATIONS

PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Please be seated while the table is prepared.

OFFERTORY

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. (*Psalm 96:8*)

You may make an offering at any time, before, during or after the conclusion of the service using our “Virtual offering Plate”
(<https://onrealm.org/TrinitySeattle/give/now>).

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

O Radiant Dawn

James MacMillan

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice: Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Isaiah had prophesied, The people who walked in darkness have seen the great light
Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. Amen.

Please rise as you are able as the monetary offerings are brought to the altar

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love.

Accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

(8:00)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(10:30)

The musical notation is written on two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, consisting of half notes and whole notes. The lyrics are written below the notes: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and". The notation continues for several measures, with the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and" appearing below the notes.

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. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Presider



Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the in-spi-ra-tion



of your Ho - ly Spi - rit, we wor - ship you our God



and Cre - a - tor in voi - ces of un - end - ing praise.

Presider and People



Bless-ed are you now and for ev - er. *A - MEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom 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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

(8:00)

Jesus, Lamb of God: **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins: **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world: **give us your peace.**

(10:30)

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.

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For those participating remotely at 10:30am, please join us in spiritual communion by praying from wherever you are:

O Christ, I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, the table of bread and wine has now been made ready,
It is the table of company with Jesus and all those who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor and outcasts;
 those with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth in which Christ became incarnate.
So, come to this table:
You who have much faith
 and you who would like to have more;
You who have been to this sacrament often,
 and you who have not been for a long time;
You who have tried to follow Jesus,
 and you who have failed.
Come. **It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.**

All who seek God are welcome at Christ's Table.

- *Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask for one at the time of communion.*
- *Hold out your hand to receive the bread and then eat.*
- *Guide the chalice of wine to your mouth and then drink. Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not available at this time.*
- *To receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest.*
- *If you need communion brought to you at your seat, please notify an usher.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Praetorius/Sandström

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming, From tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As men of old have sung. It came, a flow'ret bright, Amid the cold of winter, When half
spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The Rose I have in mind; With Mary we behold it, The Virgin
Mother kind. To show God's love aright, She bore to men a Savior, When half spent was
the night.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement inspire you to live in harmony with one another.

May Christ's spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, of knowledge and reverence empower you to bear good fruit in his name.

May the Holy Spirit come down upon you like showers that water the earth.

The God of hope and the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit bless you and fill you with all joy and peace in believing. Amen.

HYMN (10:30)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

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DISMISSAL

The Presider offers a dismissal and the people respond, Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

8:00AM

Acolyte: Ronald Johnson

Lector: Melissa Wood

Intercessor: Mary Montgomery

Eucharistic Minister: Ronald Johnson

Usher: Betsy Severtsen

Both Services:

Presider & Preacher: the Rev. Andrew Cooley

Vestry Person of the Week: Mary Johnstone

10:30AM

Acolyte: Austin Matthews

Lectors: Carl McNabb, De Lise Hartzell

Intercessor: Marilyn Scott-Knutson

Eucharistic Ministers: Leslie Bourgoin, Marvin

Taylor

Usher: Stuart Ainsley

Organist: James Middaugh

Music Director: Markdavin Obenza

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TRINITY CHIMES: NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Advent Resources For You to Take With You

On the table at the back of the sanctuary you'll find Advent wreaths, Advent candle sets, liturgical calendars, and devotional materials. Please take whatever may be useful to you as you prepare a place for God to come again into the world.

Coffee Hour (*after both services*)

Please join us in the Parish Hall (across the courtyard) for coffee and conversation.

Welcome Rev. Andrew Cooley, as Sabbatical Supply Priest for Trinity

The Rev. Andrew Cooley is serving as supply priest during Rev. Sabeth's Sabbatical, through March 28, 2026.

From Rev. Andrew: I am delighted to be invited to serve as priest during Rev. Sabeth's Sabbatical. While I'm with you, I'll celebrate the 40th anniversary of my ordination as priest. I served much of my priesthood in the mountains of Colorado, where I was born and raised, including 16 years as Rector of St. Mark's in Durango. Later, I served as a professional Interim priest in 7 different congregations, moving every year and a half or so. In 2019, I was called to serve as Interim at St. James' Episcopal Church in Florence, Italy, and then retired to Tacoma 5 years ago. My wife Terri and I live in a multi-generational home with my daughter, son-in-law, and 5-year-old grandson. I love to sing in choirs, walk, bike, ski, woodwork, cook Italian food, and play my trombone in Tacomarama Community Street (Honk) Band. My spirituality has been grounded in the Episcopal tradition but enriched by contemplative, social justice, charismatic, and nature-centered expressions. I'm currently planning a pilgrimage walk from Stonehenge to Canturbury in late Spring.

MORE PARISH EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bookmarks!

Sunday, December 14, at 12:15PM in the Trinity Library

For **December**, Bookmarks! is reading *The Power of Parable* by John Dominic Crossan. All are welcome to join in the discussion, whether you've read the book or not. (2nd Sundays)

Evergreen Ensemble presents Christmas with the Seattle Children's Chorus

Sunday December 14, 3:00pm at Trinity Episcopal Parish

Experience the peace and festive joy of Evergreen Ensemble's Christmas concert. This year's program traces the story of the Incarnation at the heart of the season. Evergreen will again be joined by Seattle Children's Chorus, celebrating the next generation of choral voices. Tickets at www.evergreenensemble.com/tickets. Trinity members are welcome to 25% off tickets via discount code **CHRISTMAS25**.

Christmas Flower Dedications - Publishing Deadline December 16

Honor someone special by sponsoring Christmas flowers and greens. Give online (<https://onrealm.org/TrinitySeattle/-/form/give/now>) by selecting "Flower Offering" from the fund list. Give by check to "Trinity Parish Church" with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. Contributions of any amount are welcome at all times. **Please send dedication messages to office@trinityseattle.org by 12/16.**



Ordination Announcement for Tina Francis Mutungu!

Saturday, December 20 at 10:30AM at Saint Mark's Cathedral, 1245 10th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98102 & livestreamed at <https://saintmarks.org/worship/live-stream/>
Bishop Phil LaBelle will ordain Tina Francis Mutungu (yes, the Tina we pray for each week!) and four more transitional deacons on **Saturday, December 20 at Saint Mark's Cathedral**. Please continue to hold Tina and her family in prayer, and plan to support her at the ordination if you are able.

Greening the Church for Christmas

Sunday, December 21 after the 10:30AM service, in the Sanctuary

Extra hands of all ages are invited to stay after the 10:30 service to help put the finishing touches on decorating the church for Christmas.

Vestry Meeting

Sunday, December 21, at 12:30PM in the Upstairs Vestry Room and on Zoom.

All regular Vestry (leadership council) meetings are open to the congregation.

Vestry Update from the November 18 Meeting

- The Vestry has adopted its **2026 budget** which will be presented at the annual meeting on February 1.
- **Improved Security** will start as of this Sunday November 23. Please direct any questions or concerns to members of the Vestry.
- The consultants on our **HVAC renovation project** have scheduled a Design Update and Review meeting during which they will present the proposed HVAC system and conceptual design approach for the project.

Community Lunch (3rd Sundays) - ***All hungry humans are invited to eat!***

Sunday, December 21 at 11:45AM in the Parish Hall

Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch, after the 10:30 service, as we host a FREE hot meal for our community and neighbors.

Security During Sunday Worship



The Vestry has engaged a uniformed security guard to be present on Sunday for both worship services and coffee hours/Community Lunch so we can relax and give our attention to worship.

This is Sonny, and he joins us as part of our security team as lead of Northwest Loss Prevention. He understands our mission to share the Gospel through compassion, love, and understanding. His role is to help ensure a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. Sonny is here to support and enforce the church's rules in a respectful manner and to help prevent situations from escalating to police involvement whenever possible. If law enforcement does become involved, he will work to guide them in the most appropriate and constructive way. He is committed to using de-escalation and gentle redirection to support individuals who may be struggling or disruptive, helping them in a way that respects their dignity while also caring for the needs of our parish community. Sonny may appear intimidating at first, but he is in fact a deeply understanding and patient Christian man. He has a genuine heart for

serving others and is committed to showing compassion to all. Sonny does his best to support our less fortunate and mentally struggling community members, offering kindness, patience, and guidance whenever he can.

Church Office Closed for Winter Holiday Break

December 25 - January 5

The church office will be closed over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Please Consider a Year-end Gift to Trinity

Will you consider celebrating Trinity's commitment to providing a safe and welcoming place for all people by making a year-end gift? To ensure your gift is processed in 2025, please be sure to note the following **IRS deadlines**:

- **BY MAIL:** Any checks mailed to Trinity must be **POSTMARKED** by the USPS **by Wednesday, December 31** to be counted toward your 2025 giving records. (*We encourage you to mail them even earlier*, in case of potential USPS delays.) Trinity's address is 609 8th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104.
- **ONLINE:** Any online contributions made through Realm or at <https://onrealm.org/TrinitySeattle/give/now> must also be completed **by Wednesday, December 31**. Again, *we highly encourage you* to make your gifts earlier in order to account for processing times and to avoid any technology or other glitches that could result in missing the deadline.
- **IN PERSON:** *The church office is closed the week between Christmas and New Year's.* Any contributions that you would like to make in-person should be brought with you to church and placed **in the offering plate on or before Sunday morning, December 28**.

Trinity must strictly adhere to these IRS deadlines for crediting year-end gifts, so we are unable to make any exceptions if a deadline is missed. As always, THANK YOU for your gifts to Trinity.

Support Trinity's Ministries and Mission by Making a Cryptocurrency Gift

Trinity is now able to accept tax-deductible gifts to our General Fund or Memorial Endowment Fund in the form of cryptocurrency:

<https://onrealm.org/TrinitySeattle/-/form/give/crypto>.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Advent Sundays

Nov 30 - Dec 21 at 8:00AM (in person only) and 10:30AM (livestreamed)

Trinity welcomes people from all backgrounds and beliefs to worship that includes Holy Communion. **8:00AM service** is spoken, no music. **10:30AM service** features instrumental music, singing, and Trinity Choir. All are welcome to join coffee and conversation after the service.

Christmas Eve for All Ages

Wednesday, December 24 at 3:00PM (in person only)

Favorite carols, the Christmas story, and Holy Eucharist – all in about an hour.

Christmas Eve Carols

Wednesday, December 24 at 9:00PM

The Trinity Choir leads a concert/sing-along before the 9:30PM Christmas Eve service.

Traditional Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 24 at 9:30PM

Candles, carols, Trinity Choir, and Holy Eucharist.

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25 at 10:30AM (in person only)

Holy Eucharist with Christmas hymns.

First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 28

8:00AM - Morning Prayer (in person only)

10:30AM - Holy Eucharist

Second Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, January 4

8:00AM - Morning Prayer (in person only)

10:30AM - Christmas Lessons & Carols