



TRINITY *3 December 2023*

ABOUT TRINITY

Trinity is a growing Anglican Church in Lafayette. Our mission is to live the gospel through worship, friendship, and scholarship.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We welcome children in the sanctuary – their sounds are the sign of a growing church! If needed, there is a nursery in the main building with a changing station. Please come back to the sanctuary at any time!

GATHERINGS	DAY & TIME	LOCATION
Men's Study	Wednesday @ 7:00 am	ZOOM
Trinity Scholars	On Break	
Morning Prayer	Friday @ 11:00 am	Church
Women's Prayer	Friday @ Noon	Church
Prayer Guild	Sunday @ 11:30 am	Family Center

GREENING OF THE CHURCH, ST. NICHOLAS PARTY, & ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Join us today after service for our festive launch to the Advent and Christmas seasons! We will put up our seasonal decorations, then enjoy a St. Nicholas party in the Family Center, with Advent Wreath-Making. Bring the whole family!

DECEMBER DIAPER DRIVE

During the month of December, we partner with Lafayette and Opelousas Pregnancy Centers, collecting diapers to provide help and hope to mothers in need. Let's pile them up under our Christmas tree!

FIRST FRUITS - 2024 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

*Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. **Proverbs 3:9-1***

Thank you for your generosity! Please return your pledge cards to the offering plate by Sunday, December 10th.

	Old Testament	Responsive Psalm	New Testament
This Week	Bill Cober	Joshua McClymont	Pat Briney
Next Week	Diane Bartlett	Jibrán Atwi	Virginia Reinhardt

All stand and sing the **THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.**

***Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in its ways to go.**

Refrain

**O come, O come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times did give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.**

Refrain

THE ACCLAMATION

Priest The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand.

People **We will repent and believe the good news.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All kneel or sit for **THE PRAYERS**

We pray to thee, Lord Christ. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For our elected officials and all public institutions, that they may govern according to thy truth, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may know the peace of God, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who do not believe, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, and be born again to new life, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those requesting prayer, especially _____,
and others we now name silently or aloud _____,
we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For ourselves and all who have died, that by faith in Christ we may be delivered on the Day of Judgment, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

We take a moment of silence for repentance.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee, by thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy name. Amen.

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.**

All stand for

THE NICENE CREED

Officiant

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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: 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.

COMFORT, COMFORT, YE MY PEOPLE

**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.**

**Yea, her sins our God will pardon, blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day, now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness into ever-springing gladness.**

**Hark, the Herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Bidding all men to repentance since the Kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him and the hills bow down to greet Him.**

All sit for **THE WELCOME**

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

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.

OLD TESTAMENT

1 SAMUEL 16:6-13

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent and

brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85:1-9

Lord, you were favorable to your land;

you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people;

you covered all their sin. Selah

You withdrew all your wrath;

you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,

and put away your indignation toward us!

Will you be angry with us forever?

Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

Will you not revive us again,

that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,

and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,

for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;

but let them not turn back to folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,

that glory may dwell in our land.

New Testament

REVELATION 5:6-14

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand for

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

**Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!**

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 1:19-34

Lector The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

Lector The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE REV'D DR. PETER JOHNSTON

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SERMON NOTES

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THE OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE COMMUNION PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you

People **And with thy spirit**

Officiant Lift up your hearts

People **We lift them up unto the Lord**

Officiant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God

People **It is meet and right so to do**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, forever praising thee and singing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of 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. Hosanna in the highest.

All sit or kneel

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou did give thine only son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world, and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

Here the Priest circles the altar and faces the people

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, Lord Jesus, according to thy commandment, we with these gifts make that memorial; remembering thy blessed passion and precious death, thy mighty resurrection and glorious ascension.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Come thou, Holy Spirit, descend upon us and fill this place, that we who in faith receive these gifts of bread and wine may partake of the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Here we present unto thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice, that dying to ourselves, we might live in Christ.

By Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be thine, Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

Priest In the words that Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest 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.

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

+ *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion*

+ *Wine is distributed, grape juice is on the pedestal*

+ *To receive a blessing instead of communion, cross hands in front of chest*

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,

While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus: **This, this is Christ, the King,
 Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
 The Babe, the Son of Mary!**

Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear: for sinners here

The silent Word is pleading. ~Chorus

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king to own Him.

The King of kings salvation brings;

Let loving hearts enthrone Him. ~Chorus

KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting without hope without light
Till from heaven You came running there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

Chorus: Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation you did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering you saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake You died ~*Chorus*

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored ~*Chorus*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank thee for feeding us with the spiritual food, of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of thy Son, and heirs of thine eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work thou hast given us to do, to love and serve thee as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to thee, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

All stand to sing **REVELATION SONG**

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat**

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat**

Chorus: **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
 Who was and is and is to come
 With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
 You are my everything and I will adore You**

**Clothed in rainbows of living color,
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be
To You the only one who's King**

Chorus

**Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery
Oh
Oh, You're worthy, mystery
You are worthy**

Chorus

I will adore You

THE PEACE AND THE BENEDICTION

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your Spirit.**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Priest May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope: and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

As we go, we share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.



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