



**TRINITY** *17 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**

Men's Study

Trinity Scholars

Morning Prayer

Women's Prayer

Prayer Guild

## **DAY & TIME**

Wednesday @ 7:00 am

On Break

Friday @ 11:00 am

Friday @ Noon

Sunday @ 9 am

## **LOCATION**

ZOOM

Church

Church

Library

## **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

Sunday, December 24 - 10 am

NO SERVICE

Sunday, December 24 - 5 pm

Candlelight Communion

Monday, December 25 - 10 am

Christmas Morning Communion

Sunday, December 31 - 10 am

First Sunday in Christmastide

## **DECEMBER DIAPER DRIVE**

Bring diapers of all sizes to the Trinity Christmas Tree this month. We partner with the Diaper Collective of Louisiana and pregnancy centers in Lafayette and Opelousas, providing hope and practical assistance to families in need.

## **"CULTIVATE PEACE" WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

January 26-27 here at Trinity with guest speaker Susan Macias. More details to come.

	Old Testament	Responsive Psalm	New Testament
<b>Next Week</b>	Bill Cober	Donna Guillory	David Brammer

*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! Emmanuel  
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 sit for* **THE WELCOME**

## GABRIEL ANNOUNCES TO MARY (*Luke 1:26-38*)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

## ALL SING THE FINAL LINE (REMAIN SEATED)

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
With wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,  
**Most highly favored lady." Gloria!**

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
All generation laud and honor thee,  
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
**Most highly favored lady." Gloria!**

## **JOSEPH TAKES MARY TO BETHLEHEM** (*Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2:1-5*)

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

### **BREATH OF HEAVEN**

I have traveled many moonless nights, cold and weary with a babe inside  
And I wonder what I've done, Holy father you have come  
And chosen me now to carry your son

I am waiting in a silent prayer, I am frightened by the load I bear  
In a world as cold as stone Must I walk this path alone?  
Be with me now

*Chorus:*       Breath of heaven, Hold me together  
                  Be forever near me breath of heaven  
                  Breath of heaven, Lighten my darkness  
                  Pour over me your holiness for you are holy

Do you wonder as you watch my face, If a wiser one should have had my place  
But I offer all I am for the mercy of your plan, Help me be strong  
Help me be, Help me

*Chorus*

**JESUS IS BORN AND LAID IN A MANGER** (*Luke 2:6-7*)

And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**ALL SING (REMAIN SEATED)**

**Away in a manger no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay**

**The cattle are lowing the baby awakes  
But little lord Jesus no crying he makes  
I love thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me I pray  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

**ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS** (*Luke 2:8-15*)

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

**ALL STAND AND SING**

**Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strain  
Glo – o – o – o – ria, in excelsis Deo (X2)**

**Shepherds why this jubilee?  
Why this joyous strain prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be?  
Which inspire your heavenly song?  
Glo – o – o – o – ria, in excelsis De-o (X2)**

**THE SHEPHERDS VISIT BABY JESUS (*Luke 2:16-20*)**

When the angels had gone the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem to see what has happened.' So the shepherds went to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph. The baby Jesus was lying in a manger as they had been told. Then the shepherds returned to their sheep, praising God for sending his Son to be their Savior, and telling everyone what they had seen.

**ALL SING (REMAIN SEATED)**

**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.**

**Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.**

## **THE THREE KINGS VISIT BABY JESUS (*Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11*)**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

### **ALL SING (REMAIN SEATED)**

**O! Star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light!**

**We three Kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star**

**O! Star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light!**

*Here we applaud all of our actors!*

## **THE HOLY FAMILY GOES TO EGYPT AND NAZARETH (*Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*)**

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”



But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

*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 2:1-12**

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

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

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first,

and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

*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?**

**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.**

**This, this is Christ, the King,**

**Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:**

**Haste, haste to bring Him laud,**

**The Babe, the Son of Mary!**

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.**

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

### **MEEKNESS AND MAJESTY**

**Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity  
In perfect harmony the man who is God  
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity  
Kneels in humility and washes our feet**

*Chorus:*      **Oh what a mystery meekness and majesty  
Bow down and worship for this is your God**

**Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence  
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross  
Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice  
And as they crucify prays "Father, forgive"**

*Chorus*

**Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible  
Love indestructible in frailty appears  
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly  
Lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne**

*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* **JOY TO THE WORLD!**

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come:**

**Let earth receive her King;**

**Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,**

**And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,**

**And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:**

**Let us our songs employ;**

**While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains**

**Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,**

**Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,**

**Nor thorns infest the ground;**

**He comes to make his blessings flow**

**Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,**

**Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,**

**And makes the nations prove**

**The glories of his righteousness**

**And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,**

**And wonders, wonders of his love.**

## 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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