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CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 24, 2021



TRINITY CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



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## PARISH LIFE

### Welcome, the Rev. Kit Lonergan

Trinity is pleased to welcome the Rev. Kit Lonergan as Priest for Welcome and Care. Kit grew up in New York City and was ordained by the Diocese of Massachusetts in 2009. She attended Tufts University, Harvard Divinity School and the General Theological Seminary. She has served as Director of Youth Ministries for the Diocese of Massachusetts, Assistant Rector at Christ Church, Andover, and most recently as Rector of St. James, Groveland.

You can listen to Kit's 12/19 sermon via the QR code, or at [trinitychurchboston.org/sermons](http://trinitychurchboston.org/sermons). Welcome, Kit!



## STEWARDSHIP

### Make Your Pledge Now

The stewardship team gives thanks to the many among us who have already pledged to support Trinity's vision for the Life of the World to Come. We encourage all who are still discerning your gift to make that commitment by the end of the calendar year, so that our budget may be set accordingly. Trinity's ministries within and beyond our walls are possible thanks to God's generosity and yours. We are so grateful for both.



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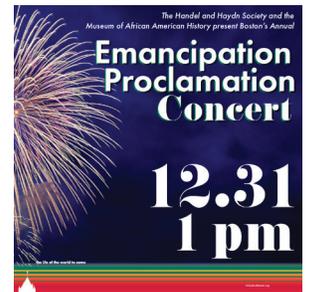


## MUSIC

### Emancipation Proclamation Concert

Fri., 12/31, 1 pm, Church

Early on the afternoon of New Year's Eve, be with us as The Handel and Haydn Society and the Museum of African American History once again present Boston's annual Emancipation Proclamation Concert, with Anthony Trecek-King conducting members of the H+H Chorus. A signature event of the First Night Boston celebration, this celebratory hour of music and storytelling commemorates the anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. While no tickets are required, seating will be limited, seating will maximize social distancing, masks will be mandatory for all, and vaccination will be required for all those 12 and older. We hope you'll be with us as we resume a beloved annual tradition!



# LOVE

your neighbor by



wearing a mask

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**Please note: Changes to the Sunday Worship Schedule for 12/26 are posted on page 2.**



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## WELCOME



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## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR



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### Keep a Pew Apart



### Respect Other's Boundaries

## STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION

Trinity Church in the City of Boston is a congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts and welcomes and honors everyone. In accordance with our baptismal covenant, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We strive to include all persons without regard to sexual orientation, race, nationality, gender, family configuration, ethnic background, economic circumstances, difference in ability, culture, or age. Our love and acceptance of each other embody our commitment to unity with God and each other in Christ.

## HOURS & INFORMATION

### Sunday Worship (12/26/21 only)

**10 am** Morning Prayer  
indoor, masked, socially-distanced,  
pre-registration required  
**There will be no livestream on this day.**

### Sunday Worship (returns 1/2/22)

**9 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
(Morning Prayer last Sunday of the month)  
indoor, masked, socially-distanced,  
pre-registration required; streaming at  
[trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship](https://trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship)  
and [facebook.com/trinitychurchboston](https://facebook.com/trinitychurchboston)

**11 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
(Morning Prayer last Sunday of the month)  
indoor, masked, socially-distanced,  
pre-registration required

**5 pm** Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
indoor, masked, socially-distanced,  
pre-registration required

### Weekday Worship at Trinity

**Tuesday/Thursday**  
**8:30 pm** Online Compline  
join us on Zoom at [bit.ly/tcbTTcompline](https://bit.ly/tcbTTcompline)  
or dial in with **1-646-558-8656**  
and enter Meeting ID **206 654 379**

### Vestry

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## RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located downstairs in the Undercroft on either side of the Chapel. Stairs are on the left and right sides of the Narthex (entryway). An elevator is located in the Clarendon Street Vestibule.

The cover image features the same Nativity window that can be found in Trinity's Chancel on the left. The Gothic Revival window was designed and created by London firm Clayton and Bell. The chancel windows, illustrating seven scenes from the life of Christ, were the first to be acquired by the church in 1877-78.

# WORD OF GOD

Prelude 'Two settings of *In dulci Jubilo*'

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) & Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Hymn 'O come, all ye faithful'

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2 God from \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ Light from Light e - ter - nal, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, \_\_\_\_\_

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 2 lo! he ab - hors \_\_\_\_\_ not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
 4 leav - ing their flocks, \_\_\_\_\_ draw \_\_\_\_\_ nigh to gaze;  
 5 we would em - brace \_\_\_\_\_ thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son \_\_\_\_\_ of the Fa - ther;  
 3 glo - ry to God, \_\_\_\_\_ glo - ry in the high - est;  
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
 born this happy morning;  
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
 Word of the Father,  
 now in flesh appearing;

Worship at Trinity

Please note that our use of the BCP text may vary slightly to incorporate gender-neutral language when appropriate.

When the text of this worship booklet is in **bold**, it is spoken or sung by all.

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others  
 Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

## Opening Sentences

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

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Word becomes flesh and dwells among us.

**Glory to God in the highest and Peace to God's people on earth.**

## Gloria in excelsis 'Angels we have heard on high'

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Copyright © by permission of Fleming H. Revell Company. All rights reserved. Used with

## Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy it perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit, the eternal Christ lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

**Amen.**

## Reading Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 96:1-8

Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

**Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \***  
**proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.

**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \***  
**he is more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

**Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \***  
**Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

**Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \***  
**bring offerings and come into his courts.**

*Read responsively by whole  
verse, starting with the Lector.*

Hymn 'Hark! the herald angels sing'

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

Gospel Luke 2:1-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Morgan S. Allen, *Rector*

Prayers of the People

In peace let us pray for the church and the world.

Creator God, on this holy night your Son our Savior was born in human flesh.  
Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.

Bring comfort to all who suffer in our world.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Herod's rage brought weeping and lamentation to Bethlehem.

Rid our world of violence and comfort all who mourn.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

The angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.'

Strengthen our work for justice.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strangers found the Holy Family and visited the baby lying in a manger.

Bless our homes and all we love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

On this holy night, heaven comes down to earth.

Hold close all who have passed through death with you as their hope.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Holy God, angels and shepherds worshiped at your manger.  
Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph, and the saints,  
through the One who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

*A slight bow, with hands  
crossed over the chest, or  
joined in a prayerful gesture are  
healthy, loving ways for one to  
pass the Peace in these times.*

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Announcements

## HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory

**Anthem** 'In the bleak midwinter'  
Harold Darke (1888-1976)

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.  
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day,  
A breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay;  
Enough for Him, whom angels fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

TEXT: CHRISTINA ROSSETTI (1830-1894)

*All we have and all we are is  
of God, and everyone has a  
faithful offering to make. All  
gifts received today will support  
Trinity's ministry, empower our  
service to the community, and  
sustain our historic buildings.*

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code below to be taken  
to the secure form on our  
website.



Presentation Hymn 'In the bleak midwinter' v. 4

What— can I give him, poor— as I am?

If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise— man, I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) Music: *Cranham*, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, the Creator of heaven and earth, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect in the flesh of Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

*Eucharistic Prayer A from the Book of Common Prayer, p. 361.*

Sanctus S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: 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, your only and eternal Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and 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 Jesus, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ.

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. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Savior is born in us today.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## Preparation of the Gifts



- 1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
- 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?
- 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?  
What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?  
What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939  
Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.  
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## Anthem at the Sharing of Light *‘Quem pastores laudaverunt’*

14th century German carol, arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

*Quem pastores laudaverunt, quibus angeli dixerunt, absit vobis jam timere, natus est rex gloriae.*

*Ad quem reges ambulabant, aurum, thus, myrrham portabant,*

*immolabant haec sincere Leoni victoriae.*

*Exultemus cum Maria In coelesti heirarchia natum promat voce pia Laus honor et gloria.*

The one praised by the shepherds, to whom the angels said,

“Now lay aside your fears,” has been born the king of glory.

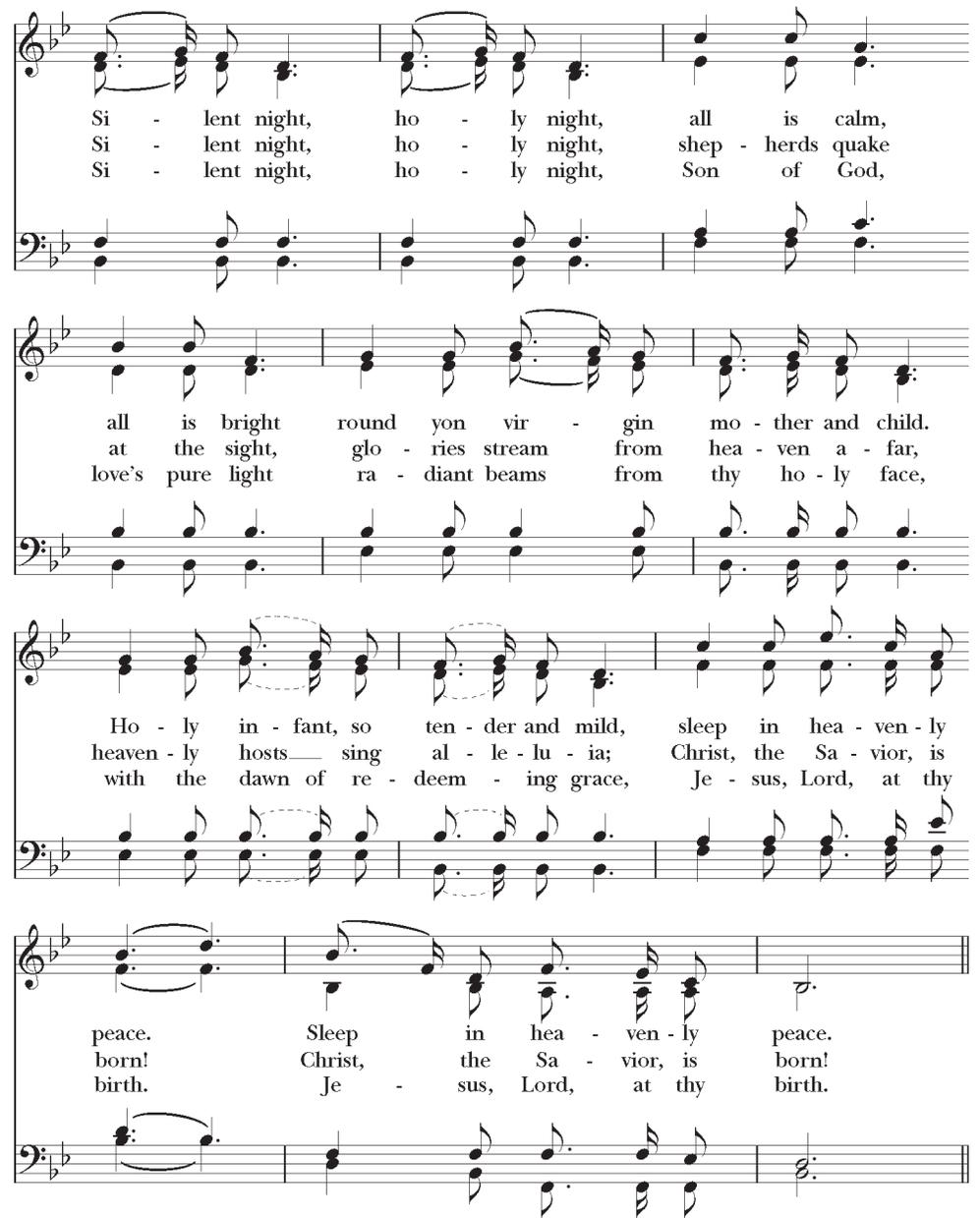
To whom the wise men made their way, bringing gold, frankincense, and myrrh,  
which they offered with open hearts to the victorious lion.

Let us rejoice with Mary amid the host of heaven, and let them announce the  
birth with devoted voice and with sweet melody.

TEXT: 14TH CENTURY TRADITIONAL

We invite all to kneel for the singing of 'Silent Night'.

## Hymn 'Silent night'



Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,  
all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,  
Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy  
peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)  
Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

## Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Communion at Trinity

All people are welcome to receive Communion at Trinity Church. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms over your chest.

Gluten-free wafers are available; ask the priest at the West Doors.

## Communion

*As we continue to endeavor loving care of one another during the pandemic, we will offer Communion in only one kind (bread), as our diocesan guidelines prefer.*

*Following the words of Invitation – “The Gifts of God for the People of God” – the clergy and choir will process to the West Porch. Starting with the rearmost pews, worshippers will then make their way to the West Doors and receive Communion there. We invite all to consume the bread once they are fully outside.*

*To support your prayers and singing (and because you will not return to your pew), please bring your Worship Booklet, candle, and personal items with you to the West Doors. Once all have received the sacrament, the congregation will reassemble at the foot of the stairs into the Square, where we will offer the Post-Communion Prayer; pronounce the Blessing; sing the closing hymn; and announce the Dismissal.*

*As the wind allows, we will relight our candles for “Joy to the World.”*

Hymn 'O little town of Bethlehem'

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
 \*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893) Music: St. Louis, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

Hymn 'Good Christian friends, rejoice'

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je-sus Christ is born to-day;  
 now ye hear of end-less bliss; Je-sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je-sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be-fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.  
 He hath o-pened hea-ven's door, and we are blest for ev-er-more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev-er-last-ing hall.

Christ is born to-day! Christ is born to-day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.  
 Eternal God,  
**you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

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Hymn 'Joy to the world!'

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**