



The Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Trinity Memorial Church

*An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Central New York
and a Jubilee Ministry Center*

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The Rev. Glenn Mahaffey, *Celebrant*
Timothy E. Smith, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Trinity Memorial Church is **handicapped accessible**.

Enter through the glass doors on Oak Street.

A **lift** to the sanctuary level is available in the far corner of the gym.

Accessible restrooms with a **changing station** are located in the Hoyt Room through the large double doors on the right of the sanctuary.

Hearing assistive devices & large print bulletins are available.

Please speak with an usher.

Join us on YouTube: Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church

Our Mission: *To serve Christ passionately through self, family, parish and community.*

Our Identity: *A diverse people responding to God through worship and music, friendship and formation, generosity and service.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Word of the Lord

The First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Lector The Word of the Lord *People* ***Thanks be to God***

Canticle 9 Hymn 679 Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord *People* ***Thanks be to God.***

Hymn 68 **Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers** *Llangloffan*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord. *People* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

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.*

Orison

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston

*For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.*

Prayers of the People

Worship Leader

Loving Father, light of our minds and souls, we thank you for sending Jesus to live among us to make the way of the cross the way of life and we praise you for sending

the Holy Spirit to strengthen us, comfort us, and guide us into all truth. Holy Trinity, One God, let our praises come to you. For your love and goodness, ***we give thanks to you, O God.***

We pray for your One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, that you would guard its unity and preserve it in peace, especially in areas where your Church suffers violence because they bear the name of Christ. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and DeDe, our Bishop, for Glenn our Priest and for all lay ministers of Trinity Parish, that you would inspire and lead us all, For your love and goodness, ***we give thanks to you, O God.***

For our people of our world and of our nation, that you would instill in all people the desire for peace and mutual respect, that you would enlighten us to appreciate and care for this earth, our island home. For your love and goodness, ***we give thanks to you, O God***

We pray for those who struggle in poverty, for those who endure chronic pain, for those who suffer from addictions in its many forms and we pray for those who live in fear of abuse. We pray for those who are ill, especially those who suffer from Covid 19 and those who care for them, and those who are close to our hearts: Linda Crampton; Sai Loksupcharoen; Katherine Bigelow; Liz Myers; Emma Bensen; Jaime; Katelyn; Michael Abbott Copeland; Barbara; John & Marcy Keeler; Rudy; Sharon; Nancy Campbell; Andrew & Mary; Ruth Jacobs; Colleen; Wafa; Rebecca & Chris Seager; Michael Lawler; Ida Fernandes; Terry Burke, Thomas Muscatello, Monty; Ivan; Liz; Michelle; Kristen Richards; Sandra Michael, Bernice Georges, and Chris . . . are there others? *Please share your prayers silently or aloud* we pray they may know your healing power and peace. For your love and goodness, ***we give thanks to you, O God.***

We thank you for the lives of those who are celebrating birthdays: Drieux Koeppel, James Rexer, Jo Anne Maniago, Stephen Shea, Jim Albert . . . are there others? *Please share your prayers silently or aloud.* For your love and goodness, ***we give thanks to you, O God.***

For the communion of saints who have gone before us, and we remember those close to our hearts who have died including Peggy Robinson who recently died and Dr. Elton R. Dickson; Johanna Hilgers Dickson; Philip H. Hester . . . are there others? *Please share your prayers silently or aloud.* Let us hear their voice of encouragement as we run the race of faith that is set before us. For your love and goodness, ***we give thanks to you, O God.***

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Celebrant

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

Offertory and Prayers

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Springs in the Desert

Arthur Jennings

*Say to them that are of a fearful heart,
Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come and save you.
The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad;
and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.*

*For in the wilderness shall waters break out,
and streams flow in the desert.
And the parched ground shall become a pool,
and the thirsty land springs of water.*

*A highway shall be there, and it shall be called The way of holiness;
the redeemed shall walk there:
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return with songs and everlasting joy
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

Presentation Hymn 56, stanza 6

Veni Emmanuel

***O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by the drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

A Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Celebrant

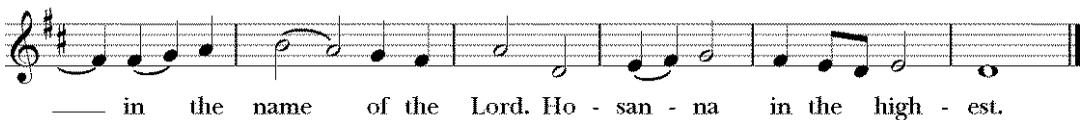
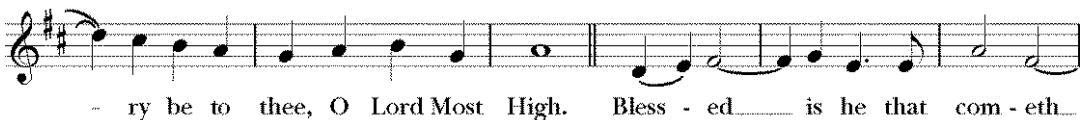
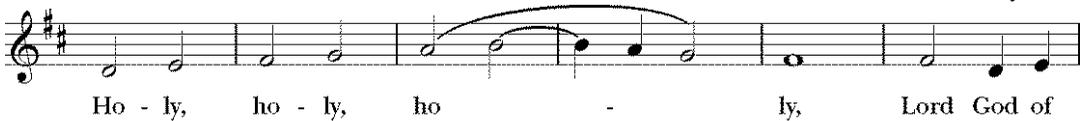
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

Sanctus S-114

Healey Willan



Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us,

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei S-158

Healey Willan

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

Ministration of Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Communion.

In order to provide the safest environment for our members, we are offering both bread and wine at the crossing rather than at the Altar rail. In this way we don't get people bunched up waiting for a place at the altar rail, and we don't have to kneel elbow to elbow with one another. Please see the article in the announcements for further information on this.

*How you receive communion is completely up to you, depending on your comfort level. You may receive communion in any way you choose, it is your decision. **If you choose to receive the bread only that is considered a full communion, the Episcopal Church does not insist that you receive the wine.** If you choose to receive the wine, you may either sip from the large chalice that is offered or intinct the corner of your wafer in the small cup. You may even hand your wafer to the Eucharistic Minister and*

they will intinct the bread for you and either hand it back to you or place it on your tongue. You may also choose to receive a spiritual communion by saying a prayer to ask Jesus to live in your heart and mind as the Lord of your life.

Hymn 75 There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

Ascension

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant and People

*God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

The Blessing

O God, you have created all things and in love you have fashioned the human family in a variety of races, languages, and cultures. Do not let our differences separate us and save us from prejudice, arrogance and fear. Teach us how to live together as members of one family, sharing one home, and the children of one God. And the blessing of God, who created us, who redeemed us, and who gives us life, be with us all this day and always. *Amen*

Hymn 53 Once He Came in Blessing

Gottes Sohn

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth as ambassadors for Jesus Christ, carrying light into the darkness of our world.

People *Thanks be to God!*

Postlude Go, Tell It

arr. Thompson

The Trinity Ringers



Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church

The Sunday Times

December 12, 2021

CALENDAR

The Church Office hours are Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

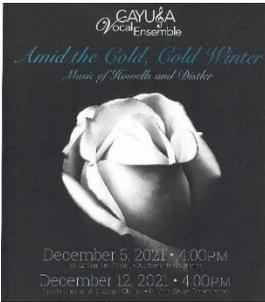
Sunday, December 12

9:00 a.m.
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Advent III

Choir warm-up
Holy Eucharist with music
Forum: Fr. Glenn poses the question: What makes us believe the scriptures are true? Part 2 of a two-part series.
Canteen —hosted by Temple Concord



Sunday December 12 at 4:00 p.m.

*The Cayuga Vocal Ensemble presents
Amid the Cold, Cold Winter: Music of Howells and
Distler*

at Trinity Memorial Church.

Admission is free, donations are accepted.

Tuesday, December 14

10:00 a.m. Food Bank of the Southern Tier

Wednesday, December 15

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting—virtual
4:45 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting--virtual

Thursday, December 16

7:00 p.m. Pickleball-all welcome including beginners

Sunday, December 19

9:00 a.m. Choir warm-up
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with music
11:15 a.m. The Greening of the Church
12:00 noon Canteen Lunch—hosted by Mulligan/Zaparzynski

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following in your daily prayers:

Pray for our church: For Justin, archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, presiding bishop; DeDe, our bishop; Glenn, our priest;

Pray for the people of Grace episcopal Church in Baldwinsville, and the people of St. David's Episcopal Church, Barneveld;

Pray for the people of La Misión Virgen de Guadalupe and their priest, the Rev. Mario Benítez.in our companion diocese of El Salvador.

Pray for the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma,

Pray for the people of The Anglican Church of Canada;

Pray for our Jubilee Center; the people, wardens, vestry, and staff of this church.

Pray for the world, especially for those who are enduring deadly storms and fires, especially those in Haiti, the innocents who are caught in the midst of conflict.

Pry for those who have died: Peggy Robinson (Louise Donohue's mother)

Pray for those with special needs: Linda Crampton; Sai Loksupcharoen; Katherine Bigelow; Liz Myers; Emma Bensen; Jaime; Katelyn; Michael Abbott Copeland; Barbara; John & Marcy Keeler; Rudy; Sharon; Nancy Campbell; Andrew & Mary; Ruth Jacobs; Colleen; Wafa; Rebecca & Chris Seager; Michael Lawler; Ida Fernandes; Terry Burke, Thomas Muscatello, Monty; Ivan; Liz; Michelle; Kristen Richards; Sandra Michael, Bernice Georges, and Chris.

Pray for those with continuing needs: Shawn Kaiser; Jessica; Virginia Chatterton; Nancy Pille; Sally; Marsha Brown; Karen Bernardo; Danielle Robbins; Jon Walz Koeppel; Barbara Manzo; Marco; Heavenly, Roselle Illsley; Nathaniel Green; Masha Britten; Catherine Gazda; Jeremy & Kristen Richards; Linda Bobletz.

Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Drieux Koeppel, James Rexer, Jo Anne Maniago, Stephen Shea, Jim Albert.

Pray for all who govern: Joe, our president; Kathy, our governor; Jason, our county executive, and Rich, our mayor.

Pray for members, loved ones, and their families in the military: Kurt Albaugh, Darlene Croston, Colin Davis, Wendy Finley, David Komar, Joshua Loch, Seth Thomas and Laura and Nick Carter.

The chancel greens are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Elton R. Dickson; Johanna Hilgers Dickson; Philip H. Hester by The Robertson Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVE streaming

The Third Sunday of Advent, December 12, 2021 at 10 a.m.

[YouTube: bit.ly/trinitybinghamton](https://bit.ly/trinitybinghamton)

Trinity Forum 11:30 a.m. On Sundays
Advent Meditations

What makes us believe the scriptures are true? Part 2 of a two-week Advent series, by Fr. Glenn Mahaffey.

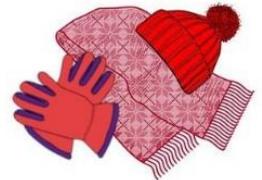
Christmas Memorial Poinsettias



This Sunday and for the following 2 Sundays you will find an envelope in your bulletin to fill out for poinsettias in memory of or in thanksgiving for your loved ones. Please, fill it out with your donation inside and put it in the offering plate. The deadline for names is Sunday, December 19.

Winter Wear Give-Away

Redeemer-Lutheran Church, 72 Main Street Binghamton, NY will be distributing **hats, gloves, scarves** in front of their Church, starting Sun., Nov. 21--Sundays from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.; Tuesdays 4-5:30 p.m.; Thursdays 1 – 2:30 p.m. (except Thanksgiving)



If you would like to contribute, there is a bin in the Hoyt Room to receive your donation.

Stewardship

We greatly appreciate your faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Trinity Memorial Church.

Don't forget to make your pledge for the 2022 Campaign. Pledge forms are available at both doors of the church and can be either mailed to the Office or placed in the offering plates on Sundays. Ways to give to Trinity:

- go to www.trinitymemorial.org and give through our web site.
- Mail in contributions: Trinity Memorial Church, 44 Main St., Binghamton, NY 13905

- give to the Clergy Discretionary fund to help those in need. (same as above).
The Generosity Report reflects pledge activity as of December 5, 2021

Generosity Update	
Required weekly contributions	\$4,196
Last week's contributions	\$5,914
Required year to date contributions	\$205,587
Contributions received year to date	\$204,266
Year to Date Difference	\$-1,321

Last Week's Outreach

The Canteen Lunch on December 5 was prepared by Trinity Memorial Church. They distributed 40 lunches with the assistance of 18 people from sidewalk outside the Gym door.

SUNDAY SUPPORT SCHEDULE

<i>December 12, 2021</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	John & Roxe-Ann Lynn
<i>Acolyte</i>	Phyllis Amenda
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Louise Donohue
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Ken Lattimore, Gary Muehlbauer
<i>Lector</i>	Connie Alexander
<i>Ushers</i>	Pat Creagh, Wilma Betcher
<i>Digital Minister</i>	Carl Betcher

CANTEEN SCHEDULE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Cooking</i>	<i>Site Manager</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Pickup</i>
<i>December 12, 2021</i>	Temple Concord	Bill Palmer	Sidney Dement	12/17 Jim Albert, Joan Lacey