

First Sunday after Christmas

December 28, 2025

8:30 Contemplative Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Eucharist with Music

Trinity Memorial Church

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

All are welcome!

The 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.

Restrooms are in the Hoyt Room, through double doors off the sanctuary.

Hearing assistive devices & large print bulletins are available from an usher.

Parents are welcome to use the Children's Corner in the Hoyt Room,
or the toybasket at the back of the church.

Visitors: please sign our guest book in the Hoyt Room.

*Text in **bold italics** is said **by all**; hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*

***"Service Music"** (indicated by **S-**) is found in the beginning of the hymnal.*

Prelude The Nativity Jean Langlais
The Creche; The Angels; The Shepherds; The Holy Family

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 102 **Once in royal David's city** *Irby*
Stanzas 1, 2, 5, 6

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

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

Hymn 107 Good Christian friends, rejoice!

In dulci jubilo

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
 my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
 and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
 to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
 and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
 and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
 that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
 and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 114 (seated) ‘Twas in the moon of wintertime *Une jeune pucelle*

The Epistle Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

Hymn 94 While shepherds watched their flocks *Winchester Old*
Singing all stanzas; Stanza 3 men; Stanza 4 women

The Holy Gospel John 1:1-18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John;
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Richard Schaal

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.

Prayers of the People

Form VI, p. 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop; Dede our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation;

We pray for Nancy Campbell, Shawn Kaiser, Jon Walz Koeppel, Terry Burke, Drieux Koeppel, Masha Britten, Chucky Corse, Jason Munn, Jeffrey Weyant, Alice Delvilano, Andy and Dorothy Pierce, Jessica, Ted, Karen, John, Sandra, Cate Hough, Barbara Manzo, Carolyn, Nelson and Regina, Vicky M., Bruce Keen, Andrew, Glenn, Naomi, Kristen, Melinda Wells, Kit Tobin, Ted, Christopher, Bill, Mike, Robert S. Croston, Sr., Barry, Ed Kincer, Deana Guido, Stephani and Donald Polhemus.

The people may add their own petitions.

We pray for those in military service: Kurt Albaugh, Darlene Croston, Colin Davis, Joshua Loch, Ben Sherwood Evans, Seth Thomas, Raidyn Ford, Evan Hesco, Aaron Brady.

Hear us, Lord: ***For your mercy is great.***

Gracious and loving God, You have guided our church through seasons of joy and challenge. As we seek the priest You are preparing for us, fill our hearts with patience, hope, and trust in Your timing. Grant wisdom to those discerning, unity among us as a congregation, and openness to the one You are sending. Bless the priest who is even now being called to walk with us, that together we may serve You faithfully and proclaim Christ's love. ***Amen.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays: Lionel Bourne, Susan Thornton, Masha Britten and David Alamo.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries: Fred & Connie Alexander and Peter Leddy & Linda Schumaker

We will exalt you, O God our King; ***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We remember today **Bob & Andy Lacey, Richard & Joyce Sullivan & Sharon Sullivan** by Joan & Rob Lacey with flowers on the Altar, and at Christmas **Jane Schroder, Dr. E. R. Gillespie & Carl Schroder** by Sally Walsh with poinsettias on the Altar. We also pray for Bruce Keen who has recently passed.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; ***Who put their trust in you.***

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

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.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The Peace

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

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Hymn 99 (seated) Go, tell it on the mountain

Presentation Hymn 112, st. 4 *Cranham*

*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.*

The Great Thanksgiving

(Supplemental Eucharistic Prayer 2)

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.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a shepherd cares for its sheep, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus S-125

Richard Proulx

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and 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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen*

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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.

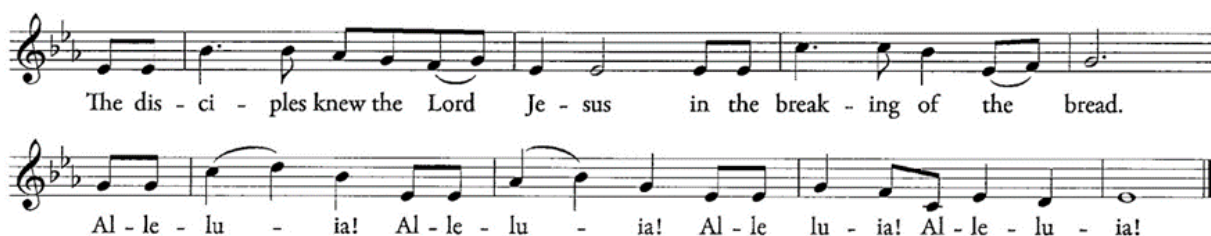
The Breaking of the Bread

8:30 Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

10:00

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)



Ministration of Communion

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Communion.

Please feel free to receive the bread and/or wine either at the crossing in front of the Chancel steps or at the Altar Rail, as you so choose. If you wish to intinct (dip) your bread, please dip it in the small chalices offered, or drink from the larger chalice.

Hymn 115 What child is this?

Greensleeves

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Benediction

Hymn 100 Joy to the world!

Antioch

The Dismissal

The people respond *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Noel Grand Jeu et Duo

Louis-Claude Daquin

SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Richard Schaal, *Celebrant and Preacher*

Timothy E. Smith, *Organist & Music Director*

Louise Donohue, *Lector* Bill Palmer, *Worship Leader*

Ken Lattimore, *Acolyte* John Lynn, Roxe-Anne Lynn, *Ushers*

Altar Guild for December, Roxe-Anne & John Lynn

Bill Palmer, Daniel Aribisala, Darlene Croston, Ken Lattimore, Greg Keeler

Eucharistic Ministers

Carl Betcher, *Digital Minister*

Bill Palmer, *Coffee Hour*

PRAYER LIST (in addition to those listed in the service)

Pray for our parish: Fr. Richard and Rev. Kit our Supply Priests; our Vestry, Wardens, and Staff.

Pray for our diocese: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Horseheads, and St. John's Episcopal Church in Ithaca and their priest, The Rev. Jeffrey Evans.

Pray for the Episcopal Church: The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Mark D. W. Edington.

Pray for the Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Canada and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Shane Parker.

CANTEEN, December 28

Trinity Memorial, *cooking*

Bruce Parmelee, *Manager*

Debbie Parmelee, *Host*

Last week: 65 guests served, 100 dinners served

CALENDAR

Today 12:00 pm–Canteen (Dining)

January 3, Saturday 9:30am-N/A (Dining Room)

January 4 **Feast of the Epiphany (transferred)**
8:30 am Contemplative Eucharist
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, with Music
11:15 am Coffee Hour
12:00 pm Canteen (DR)
4:00 pm **Festival of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany**

RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE: Unfortunately, our candidate The Rev. Caroline Carson has accepted a call to another parish. We are grateful for the dedication of the Search Committee and their continued work among us. While we will not be adding a reception to next week's Epiphany celebration, please plan to attend ***A Festival of Lessons & Carols for Epiphany*** next Sunday, January 4 at 4:00 pm. The Trinity Choir and Trinity Ringers and joyous carol singing for all will close our Christmastide.

Generosity Report (as of 12/24): Required weekly contributions: \$4001; Last week's contributions: \$10,308; Required year to date contributions: \$204,039; Contributions received year to date: \$284,629; Year to Date Difference: \$80,590.

If you would prefer to lend your financial support to Trinity via electronic means, here is our QR code.



Tuesday Group is selling the recently re-discovered little blue glass dishes that were commissioned in 1987 for the centenary of Trinity Memorial Church. They have been in the back of a cupboard for nearly forty years! We are selling them for \$5.00. Cash please! Please email Louise Donahue if you would like to purchase one (or more), or speak to a Tuesday Group member.

CALENDAR UPDATE: The chamber music concert publicized on our concert series posters, scheduled for January 11, has been postponed as one of the artists is recovering from surgery. These talented musicians look forward to performing later in 2026 here at Trinity.

TRINITY MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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

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