

Festival Candlelight Eucharist
Feast of the Nativity
Trinity Episcopal Church
Mount Airy, North Carolina
Christmas 2022

*Covid Update: Masks are available at both entrances to the church.
We encourage you to do what you need to stay safe.*

*Please remember that many are preparing for worship with prayer
before the service.*

Prelude

Hymn in Procession # 83 *(standing as you are able)*

- 1 O come, all ye faithful,
 joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
 come, and behold him,
 born the King of angels;

*O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

- 2 God from God,
 Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
 only-begotten
 Son of God the Father;

Refrain

- 3 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God,
glory in the highest;

Refrain

- 4 See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps;

Refrain

- 5 Child, for us sinners
poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
who would not love thee,
loving us so dearly?

Refrain

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

Refrain

Celebrant Behold, I bring you good news of great joy: to you is born a child who is Christ the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

The Collect for Purity *Book of Common Prayer 355*
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 of Praise # 96

- 1 Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

- 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

- 3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

4 See him in a manger laid
whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect *(kneel or stand as you are able)*

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 him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
Amen.

Please be seated during the reading of the Lessons and the Psalm.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

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 all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



Psalm 96

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new **song**; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole **earth**.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his **Name**; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from
day to **day**.
- 3 Declare his glory among the **nations** *
and his wonders among all **peoples**.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be **praised**;
*
he is more to be feared than all **gods**.

- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but
idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the **heavens**.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his
presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his
sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the
peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and **power**.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his **Name**; *
bring offerings and come into his **courts**.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of **holiness**; *
let the whole earth tremble be-**fore him**.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is
King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be
moved;
he will judge the peoples with **equity**."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be
glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is **in it**; *
let the field be joyful and all that is there-**in**.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for
joy
before the LORD when he **comes**, *
when he comes to judge the **earth**.
- (Repeat second half of chant)*
- 13 He will judge the world with **righteousness** *
and the peoples with his **truth**.

The Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn # 115

- 1 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.*

- 2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

Refrain

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.

Refrain

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

***People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

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.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Sarah Carper Morris

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

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.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying "Holy God, Hear our prayer."

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

Holy God, Hear our prayer.

On this holy night, Mary and Joseph found no room in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home, those who are hungry, and all who live in poverty.

Holy God, Hear our prayer.

On this holy night, Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to life. Comfort and heal all who are experiencing pain, illness, or distress; and bring them to newness of life.

Holy God, Hear our prayer.

On this holy night, the angels sang, "Peace to God's people on earth." Strengthen us to work for peace and justice in the world, and put an end to all violence and oppression.

Holy God, Hear our prayer.

On this holy night, shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Help us, like them, to praise and glorify God, and to preach the gospel of Christ's redeeming love.

Holy God, Hear our prayer.

On this holy night, strangers came to visit the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and families, and be with all whom we love.

Holy God, Hear our prayer.

On this holy night, your Son was born as a light in the darkness. Dispel the darkness in our hearts and forgive all our sins.

Holy God, Hear our prayer.

On this holy night, heaven comes down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all who have passed through death, and fill them with eternal joy and peace.

Holy God, Hear our prayer.

On this holy night, Christians in every place celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts, that he might be born in us this night.

Holy God, Hear our prayer.

I invite you to add your prayers of intercession and thanksgiving either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant continues: Almighty God, on this holy night, angels and shepherds worshiped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph, and all the saints; through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace

Book of Common Prayer p. 360

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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

Music at the Offering

Matthew Key, Trumpet

Prayer of St. Gregory

Alan Hovhaness

The 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 him thanks and praise.**

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive the power to become your children.

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:

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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.

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;

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary and 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.

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed
for us;

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

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

**The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #164 The Holy Eucharist,
Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei***

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. You may intinct from the bowl or drink from the chalice. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

Communion Hymn # 112

- 1 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.

- 2 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 incarnate,
Jesus Christ.

- 3 Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
throngèd the air;
but his mother only,
in her maiden bliss,
worshipèd the belovèd
with a kiss.

4 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.

Before the singing of Silent Night, the Celebrant will light a candle and distribute the light through the congregation. Please light your neighbor's candle by holding your candle straight and having your neighbor light his/her candle from yours. As we sing Silent Night, we remember how Christ came into the world to be our light. Please extinguish your candles after The Blessing and place them in the basket as you leave the church.

Hymn # 111

- 1 Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2 Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3 Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Procession Out # 100

- 1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 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.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in
the power of the Spirit! Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

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*If you are visiting, please fill out a Visitor Card and put it in the offering plate or
hand it to a greeter. Nursery Care is available for the 10:30 service
Restrooms are located downstairs.*

Ministers of the service

*The Rev. Sarah Carper Morris, Rector
The Rev. Bill Pendleton, Deacon
Ryan Whittington, Organist
Matthew Key, Trumpet*

*The Clergy & Staff of Trinity Episcopal Church wish you
and your family a very Merry Christmas and God's
blessings in the New Year!*

*The Rev. Sarah Carper Morris, Rector
Tobi York – Parish Administrator
Ryan Whittington - Organist
Don McMillian-Sexton
Emily Gutierrez, Nursery Attendant*

PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

Immediate Needs:	Juanita Puckett	Barbara Embry
Emily	Kerry Reagan	Donna Fargo
Erin Apperson	Katherine Robertson	Ginny Gilbert
Bobbie Bledsoe	Rob Sanderson	Betty Hooven
Tina Brown	Brenda Schuster	Kelly Jarvis
Marie Carl	Emily Jarvis Simmons	Carrie Krahn
Mazie Chilton	Susan Slate	David Kroupa
Anne Cox	Rose Mary Smoot	Angelia Lawrence
Roger Danley	Tammy Springthorpe	John Moore
Debbie Dockery	Sharon Sutphin	Michael Morgan
Mark Donnell	Lavinia Tillotson	Angie Nolfo
Sonia Donnell	Carolyn Town	Bill Pendleton
Marcus Ford	Celeste Tsaklis	Victoria Rogelin
Ashley Fulk	Betty Wilhite	Candace Sammons
Gus Galloway	Betty Wright	Evedene Schafer
Abbie Gray	Jim Wuenscher	Sid Spencer, Jr.
Brian Gray	Long Term Needs:	Johnny Springthorpe
Johnnie Gunter	Jean Amburn	Betty Town
Steve Hines	*Anonymous	Vicky Town
Melissa Hopkins	Sally Cebula	Jack Woltz
Jacky Karlinsky	Ann Cochrane	
Joy King	Kat Cook	
Kay MacAllen	Mary Couture	
Rebecca McNabb	Melissa Roth Culver	
Arba Montgomery	Sarah Springthorpe- Denmark	
Tammy Moore	Paul Derrick	
Craig New	Ron Doerschug	
Wade Nichols	Linda Doerschug	
Bill R. Pendleton		

Pray for the repose of the soul of Paula Johnson.

TRINITY FAMILY IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

Amanda Eads, Wesley Frye, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch, Gordon Lynch, Haley Muething, John Nichols, Christopher Noble, Robert Poole & Matthew Quilliman.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Episcopal Church

BIRTHDAYS

December 25th Linda Light

ANNIVERSARIES

24th Jim & Charlotte Wuenscher

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our mom and dad: Marie and Bob Taylor by Theresa Gray and Nancy Taylor.



Poinsettia Dedications



In loving memory of Susan Ashby and Becky Pendleton for their many contributions to the church and the city by Sandy Hutchens.

In thanksgiving for Trinity Episcopal Church by Sarah Morris.

In loving memory of Warren Carper, Brandon Morris and Carla Warner by Sarah Morris.

In honor of the Townsend and Martin families by Margie Martin.

In loving memory of Susan and Ed Ashby by Ted Ashby.

In honor of Rob Sanderson and family by Pat Sanderson.

In love and honor of Frank and Barbara Gilkison by Jane Ciancio.

In loving memory of Dr. Tom J. Vaughn, Jr. by Ann Vaughn.

In loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. Augustine Warner Lewis, Jr. by Ann Vaughn.

In loving memory of my daddy Harold Slate by Jesse Slate.

In honor of our four grandchildren-Emma & Charlie Smith and Grace & Leigh Rodenbough by Tom & Mary Fawcett.

In loving memory of our parents, Elizabeth & Tom Fawcett and Grace & Joe Cook by Tom & Mary Fawcett.

In loving memory of Chris & Lorraine Schuessler and in honor of Tom Schuessler by Roxann Moore.

In loving memory of Mary Ethel Derrick and John David Robbins by James & Rebecca Derrick.

In loving memory of my husband Richard Nealis by Karen Nealis.

In loving memory of Ned Michaels by Linda Michaels.

In loving memory of Rebecca B. Pendleton by Bill Pendleton & Jan Frye Hill.

In loving memory of Wade & Erlene Frye by Bill Pendleton & Jan Frye Hill.

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. William K. Woltz by Bill & Page Woltz.

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Murrell, Jr. by Bill & Page Woltz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office will be closed the week of December 26-30.

There will be **no Wednesday Evening service** on December 28th.

We will have **one combined service at 10:30 a.m.** on Sunday, January 1st. Please join us for a service of lessons and carols.

If you would like to help with *Room at the Inn* this Winter, please let Sarah know.

Trinity's 2023 **Stewardship Campaign** is off to a great start. To date we have received 43 pledges totaling \$163,180. If you have not pledged yet, please return your pledge card or call Tobi in the office and she will complete a card for you with your permission. **Thank you for continuing to support Trinity Church.**



No matter where you come from or where you're going

No matter what you believe or what you doubt

No matter what you feel or just don't feel today

No matter whom you love

You are welcome into this space to be met by a God

*who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows
your mind, and...*

who wants to have a relationship with you

