



The First Sunday of Advent
10:30 a.m., December 1, 2024



The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, Bishop
The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson, Rector
Established 1855 in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

Welcome! We are blessed by your presence with us this morning and hope that you will find strength, comfort and fulfillment through our worship. Children are welcome to stay through the service, and nursery care is provided. We welcome all seekers of God to Holy Communion and look forward to meeting you following the service.

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10:30 A.M. THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Advent Meditation

Paul Bryan

The Great Litany (Hymnal S67)

John Merbecke

The Officiant at the Litany may be a lay cantor.

Officiant  *People* 

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant 

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People 

preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant 

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

People
Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

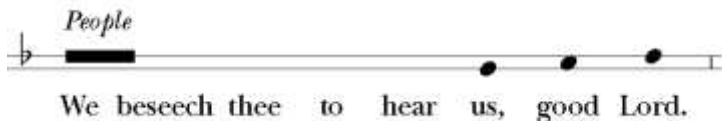
By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death,
and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee
to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,



(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true
knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and
living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all
mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive
thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and
are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to
live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (or of this nation), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That It may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins,
negligences, and ignorances; and to endure us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to
amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and
to turn their hearts,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the
weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under
our feet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of [_____ and] all
the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

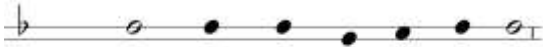
Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Officiant
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

Officiant
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

Officiant People
O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

When the litany is sung immediately before the Eucharist, the Litany concludes with the Kyries (which may be sung to any setting), and the Eucharist begins with the Salutation and the Collect of the day.



Officiant Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

People Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the God's people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 25:1-9

Hymnal S413

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 1 To you, O Lord, *
I lift up my soul;
 - 2 my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
 - 3 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
 - 4 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
 - 5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
 - 6 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
 - 7 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
 - 8 Gracious and upright are you, O Lord; *
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- Repeat second half of psalm tune.*
- 9 You guide the humble in doing right *
and teach your way to the lowly.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Hymnal 1982, #56 vs. 1-2 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - jice! Re - jice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

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

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

The Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson

A period of silent reflection is observed.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.*

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 Peace

The peace Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Choir Anthem

Not So in Haste, My Heart

Trad. Austrian
arr. Joseph T. Cooper

Not so in haste my heart!
Have faith in God, and wait;
Although He linger long,
He never comes too late.

He never cometh late;
He knoweth what is best;
Vex not thyself in vain;
Until He cometh, rest.

Until He cometh, rest,
Nor grudge the hours that roll;
The feet that wait for God
Are soonest at the goal.

Are soonest at the goal
That is not gained with speed;
Then hold thee still, my heart,
For I shall wait His lead.

--Bradford Torrey

Descant

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
 2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

The Great Thanksgiving

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed — is he that com - eth —
 — in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

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 Jesus Christ, Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 Christ’s death,
 We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,
 We await Christ’s coming in glory;***

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.***

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

The Hymnal 1982, #341 vs. 1 For the bread which you have broken *Omni die*

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your
3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing
hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Invitation and Welcome to Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is central to the Christian community. As Christ gave freely of himself so the sacred meal in his name is also freely given. Rejoicing in the spirit of Christ's inclusive love all are warmly invited to receive the bread and wine at the Supper of the Lord.

Gluten-free wafers are available: please assist us by crossing your right arm over your chest so we may serve you correctly. *If you do not receive wine* you may touch the chalice when it is offered, or simply cross both arms after receiving the bread. *Those unable to come to the altar rail* are asked to notify an usher, and we will bring Communion to you. Each Sunday, a healing minister offers prayers or intercessions in the Chapel of the Incarnation; please be among the first to take communion, then proceed to the chapel.

Communion of the People

The Hymnal 1982, #708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Sicilian Mariners

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Savior, like a shepherd lead us'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next two lines.

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792.

The Hymnal 1982, #711

Seek ye first

Seek Ye First

1
 Seek ye — first the king - dom of God
 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
 seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Postcommunion Prayer

*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 Savior. Amen.*

The Blessing

The Hymnal 1982, #57 *Lo, he comes with clouds descending* *Helmsley*

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - every eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 crs; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Helmsey*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

Dismissal

The Community responds: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fugue in a minor

Johann Georg Herzog

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Next Sunday, Dec. 8, we will have ONE service, at 10:00 a.m. followed by a reception in the South Parish Hall welcoming Father Paul to Trinity.

From the Rev. Jeff Goldone

Here in this week of Thanksgiving, I give thanks to God for YOU! Each and every one of YOU! My heart is full of gratitude for the relationships we have been able to build over the past six months in my role of transitional priest. You have richly blessed me, over and over again. Thank you! Your kindness and generosity to me will remain in my heart forever. Thank you for the delicious breakfast after the 8:00 service and for the wonderful reception after the 10:30 service last Sunday. I treasure the remarks you shared on how I have touched your lives. It always amazes me that the simplest of words or gestures can have such a profound impact on others. Thank you for reminding me of that. And thank you, one and all, for your generous gift certificate to Jeff Wunrow Designs. I'll definitely have to come back and show off what Jeff creates for me! It will be another lasting treasure from my Trinity family, my home away from home!

In a book titled, *Small Simple Ways*, Vinita Hampton Wright writes,

"Gratitude is not merely the polite habit of saying thank you. It goes deeper than words, reaching into our most fundamental attitude toward others and ourselves. We can be grateful for the kindness, practical help, or comforting presence of another person. We can also be grateful for our own gifts, our ability to learn, and our unique history and personality."

Thank you for all the simple joys we have shared together! Abundant blessings to you and all those you love this Thanksgiving season!

Fr. Jeff+



Thank you all for the lovely breakfast after the 8:00 service and the bountiful coffee hour following the late service this past Sunday - in honor of our dearly loved Transition Priest Fr. Jeff Goldone. It was a bittersweet Sunday for us all. Joyce and Bill von Glahn hosted the celebration at 9, and Hazel Kirk brought together many

contributions from Trinity bakers and shoppers to provide a buffet of sweets at noon.

The flowers on the altar were arranged by Ron Tompkins, and he and Barb Holmes created lovely centerpieces for all the tables, festive with Barb's multi-colored tablecloths.

The congregation had donated to a farewell gift to Jeff and he was presented with a generous certificate from Jeff Wunrow Designs. Harry emceed a fun tribute and roast of Jeff and (in)famous new dog Bobby.

We know we'll see Fr. Jeff in the future, as he kindly referred to Trinity as his home. You're always welcome, Jeff!

- Adrienne Fly

And thanks to Glora Winston, LaMarie, Sonja Hemphill, Kit Kramer, Hal Morgan, Hannah Rogers, and Cheryl & Melissa Wobbe for cooking and serving Sunday's hot lunch for our neighbors.



The Trinity Vestry is in need of your time and talent!

To be at full strength (9 people) we will need five new members in 2025.

We are looking for:

- * 3 persons - each to fill a 3 year term
- * 1 person - to fill a 2 year term
- * 1 person - to fill a 1 year term

This will involve attending monthly vestry meetings, which are usually about two hours long. Vestry service is a form of hands-on leadership that will enable you to draw closer to the community, sharing your gifts of experience and insight. This is an especially important and indeed exciting time to serve on vestry, as our new Rector, Fr. Paul Jacobson, begins leading our church.

We are also looking for one person to fill a 3 year term as a Diocesan Delegate. Service as a Diocesan Delegate involves attending approximately 2 hour long meetings, every other month.



OLD BONHOMME SCHOOL FOOD DONATION A GREAT SUCCESS!

Every year at this time, the kids and families and faculty of OBS bring to our pantry the food they've donated as part of their Giving Assembly - this year - the 44th year! - we received 2510 cans and packages of food to distribute through our food ministry. Above are the kids and their coaches, Anton Martin and Connie Jander (on the

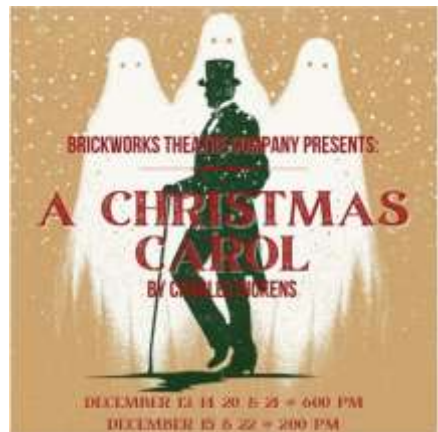
day before her wedding, no less.)

Receiving, sorting and stashing all of this bounty were Carol Cradock, Susan Hanon, Barb Sopp, Mary Moore, Barbi Click, Gwen Simms, Ray Marklin, Skip Coburn, Br. Sam Kincade, Michael Shepley, Annie Smart and Dave Hilditch, Debra Townsend, Dave Barnes, Kathryn Paar, Hal Morgan, Elizabeth Linder, and Jeanne and Larry Kirkton. Inevitably I will have omitted a name; I apologize.

With this terrific crew we managed this in just under an hour - a record time. Thank you all so much. Next year, same time, same place. :-) Adrienne

Molly Perling will appear as the Chorus (Marley, Christmas Past, Young Cratchits, etc.) in Brickworks Theatre Company's A Christmas Carol. This high-energy, farcical version of Dickens' beloved play will transport audiences to a wintery wonderland where they're part of the action!

Performances are 6pm December 13th, 14th, 20th & 21st, and 2pm December 15th & 22nd at 2241 Jefferson Ave, St. Louis MO 63104. Tickets available at: <https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/brickworks-theatre-company/a-christmas-carol>



I read an appeal email from Becca Stevens, founder of Thistle Farms. It is that time of year when nonprofits make their end of year appeal. This is not one of those emails. It may be next year, yet right now, TFM is in a good place.



A big point of Stevens' email noted how important are both components of this work we do, charity and justice/advocacy. Charity is compassion in action. If people are hungry right now, we have a meal. If people need food at home, we have groceries. If people need a place to get out of the weather for a couple of hours, we offer that space.

Charity is toxic when items have been opened or have an expiration date of 2013 (yes, it happens) or holey (not holy) clothes are offered as donations. The humanity part of the charity is not there. These actions speak to one's opinion of those they are being asked to help.

We have been told in scriptures, there is enough to meet the needs of every person in this world. As we know this, we advocate and work for justice (enough for all) when we petition our elected officials – city, state, and federal – to do the work it takes to make certain that all have what they need to meet their basic human needs – safe shelter, clean water, good food, healthcare, safe hygiene. As we also know that the major cause of poverty is lack of money, the demand for fair living wages is also an act of justice. There is no reason save greed that a few have much while a great number of people struggle not only to meet their basic needs but to survive.

Please remember this as the nights get colder and what few shelters there are quickly fill to capacity. There simply is not enough inside space for those who survive outside. Killing cold is here even as the Winter has not officially begun. There were deaths last year and the year before and before. Nothing suggests that this winter will be any better.

Compassion is vital in times like these. Have compassion. Remember Mother Jones. Work hard for Justice ... because it isn't cheap and those who are against it have much to lose. Happy Thanksgiving to all! With our hands on the plough, we are moving forward.

Love always; always Love.
/Barbi

Great thanks!!

To all who have worked in love and charity this week. This week alone we have received donations from St. Michael School, Church of St Michael & St George and their Scouts; the 44th annual Giving Assembly at Old Bonhomme Elementary; Philip Johnson Salon & Spa; and a few random donations from the neighborhood.



Food Ministry Amazon Wishlist

Scan or click on the QR code to go to the Food Ministry's Amazon Wishlist.

This Week's Core Value: Service to Others

We believe in Christ-centered serving, treating people’s needs as holy and doing our part to meet them.



December 1: The First Sunday of Advent

In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church (1846) in Hannibal and their clergy.

* In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Parish of St. Hilda (Parroquia Santa Hilda) in Trujillo Alto.

* In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Province of

the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

We keep in our prayers those who are ill or in need:

Fritzi Baker
Glenda Wiman
Thomas Kirk
Anne Hennig
Nan Sweet
Gloria Winston
Dolores Friesen

John Biggs
Steven Forsyth
Julien Worland
Joan Dunbar
The Rev. David K. Fly
Betsey Gardner
Pat Way

Ray Becvar
Denver Wright
Gwen Sims
Charlene Wright
Bruce Baldwin

Friends and Relatives:

Jessica, friend of Deacon Barbi

Bruce Deal and Harry Forbes, New York friends of Michael Shepley

Tiffany Cruz, friend of Lisa Carpenter, breast cancer

Joe Richardson (Of Feed My People), friend of Jerry Martin, multiple health issues.

Darryl Underwood, Sharron Underwood's brother

Denise Huber, friend of Jerry Martin

Karla, friend of Cathy Tierney, heart issues

Ken, Molly Perling's grandfather

Jay Shuldiner, friend of Brian Alms, recovering from two falls.

Warren Frank Moseley (Cynthia and Patrick Fox's son), and his friend, Janese Julien for comfort and healing

Hope, health challenges.

Romerico Lansang, friend of Brian Alms, lung cancer.

Phyllis, the Rev. Steve Lawler's mother-in-law

Teresa, Eliza Williamson's stepmother, chronic illness

Mike, Jeannette Lehrmann's brother, prostate cancer.

Buelane Daugherty, friend of Brian Alms, increasing dementia

The Trimble Family

Pat R., friend of Cathy Tierney, bladder cancer

Lois Underwood, Sharron Underwood's sister

Frank Menkhus, Pat Way's friend with heart problems

Sally Moylan, Pat Way's friend with multiple health problems

For Diocesan Clergy: The Rev. David K. Fly, the Rev. Paul Metzler, and the Rt. Rev. Hays Rockwell.

For Trinity Food Ministry and its volunteers.

For service members in harm's way.

Birthdays December 1-7: Rachel Steinbrueck, Dave van Bakergem, Zoe Goffe, Dawn Dupler, Jim Andris, Levi Harris, Martha Baker.

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Readings for Sunday, Dec. 8 The Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6
Canticle 4 or 16



Vestry

Senior Warden: Dave Hilditch

Junior Warden: Ben Kiel

2025

Amy Barnes
Mary Moore
Hal Morgan

2026

Skip Coburn
Dave Hilditch

2027

Ben Kiel
Perry Trolard