

Throughout this Bulletin, congregational parts are printed in **bold** type. Parts of the service that are sung are printed in *italics*.

10:30 p.m. - Christmas Music

Christmas Eve Music

Presented by the *Trinity Episcopal Church Choir*

11:00 p.m. - Midnight Mass

Processional Hymn 102 — *Once In Royal David's City*

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: 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 96 - *Angels We Have Heard on High (v. 1)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

First Reading: Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Gradual Hymn 87 — *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (v. 1, 2, 3 & 6)*

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Sequence Hymn 109 — "*The First Nowell*" (v. 1, 2 & 3)

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.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Brian W. Turner

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

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

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Diocese of York. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

Leader: For Katherine our Presiding Bishop, for Shannon and David our Bishops; for Kent & Brian, our clergy, and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially those memorialized on our Christmas Poinsettia List.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord

Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy

Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem — *Still, Still, Still* (Norman Luboff)

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.

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 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 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:

(S-130) 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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me"

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

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.

*(S-154) Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

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.

As is always the policy in the Episcopal Church, all Baptized Christians are welcome to receive the bread and the wine, the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

**Post Communion Hymns 78 — O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1, 3, 5)
100 — Joy To The World (Congregation Stand)**

Let us pray.

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

Candlelight Hymn 111 — Silent Night (kneeling)

Christmas Blessing (see front cover)

Recessional Hymn 83 — O Come All Ye Faithful (v. 1, 2 & 3)

Clergy: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

Postlude

Celebrant:	The Rev. Kent D. Rahm
Choirmaster	Chris Ryder
Organist:	Denise Symonds
Guitar:	Andrew McEvoy
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	S.J. Prakken; Troy Pugh
Readers:	Troy Pugh; Sam Burton
Acolytes:	Sam Thomas; James Adams;
	Cole Thomas; Ali Brace
Ushers:	Bruce Davis and Don Shiffert
Vestry Person:	Troy Pugh
Sound Tech:	John Symonds

WELCOME TO TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We extend a most cordial greeting to all who are worshipping with us this morning. You honor us with your presence. All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at Trinity Episcopal Church. Those wishing to receive gluten-free wafers are asked to reach for communion palms down. To learn more about Trinity, please fill out a Visitor's Card and place it in the offering plate, or give it to one of the priests.

TRINITY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

As in past years, our **Christmas Offering** will go to El Hogar, a children's home and school in Honduras that we have been supporting for over 30 years. The gifts from Trinity enable two children to attend school and to receive training that will enable them to find good jobs upon their graduation. Your support will help to change several children's lives.

Final Donations - Please have your final donations to Trinity Church for 2011 into the parish office by Noon on Friday, December 30, to be included in your giving statement for this year. Donations that are mailed must be postmarked by December 31, in order to be counted in this tax year. Gifts to the parish budget or to the capital campaign will further the work of God through Trinity Episcopal Church.

Thank you to all of those who helped make Elf Sunday a huge success this year. We had an outpouring of elves to help with the many tasks during the day last Sunday. Thank you to all those who brought gifts and stockings in for the 24 children that were our responsibility. It was truly a magical day and I am always amazed at the outpouring of giving shown by all the Trinitarians. Christmas Outreach Committee- **Donna Krauss, Tracy Cain, and Herb Smith**

Club 45 lock in is rescheduled for Friday, January 13.

Women's Spirituality Group invites you to watch **Henry Poole is Here**, Saturday, January 7 from 10:00-Noon! The movie explores the unexpected wonders of the every day. If you are able, please plan to go out to lunch with the group at a nearby restaurant. For more information, please contact Vicky at (540) 373-2996 or vkoch@trinity-fredericksburg.org

Epiphany Dinner and Celebration, January 6, 2011, 6:30-8:00 pm! Pizza Dinner and Ice Cream Sundaes for Everyone! Epiphany is traditionally a time to ask for blessings on our homes and on all who live, work and visit them. After dinner, we'll begin the service in Barber Hall with blessing for the space; we'll process to church singing "We Three Kings" where our service will continue with the blessing of the church. Participants will be encouraged to bless their own homes with the candles which represent bringing the light of Christ into the world. Please look for the sign up sheet on the church doors.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given today to the Glory of God by Kelly and Sam Carniol in Thanksgiving for all children especially Alexander, Ben, Kate, Nikki, Dabney, Bekka, Cash and Brad.

THE FOOD BANK FUND is given today to the Glory of God by the Gannon-McDermott family in Thanksgiving for God's blessings.

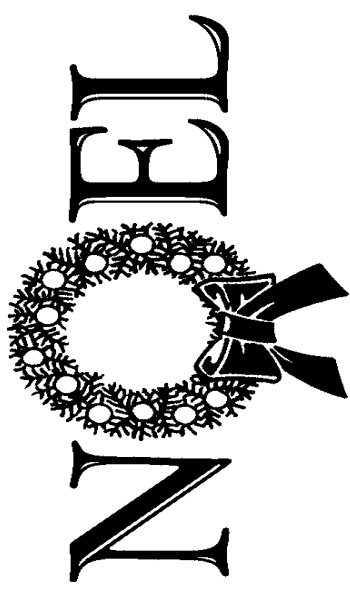
THE VIGIL LIGHT is given today to the Glory of God by Kelly and Sam Carniol in Thanksgiving for our families.

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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE TO FEED THOSE HUNGRY FOR GOD'S WORD AND LOVE"



May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS EVE

**10:30 pm - Christmas Music
11 PM - Midnight Mass
DECEMBER 24, 2011**