

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist Rite Two



“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

December 21, 2025 ~ 10:30 AM

Trinity Episcopal Church

310 E. Noble Ave., Guthrie, OK

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

(Holy Silence: At this moment, you are invited to be thoughtful, silent, and reverent, for you are in the House of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.)

PRELUDE

LINDA TRAMMELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Celebrant “My eyes have seen your salvation. You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples. It’s a light for revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel.” *(Luke 2:30-32)*

People **As we light four candles of the Advent Wreath, we give thanks for your great love in Jesus, your Son. Help us to make room in our hearts for your love and live in our bodies, minds, and spirits. Amen.**

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

(At the sound of the bell, please stand if able, turn, and face the Baptismal Font.)

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

(Mark 12:29-31)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(Silence may be kept.)

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

THE ABSOLUTION

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.*

SONG OF PRAISE

HYMN 56

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
(verses 7-8)*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant: Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT:

BILL KENNEY AS “ST. NICHOLAS

All children are invited to gather at the front of the church to hear a word of wisdom from “St. Nicholas, the historical Bishop of Myria.”

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 7:10-16

(The people sit.)

Lector: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. “He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lector The psalm is read responsively by half verse.

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
 stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
 **how long will you be angered
 despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
 you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
 and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
 the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING:

(The people sit.)

Romans 1:1-7

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience

of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

(All stand, if able.)

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn 437

*“Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord”
(verses 1-2 before Gospel; verses 3-4 after Gospel)*

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

(All stand if able, turn, and face the Gospel)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband, Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. ROBBY TRAMMELL

(Silence may follow)

(All stand, if able.)

**All: 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

(All remain standing, if able.)

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and the world, saying, “Prepare us, O Christ, for your kingdom come.”

Intercessor: Come thou long expected Jesus, born to set our people free; from our sins and fears release us, let us find our rest in thee.

People Prepare us, O Christ, for your kingdom come.

Intercessor: We pray for the Church in all times and all places, especially St. Paul’s, Clinton; Whirlwind Mission, Watonga; and the Anglican Church of Nigeria. May grace be upon us and prepare us in all we do; bring us your Peace that passes all understanding, we beseech you.

People Prepare us, O Christ, for your kingdom come.

Intercessor: O Come, Desire of nations, bind in our hearts humanity’s longing. Bid our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.

People Prepare us, O Christ, for your kingdom come.

Intercessor: May grace prepare all in need of healing or special care; we ask for the peace that passes all understanding be their comforting prayer.

People Prepare us, O Christ, for your kingdom come.

Intercessor: Savior of the nations come, show the glory of the Son.

People Prepare us, O Christ, for your kingdom come.

Intercessor: We pray for Donald, our president, Kevin, our governor, and Adam, our mayor; for the Supreme Court, all courts; Congress, and legislatures. May grace in public policy be supplied. We ask for your peace that passes all understanding to abide.

People Prepare us, O Christ, for your kingdom come.

Intercessor: The Advent of our God, our prayers must now employ, and we must meet him on his road with hymns of holy joy.

People Prepare us, O Christ, for your kingdom come.

Intercessor: May grace sustain all who travel near and far. We ask for your peace that passes all understanding to be every traveler’s star.

People Prepare us, O Christ, for your kingdom come.

Intercessor: The saints, who here in patience their cross and sufferings bore, shall live and reign forever, where sorrow is no more. Remembering (especially...) and all those who have died.

People **Prepare us, O Christ, for your kingdom come.**

Intercessor: Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king; born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

People **Prepare us, O Christ, for your kingdom come.**

Intercessor: I invite any other prayers of intercession or thanksgiving, silently or aloud: (pause) remembering Bob, Jody, Debbie, Ron, Paul, Dorene, Dean, Paula, Aaron, Rose, Victoria, Katherine, Terry, Pam, Mike, Vickie, Fr. John, Mthr. Lynn, Daniel, Joe, Howard, Susan, Karen, Kathy, Claire, Louise, Harbor Home, and Hope House.

People **Prepare us, O Christ, for your kingdom come.**

Celebrant Prepare us, Lord, your kingdom to come. Give us grace for your saints to be. Strengthen us to be prepared to love and serve you with dignity. In your coming, may we be prepared to be your servants every day with the peace which passes all understanding, preparing us to lead the way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP 360

(All stand.)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*(Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.
Greetings, Special Prayers, Birthday and Anniversary Blessings follow.)*

SPECIAL PRAYERS: BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, OTHER PETITIONS

All **O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on those who begin another year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Celebrant Good Lord, as we prepare for the One who is to come, by your mercy guide our outward actions in the greening of this sanctuary in such ways that our inward hearts may be formed in faith, hope, and love. May the decorations we offer engage our senses and enliven our praise and worship, in the name of the Child of Bethlehem, our risen and coming Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.
(*Psalm 96:8*)

OFFERTORY HYMN

HYMN 436

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

PRESENTATION HYMN

HYMN 380

(*verse 3*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise
Him, all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye
heav’nly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(*The People remain standing, if able.*)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B, BCP 367

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 thanks and praise.**

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

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

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

(Celebrant and People)

**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

(The people stand or kneel, if able)

Celebrant: 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,

**All We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: 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 [... 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. **AMEN.**

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

All **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. A period of silence is kept.)

AGNUS DEI

HYMN S-158

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

Celebrant 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds and then immediately deliver it to the people. All baptized, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive wine and bread – the real presence of Christ -- from the Lord's table at the altar rail or the standing station near the pulpit.

(Cross your arms over your chest at the altar if you prefer not to receive the sacrament but would like to receive a blessing. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. Please let an usher know if you need communion brought to where you are seated.)

PRAYER CANDLE LIGHTING

After receiving communion, the congregation is invited to say a silent prayer of need or thanksgiving while lighting a candle and then placing it in the sand container at the front.

COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN 81

“Lo, How a Rose e’er Blooming”

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

(Please stand, if able)

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE ADVENT BLESSING

(The Priest blesses the people, saying)

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. ***Amen.***

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. ***Amen.***

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. ***Amen.***

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

CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 59

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

BCP 366

The Christmas Season

The Christmas season in the Episcopal Church begins with the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, commonly known as Christmas Day, December 25th. In many churches, including Trinity, the main liturgical celebrations of Christmas occur on Christmas Eve. The Christmas season lasts for twelve days, ending on January 5th, the day before the Feast of the Epiphany. During this time, we celebrate the Incarnation of the Word of God in the birth of Jesus Christ. The season includes Christmas Day, the First Sunday after Christmas Day, the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ on January 1st, and may also include the Second Sunday after Christmas Day.

Weekly Announcements

+ Christmas Eve Service ~ December 24th +

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Traditional candlelight service, 6 p.m. special music with singing of carols, 6:30 pm. Mass including music, incense, the Blessing of the Creche, and Holy Eucharist with Fr. Robby Trammell presiding. Everyone is invited to join the “whole heavenly host” as we offer worship and praise to the newborn King. A champagne, punch, and chocolate reception will follow in Brooke Hall.

“St. Nicholas” Visiting This Sunday, December 21st

Join us for a joyful worship service with Fr. Robby Trammell presiding and a guest appearance by “The Bishop of Myra – St. Nicholas” at our 10:30 a.m. service. Everyone is welcome. The **greening of the church** will follow, preparing the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. Children and adults may take photos with St. Nicholas after the service.

Trinity’s Weekly Services

Join Fr. Robby for a prayer service followed by Holy Communion at 12 noon on Wednesdays in Trinity’s Brooke Hall. On Sundays, enjoy coffee, hot chocolate, and doughnuts from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. as part of Trinity’s adult Bible study and children’s Sunday School. Regular worship services are at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday in our historic sanctuary. Trinity was founded in 1889.

Thanksgivings/Blessings:

Happy Birthday:

Sara Memmott (12/21)

Howard Conyers (12/24)

Happy Anniversary

Harley & Jean Campbell (12/22)

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 21: The First day of Winter.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Mass 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 28: First Sunday After Christmas, 10:30 :a.m.

Jan. 4: Second Sunday After Christmas, 10:30 a.m

Jan. 6: The Epiphany.



GREENING OF THE CHURCH TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE

***JOIN YOUR TEAM TO
DECORATE OUR CHURCH
FOR CHISTMAS***

***LED BY OUR
DEACON ROCIO
"TOYS FOR TOTS"***

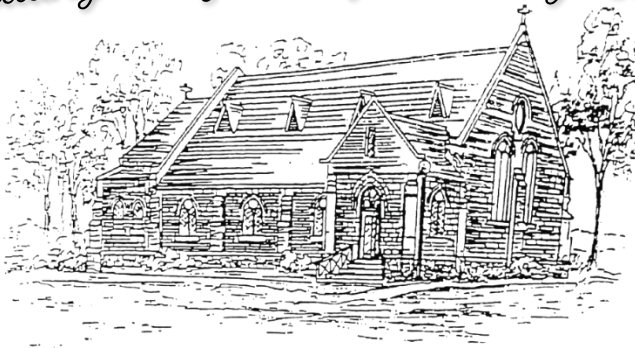
***1700 TOYS WERE
DISTRIBUTED TO
CHURCHES, SCHOOLS,
COMMUNITY ACTION, AND
HOPE HOUSE. THANKS TO
ALL WHO HELPED!***



SERVING THIS WEEK ~ DECEMBER 21

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	<i>The Rev. Robby Trammell</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>The Rev. Rocio Lopez</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Grace Loren, Harley Campbell, & Linda Pruitt</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Terri Burks</i>
<i>Organist & Music Director</i>	<i>Brenda McCormack</i>
<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Michael McCormack</i>
<i>Chalice Bearers</i>	<i>Ann Klein & Linda Pruitt</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Josh Farist & Buck Adams</i>
<i>BC Committee</i>	<i>Michael McCormack</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Michael McCormack & Ann Klein</i>
<i>Coffee & Conversation</i>	<i>Holy Hospitality Ministry</i>

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SERVING CHRISTMAS EVE ~ DECEMBER 24

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	<i>The Rev. Robby Trammell</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>The Rev. Rocio Lopez</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Amanda Prentiss, Nathan Lorenz, & Pam Alltizer</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Terri Burks</i>
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<i>BC Committee</i>	<i>Linda Pruitt</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Buck Adams & Gracelynn Lorenz</i>
<i>Reception</i>	<i>Champagne & Chocolate</i>



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Trinity Service Times:

9:30 a.m. ~ Children Sunday School & Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Holy Eucharist
12 noon ~ Wednesday Service with Holy Eucharist


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