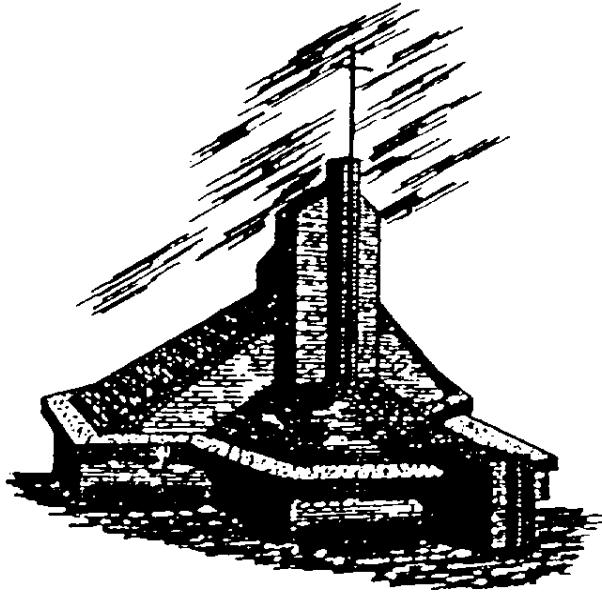


# Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



## Holy Eucharist Rite II

First Sunday of Christmas  
January 4, 2026 8 & 9:30a.m.

*(The Lines in bold italics are spoken by the people.)*

We are all guests at the Lord's Table. All baptized Christians are  
welcome to receive Holy Communion.

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## Prelude

Tim Davis

### Processional Hymn 87 "Hark! The Herald" (vs. 1-3)

- 1. Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful! all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!**
- 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!**
- 3. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,  
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!**

## The Word of God

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

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

## Collect for Purity

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**

Celebrant      Praying together:

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

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

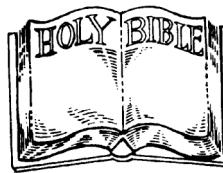
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

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O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons: (*we sit*)



### **First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come,

and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*

***My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.***

## 2 The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*

***by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,***

*my King and my God.*

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*

***they will always be praising you.***

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*

***whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.***

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*

***for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.***

6 They will climb from height to height, \*

***and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.***

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*

***hearken, O God of Jacob.***

8 Behold our defender, O God; \*

***and look upon the face of your Anointed.***

## The Epistle:

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

*(We all stand)*

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

**The Gospel**      Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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



**The Sermon (we sit)**

Rev. Becky

**The Nicene Creed (we stand)** 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.***

**Prayers of the People, Form VI (we kneel if able)** BCP p:392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***  
For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Justin our Bishop, Greg & John our retired bishops; Becky our priest, Pattie our Deacon, and Russell our seminarian, and for all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for our Members: Mark, Bev, Nolan, Chris, Mel, Lisa, Sharon, Sylvia, Allene, Susie & Dabney. We pray for our Family & Friends: Patricia Parker, Diane B., Art R., DeeDee T., Aaron T., Leslie T., Donna S., Cindy T., Janine Polk, Sharron Simmons, Gerry Crews, Betty Fitzgerald, Meryl Crews, Grace Meacham, Archie Conners, Tenley Sylvain, Rac, and Tommy Stokes, and we offer prayers for those not able to join us; especially Hope and Karen.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

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

We give thanks for those who are serving our country: Cole, Keith, David, Monique, Gabriel, Gabe, Matt, and Naomi & Kolten. We pray for James, Jonah and Ethan who are deployed in service to our country. We also pray for our first responders, especially Ben & Zachary

For Churches in our Diocese: St. Mary's , Daytona Beach, and St.

Timothy's, Daytona Beach;

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

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

## Confession of Sin and Absolution

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*The Priest, stands and says the absolution.*

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.**



**The Peace (we stand)**

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

*People And also with you.*

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Announcements**

**Birthday Song**

**Offertory**

*Happy Anniversary to you!*

*May God Bless you now and all year through.*

*May the Love of Jesus fill your hearts with joy!*

*Happy Anniversary to you!*

Offertory Music

Tim Davis

**The Doxology**

(sung)

**Hymn 380**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

## The Holy Communion

**Eucharistic Prayer A** BCP p:361

*Celebrant and People (we stand)*

*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.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Hymn S-130** Sanctus "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (sung)

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

*The Celebrant continues (we kneel or sit, as able. If sitting, please lean forward so the person behind you has room to kneel)*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

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,

**The Lord's Prayer**                    BCP p.364

***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.*

**Celebrant** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

**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.

## The Communion



### Communion Music

Tim Davis

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. ***Amen.***

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. ***Amen.***

### Post Communion Prayer

**Celebrant** 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.***

**The Blessing** *The Priest blesses the people.*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn** 93 – Angels, From the Realms of Glory vs:1,2,4

1. *Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:*

**CHORUS:**

*Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.*

2. *Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with you is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light:*

**CHORUS**

4. *Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:*

**CHORUS**

**Dismissal**

**Deacon** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People** *Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

IF YOU ARE ABLE,  
PLEASE BRING A  
SIDE DISH TO GO  
ALONG WITH THE  
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# JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHURCH

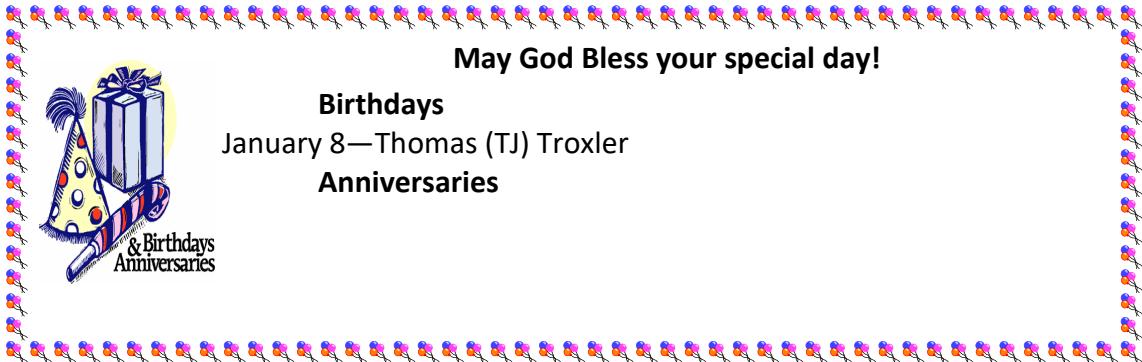
## *Meeting & Meal*

11 JANUARY  
SUNDAY

AFTER THE  
9:30 AM



**Serving Us Today:** Altar Guild Team  
George Ann & Martin Hodges  
Sarah & Nim Korda,

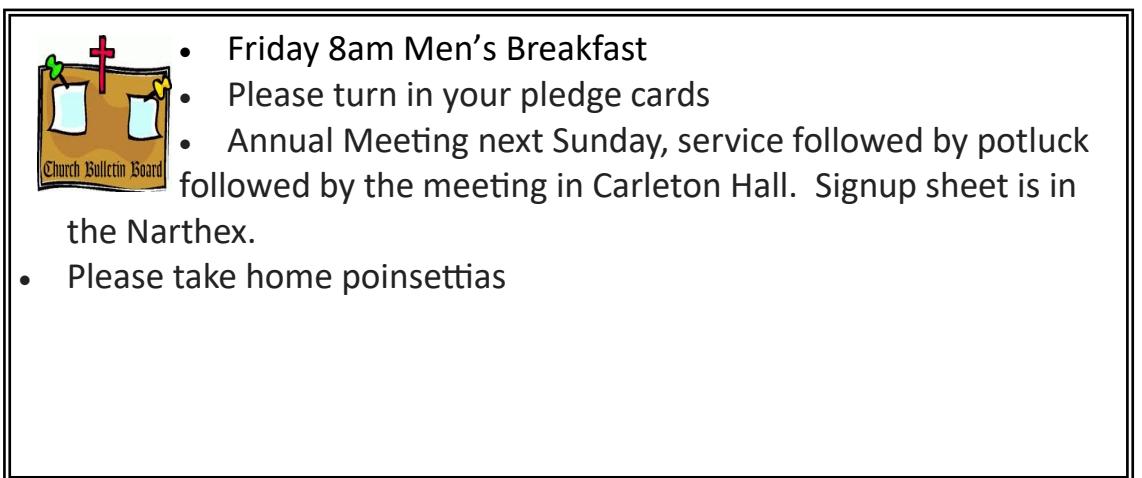


**May God Bless your special day!**

**Birthdays**

January 8—Thomas (TJ) Troxler

**Anniversaries**



- Friday 8am Men's Breakfast
- Please turn in your pledge cards
- Annual Meeting next Sunday, service followed by potluck followed by the meeting in Carleton Hall. Signup sheet is in the Narthex.
- Please take home poinsettias

**Sunday, Dec 28, 2025**

Worship Attendance— 53

Tithes & Offerings— \$ 6,803.00

Weekly Budget—\$4,712.00

Jan 11 Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17



**Bishop:** *The Rt. Rev. Justin Holcomb*

**Rector:** *Very Rev. Becky Toalster*

**Deacon:** *Deacon Pattie Behnstedt*

**Senior Warden:** *Byron Walker*

**Junior Warden:** *Keith Miller*

**Parish Administrator/Sexton:** *Wayne Troxler*

**Accompanist:** *Tim Davis*      **Nursery:** *Dalmaris Suarez*

**SCAN ME**

