



Trinity Episcopal Church Hamburg
Order of Worship

Sung Rite II Holy Eucharist **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016

10:00 am

Welcome to your Spiritual Home

All are welcome at our Table

Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you to the Trinity Community. We hope that you will feel spiritually fulfilled and strengthened to meet the challenges of your daily life. And we hope these notes about our worship will be helpful to you. If you do not yet have a Spiritual Home, please consider joining us. Membership forms are available in the Foyer.

We are Trinity Episcopal Church of Hamburg: One Community, united in Jesus' Name.

Trinity's Red Doors – Safety and Refuge

Hospitality, Healing and Hope

Trinity Episcopal Church's doors, painted a brilliant red following ancient tradition, signify our Sanctuary as a place of safety and refuge. Red doors lead to holy ground within them, protecting people from both physical and spiritual harm.

Today, Episcopal Churches – the Anglican expression of God's One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church – proclaim with their red doors that they are a haven for emotional and spiritual healing, and a place of refuge and safety, forgiveness and reconciliation. In other words, Trinity's red doors invite you into a Sacred Space filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit.



The Beling Memorial Bell calls us to worship five minutes before the hour.

The People are seated for

The Organ Prelude – The Angel Gabriel – *Robert Lau*

THE WORD OF GOD

At the sound of the organ, the People stand to sing

Hymn 72 (*blue book*) – Hark! the glad sound! The Savior Comes– *Richmond*

The People remain standing for

The Opening Acclamation – BCP 355 (*red book*)

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

The Celebrant then prays

The Collect for Purity – BCP 355 (*red book*)

The People then sing

The Trisagion– **S-100** (*blue book*) or BCP 356 (*red book*)

The Celebrant then prays

The Collect of the Day: Advent IV, BCP 212 (*red book*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

All are then seated for

The Readings from the Bible

Hebrew Scriptures – *Isaiah 7:10-16*

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.**

At the sound of the Organ, the People stand to sing

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

All are then seated for a reading from the

Letters to the First Christians – Romans 1:1-7

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.**

At the sound of the Organ, all stand to sing

Hymn 265 (*blue book*) The angel Gabriel from heaven comes

—*Gabriel's Message*

The People turn towards the Gospeler for the proclamation of

The Holy Gospel – Matthew 1:18-25

Gospeler: 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.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We Respond to God's Word

The Preacher then invites the People to sit for

The Sermon

The People then stand to pray

The Nicene Creed – BCP 358 (red book)

The People then stand or kneel for

The Prayers of the People

In the course of the silences, the People add their own petitions & thanksgivings.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Conclusion: **To you, O Lord.**

The People then sit or kneel for

The Confession of Sin

People: **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 your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and pronounces God's Absolution.

The People then stand for the exchange of

The Peace – BCP 360 (red book)

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

People: **And also with you.**

The People are then seated for

The Rector's Welcome & Parish Announcements



THE HOLY COMMUNION

The People remain seated for music at

Offertory Anthem: We Wait for Thee - V. Johnson

Bless you for your generous financial tithes and offerings which ensure the continuation of the Ministries at Trinity Hamburg, the Diocese of Western New York and in the surrounding communities.

The Flowers at the Altar

*are given to the greater Glory of God in loving memory of **Grace Rich***

*May the +Souls of the Faithful Departed, through the mercies of God, rest in peace. **Amen***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

At the sound of the Organ, the People stand to sing verse three of

Hymn 380 vs. 3 – *(blue book)* “From all that dwell” – *Old 100th*

The People's offerings of bread, wine, money and pantry items are presented at the Altar.

The People remain standing to pray

Eucharistic Prayer B – BCP 367 (red book)

The Sursum Corda

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.**

Prayer B continues – BCP 367 (red book), & then the People sing

The Sanctus – Hymn S-129 (blue book) “Holy, Holy, Holy” Deutsche Messe

**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 People stand or kneel as Eucharistic Prayer B continues – BCP 368 (red book)

The Celebrant & People then proclaim

The Acclamation – BCP 368 (red book)

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Prayer B continues, & the Celebrant and People then pray

The Lord’s Prayer (traditional) – BCP 364 (red book)

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant then breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept before singing

The Fraction Anthem

Who- ev-er comes to me shall not hunger,
and who ev- er be- lieves in me shall nev-er thirst;

The Celebrant then invites the People to Communion saying

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People are then invited by the Ushers to come forward to receive Communion.

Receiving the Bread and the Cup at Trinity

- ❖ *There is no one who is ineligible or unwelcome from receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Adults and children are - without exception - warmly invited to come forward.*
- ❖ *We extend a special welcome to our Protestant, Roman Catholic & Orthodox Sisters and Brothers visiting with us this morning to join us at God's Table.*

Hymn 324 (*blue book*) Let all mortal flesh keep silence - *Picardy*

Once the Holy Table has been cleared, the People kneel or sit to pray

The Prayer after Communion – BCP 365 (*red book*)

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Celebrant then gives

The Blessing

Celebrant . . . and the blessing of God Almighty, the +Father, the +Son, and
the +Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

At the sound of the Organ, all stand to sing

Hymn 436 (*blue book*) Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates - *Truro*

As the Processional cross passes, all turn to face the Narthex for

The Dismissal from the Font – BCP 366 (*red book*)

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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

Postlude – Echo Noel – *D'Aquin*

Serving at today's Liturgy

Belting Memorial Bell Ringer Mrs. Gretchen Zollendeck

Eucharistic Ministers Mrs. Judy Johnson

Mrs. Maggie Campbell

Acolytes Mr. Garrison Embler

Lectors Mrs. Judy Johnson

Mrs. Maggie Campbell

Usher Mrs. Debbie Harris

Mrs. Linda Bautz

Preacher & Celebrant The Rev. Canon Jerre Feagin

Home Communion

This morning Rich Emerling will be taking communion to **Barbara Burke and Grace Duffett** who are absent from this Feast.

We, who are many, are one body, for we all share in the one Bread. **Amen.**

THE WEEK AT TRINITY

- Sunday, 12/18** 8:00 am Spoken Eucharist –Rite I
9:00 am Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Sung Eucharist – Rite II
7:30 pm Open AA Meeting – “Carry the Message”
- Tuesday, 12/20** 12:00 pm Produce Pantry
7:30 pm Boy Scouts
- Thurs. 12/22** 8:30 pm Men’s Sobriety Discussion Group
- Saturday, 12/24** 4:00 pm Family Christmas Eucharist
10:00 pm Wassail served in the parish hall
10:45 pm The Music of Christmas
11:00 pm Midnight Mass
- Sunday, 12/25** 10:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I with carols
7:30 pm Open AA Meeting – “Carry the Message”

TRINITY NEWS AND NOTES

Coffee & Conversation at Nine – We extend a warm invitation to our Parishioners, visitors and new members to join us at 9:00am in the Parish Hall for shared coffee and conversation. Thank you to **Debbie Augustyn, Karen Smith, Dolly Westcott, Valerie Meldrim** today's hospitality hosts.

Christmas Flower Memorials will be accepted until Monday, December 19th. Envelopes for memorials can be placed in the alms basin.

BJ.s Wholesale Club – Trinity's business membership at BJ's Club allows members of Trinity to purchase a club membership for \$30 per year. On the table in the parish hall you will find a letter that is needed to authorize your membership.

2017 Offering Envelopes are located on the table in the foyer. Please contact the parish office if you cannot locate your envelopes.

2017 Altar Flower Memorials & Thanksgivings – If you wish to have flowers on the altar, please choose the Sunday you would like and complete an Altar Flower envelope. Enclose your offering for \$30 and place the envelope in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Please make checks payable to "Trinity Altar Guild". Envelopes are available on the table in the foyer.

THANK YOU to those who ordered gift cards. \$175 was received in donations. These donations came from Tops and the other retailers – not from our pockets. Gifts cards are available year round, not just at Christmas. Call Gary Gotsch – 947-9201 to order.



Trinity Prayer Roll

Of your charity, please pray for:

The Anglican Communion ~

Pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Church ~

Pray for St. Patrick's, Cheektowaga; St. Peter's, Eggertsville; St. Paul's, Harris Hill

Those in any need or trouble ~

Pray for Terry, Dick S., Mark Simmons, Dawn Hauser, Nancy & Kim Dennis, Dolly Westcott, David Blank, Carly, Wendy, Jonah, Ceil, Ellie Connors & Brother Blane

Those who are absent from us ~

Pray for Harvey Burton; Susan Nickerson; Don Cooper; Isobelle Jeffrey; Alice MacKinnon; Sally Klipfel; Ann Dunn, Irene Spencer, Jane Koron, Mark Hubbard, David Blank, Caroline Wehling, Barbara Burke, Mary McWhorter

To add a name to the Trinity Prayer Roll, or to arrange for Home Communion, please contact Rich and Judee Emerling, Pastoral Care Leaders, at (716) 649-5015

For complimentary, confidential advice on Assisted Living, please contact Rosalie DeLio, Elder Care Counselor, at 716-662-0651

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