

HOLY EUCHARIST
8:30 AM



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RECTOR: The Rev. Ann F. Scannell
MINISTERS: All the Baptized

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: 8:30 AM

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 7

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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.

The Gloria

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 upon 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS:

First Reading **Malachi 3:1-4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading **Philippians 1:3-11**

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 8 (LEVAS)

Deep River

The Gospel of **Luke 3:1-6**

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord,

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

SERMON

Silence

Rev. Ann F. Scannell

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in
your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Doug, our Bishop, Ann our Rector, Mother Meredyth Ward and all bishops, priests, and deacons.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Luke's, Worcester and for non-parochial priests & deacons.

This week in our parish cycle of prayer, we give thanks for the Foley family and the Foster family.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week: Diane Caron, John Medlinskas, Madelyn Prior, Linda Jackson, Allyn Taylor.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray especially for Patricia Martin, Luanne Morgado, Sarah, Amelia, Kelly D., Margaret, Linda, Tony, Debbie, Kim M., Tim, John, Patty, Tanya, Nancy Kelly, Joanne Cox, Bev, Beth, Scott, Eric, Derek, Craig McDonough, Randy Swallow, Anthony, Ken, Linda Allen, Becky, Judy, Amy, Becca, Edward;

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant continues

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

CONFESSIO

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN 65

Prepare the Way, O Zion

DOXOLOGY

**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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in

your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Sanctus (S-124)

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 Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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 table is now ready for those who love God and want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time or ever before. You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

All People are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN 76

On Jordan's Banks

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**

It is our custom, if you are able, to kneel or stand for prayers and stand for Hymns.

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The flowers are given to the Glory of Almighty God.

We welcome all who are visiting today.

THOSE SERVING THE PARISH THIS MORNING:

Rev. Ann F. Scannell  
Christopher Lundell  
Ron Alarie  
Elaine Broulett  
Ron Alarie  
Sherry Alarie  
Linda Jackson  
Sherry Alaire  
Leigh O'Connor

Rector  
Organist  
Eucharistic Minister  
Lector  
Usher  
Usher  
Financial Assistant  
Financial Assistant  
Altar

**-Walking Together Wish List -**

hand and foot warmers  
socks  
chap stick  
Vaseline (small containers)

Donated items may be placed in the basket in the narthex for Mother Meredyth.

**-The 2022 Trinity Parish Directory will soon be printed. Please let Lisa know if there are any changes to your directory information. You may reach her at 508-842-6040 or email your changes to [office@trinityshrewsbury.org](mailto:office@trinityshrewsbury.org).**

*From Allyn Taylor*

**Christmas Tree Sale Information**

**If you are able to help with Christmas tree sales, we need you!**

Tree sales = November 27 to December 12! Sun 12 to 5, Thurs 3 to 5:30, Fri 3 to 7, Sat 9:30 to 6

Your help with 2 – 3 hours that work for you during one of these days is needed. This is a big deal for our parish and your help is much appreciated. Our 263 trees are 50 more than last year. Judging from expected demand we should again sell out in close to last year's time of 2 weeks.

Please call one of the following with your selected time slot -

Ron Alarie 508 845-9072,  
Dick Miller 508 981-9762,  
Dan Morgado 774-275-1454  
Allyn Taylor 508 842-2434

**Upcoming Annual Meeting  
January 30, 2022**

It is never too early to start planning! If you usually provide a write-up for the meeting, please start to think about it. The deadline for submissions is Monday, January 24 at 9:00 AM.

# Trinity

## Worship Schedule December 2021 – February 2022

*Please note the worship time change beginning  
on December 5.*

| Date                           | Time        | Worship<br>Location |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| December 5 -<br>Eucharist      | 8:30 AM     | Trinity             |
| December 12 -<br>Eucharist     | 8:30 AM     | Trinity             |
| December 19 -<br>Eucharist     | 8:30 AM     | Trinity             |
| December 24 –<br>Eucharist -   | 5:00 PM     | Trinity             |
| December 25 –<br>Joint service | 10:00<br>AM | Good Shepherd       |
| December 26 –<br>Joint service | 10:00<br>AM | Good Shepherd       |