

Today's Message:

Preparing the way for Jesus

Luke 3:1-6

Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.

Luke 3:4b

The Second Sunday of Advent and Lighting of the Candle of Peace 2022 Pledge In-Gathering Guardian Angels Corporate Meeting day December 5, 2021

Welcome!

Feel the love!

Advent Theme: Waiting in Hope



Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Rob Cavanna

Welcome guests to our Faith Community!

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THANK YOU FOR BEING QUIET BEFORE THE SERVICE SO PEOPLE CAN PRAY! Please turn off all electronic devices throughout the service out of respect for others and the liturgy!

*We're glad to have you with us today, in person or on Facebook!
If you're visiting, please sign the Guest Book which is on the table
outside the door into the Parish Hall. Be sure to print your mailing
address as well as your email address. We'll send you a
complimentary E Meditation and weekly E Newsletter.*

Invite your friends and neighbors to participate!

Prelude

Bea Bastyr

The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand.

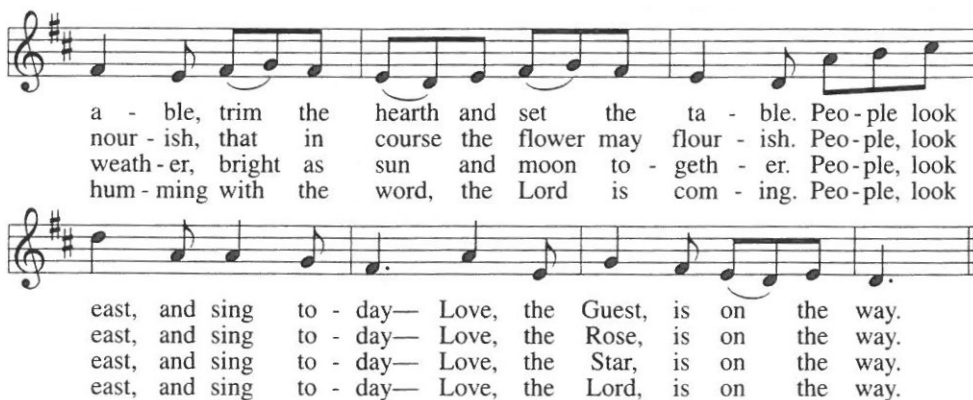
Processional Hymn

"People, Look East"

Hymn #724

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley



Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant

As our nights grow longer and our days grow short,
 we look on these earthly signs--light and green branches--
 and remember God's promise to our world:

Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come.

Listen to the words of Isaiah the prophet:

The people that walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 on those who lived in a land as dark as death
 a light has dawned.

You have increased their joy
 and given them gladness;
 They rejoice in your presence
 as those who rejoice at harvest,
 as warriors exult when dividing spoil.

Isaiah 9:1-2

All pray:

**O God, rejoicing,
 we remember the promise of your Son.
 As the light from this candle,
 may the blessing of Christ come upon us,
 brightening our way and guiding us by his truth.
 May Christ our Savior bring life
 into the darkness of our world,
 and to us, as we wait for his coming.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Candle Lighting Carol "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" Vs 2

2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.

He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.

Opening Sentences

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

People **And blessed be God's 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.**

Ho - ly God,

Ho - ly and Migh - ty,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One,

have mer - cy up - on us.

Repeat 3 times

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

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.**

Grant, Almighty God, that your church may be so inspired by the example of your servant Nicholas of Myra, that it may never cease to work for the welfare of children, the safety of sailors, the relief of the poor, and the help of those tossed by tempests of doubt or grief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

God of justice, in your wisdom you create all people in your image, without exception.

Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being. Open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family. Open our hearts to repent of racist attitudes, behaviors, and speech which demean others. Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial discrimination, and their passionate appeals for change. Strengthen our resolve to make amends for past injustices and to right the wrongs of history. And fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Lector **A Reading from Malachi**

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.

(pause)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16 Page 92, BCP: The Song of Zechariah **Luke 1: 68-79**

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.

The Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

Lector **A Reading from Philippians**

[Paul greets the new disciples in the town of Philippi, gives thanks for their sharing in the gospel, and prays that they may be found without

fault on the judgement day of Christ.]

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. (pause)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptists Cry"

Hymn #76

Please stand

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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/Message

The Rev. Dr. Rob Cavanna
*Here is a little space for you to make
notes of things you want to remember.
(Silence and Reflection)*

Please stand.

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

Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant Gracious and loving God, your prophets sing the Advent call to prepare the way of the Lord; hear our prayers, for the whole human family: May your ways may be made straight, the valleys filled, the mountains lowered, the crooked straightened, and the rough places smoothed, that all humanity shall see your salvation, as we pray: Let the dawn from on high break upon us; to guide our feet into the way of peace..

Leader Holy One, you have set your Church free through our mighty Savior Jesus Christ that we might worship you without fear, holy and righteous in your sight all the days of our life: Bring to completion the good work you have begun among us.

Let the dawn from on high break upon us;

to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Eternal One, through your prophets you speak your word to rulers and

governors: Grant them your wisdom that they may lead us with joy in the light of your glory, with the mercy and righteousness that comes from you.

Let the dawn from on high break upon us,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Compassionate One, hear the voice of all who cry out in the wilderness – those who suffer from violence or oppression; the poor and discouraged; and all who long for the promise of new life – comfort everyone with your compassion and love.

Let the dawn from on high break upon us,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Loving One, you visit this growing faith community with your power and compassion: Let everyone among us take off the garment of sorrow and affliction and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Let the dawn from on high break upon us,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Healing One, you anoint our ministries with the compassion of Jesus Christ that we may share God's grace with all for whom we pray: Hear our intercessions on behalf of residents, management and staff of Guardian Angels Senior Services.

Accept the joy of our thanksgiving for the many blessings that come from your tender compassion, especially those Trinitarians serving on the Guardian of Angels Board of Directors.

Shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, as we remember those who have died.

In the day of Christ may they be pure and blameless having produced a harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Let the dawn from on high break upon us,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Celebrant Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set us free: Give us knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of our sins, that our love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight, until we come into the day of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for evermore. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Please kneel or stand.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and 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.

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.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory

Bea Bastyr

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and lifegiving. These pledge cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over,

so that we may live out as closely as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering, it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you. Amen

*Thank you for your generosity, pledges and your contributions. If you would like to donate today, go to our website, www.holytrinityelkriver.org, and click on the Donate button in the upper right-hand corner. You may also wish to designate us as your charity at [Amazonsmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/s?ref=bl_dp_sl_nav). Thank you very much for your generosity. **Pledges and contributions may be dropped off in the Parish Hall every Wednesday, 10am to 4pm.***

Please stand.

Donate

The Doxology

Celebrant & People **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.**

Please kneel or stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 3, Enriching Our Worship

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.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;

You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Celebrant and People



Please stand or kneel.

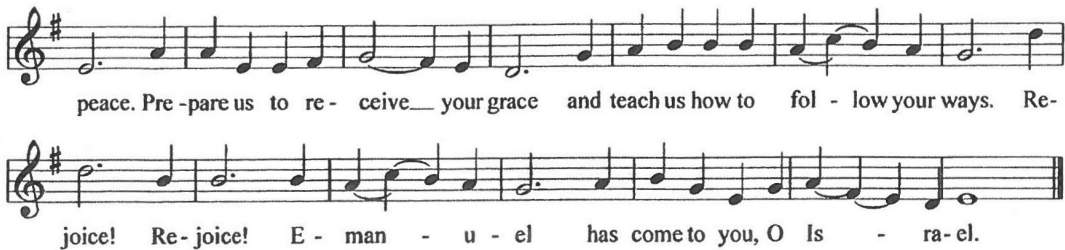
Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the



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.

*This is God's table and all baptized persons are invited to receive communion. You may kneel or stand to receive the Holy Sacrament. If you cannot come to the front, we will bring Communion to you. **No one should be embarrassed to have Holy Communion brought to them.***

*The bread and Chalice are given to the communicants with these words:
The Body (Blood) of Our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.*

*Person responds: **Amen.***

Spiritual Communion—Act of Reception

For those participating on Facebook!

Celebrant In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, let us now say together The Prayer for Reception.

I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

And particularly for the blessings given me....(pause to think of your blessings) I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Communion Hymn

"Blessed Be the God of Israel" Hymn #444

Prayer After Communion

Please stand or kneel.

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 for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Announcements

The Final Blessing

Please stand or kneel.

May our gracious and infinite God fill the valleys, lower the mountains, straighten the crooked, and smooth the way that all humanity may have an open path to security and peace. **Amen**

May the compassion of Jesus dwell in your hearts to prepare the way for our wholeness and blessing, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Christ. **Amen**

May the indwelling of the Holy Spirit lead you to into repentance, to turn you from all selfish and destructive ways so that your love may overflow more and more as we await the day when all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **Amen**

And the blessing of our wonderful God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

"Prepare the Way, O Zion" Hymn #65

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go from here and serve the hungry and the poor.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Bea Bastyr

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Don't forget to sign up to purchase your Christmas Poinsettia. It will grace the altar on Christmas Eve and then it is yours to take home.



Holy Trinity is an Episcopal church in the worldwide **Anglican Communion** which has **80 million members in over 160 countries**. We grew out of the Protestant Reformation and are both Protestant and reformed Catholic. Thank you for joining us today. If you should have any questions, please see Fr. Rob.

Our Mission Statement



Holy Trinity is a diverse, multi-cultural, church unified in Holy Communion and grounded in the Gospel. We embrace all people as equally beloved children of God. We are committed to acting as the hands and feet of Jesus, expressing His love in the world while lifting each other up in community.



A Blessed Christmas Season to All!

December 24 Christmas Eve — 4:00 pm

Festive Candlelight Service

December 25 Christmas Day — No Services

December 26 First Sunday after Christmas -10:00 am

New Year Celebration

January 2, 2022 The Epiphany — 10:00 am

Baptism & Message

All services are in person & on the Holy Trinity Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityElkRiver>

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Liturgy Ministry Rota —Advent Season

Altar Guild: Gail Weber

Ministry	<u>Dec. 5th</u>	<u>Dec. 8th</u>	<u>Dec. 12th</u>	<u>Dec. 19th</u>
Greeter	Dan Krieger	Daryl Herrmann	Ginny Anderson	Jane Lindenfelser
Usher	Walter Kaminsky	Jerry Waite	Dustin Campbell	Dave Raitz
Acolyte	Daryl Herrmann	Lyla Aaland	Mo Campbell	Elijah Campbell
1st Reader	Gail Weber	Mo Campbell	Larry Brugger	Youth
2nd Reader	Marion Marshall	Daryl Herrmann	Mary Brugger	Youth
Prayers	Dustin Campbell	Jane Lindenfelser	Mary Dare	Linda Krieger

Ministry	<u>Dec. 24th</u>	<u>Dec. 26th</u>	<u>Jan 2</u>
Greeter	Jeanne Simonson	Ginny Anderson	Dick Anderson
Usher	Dan Krieger	Walter Kaminsky	Jerry Waite
Acolyte	Mo Campbell	Lyla Aaland	Daryl Herrmann
1st Reader	Gail Weber	Mary Brugger	Marion Marshall
2nd Reader	Larry Brugger	Mary Dare	Jane Lindenfelser
Prayers	Dustin Campbell	Linda Krieger	Pauline Hoffine

Please, if you're not able to serve, please find your replacement.



Special Blessings to all our
December Birthday Trinitarians!

01 – Mariatu Andersen	12 – Holly Goodwin
02 – Camden Marquette	13 – Lindsey Latteman
05 – Jackson Stewart	18 – Matt Krogman
11 – Julie Raitz	20 – David Fensch
12 – Carol Weber	31 – Ginny Anderson

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE TRINITARIANS AND THEIR LOVED ONES THIS WEEK

For ourselves, and for our families,
and all those we love, especially for
Annette, Ro, Barbara, Dan, Michelle,
Angie, Jarrod, Ed G., Briana, Shirley I,
Dave, Jessica, Jennice, Rochelle, Gill,
Torney, Marion, Mary Jo, Doris, Mark,
Linus, Sherry, David, Chris, Emily,
Mike, Ray, Carl, Catherine, Michael all
the residents and staff of Guardian
Angels, Guardian Angels Board of Di-
rectors, Committees and Search Com-
mittee, Open Doors for Youth and
Feed My Starving Children.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR YOU OUR GUEST!

We extend a special welcome this morning to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor and yo no hablo Ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds. We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or you can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you haven't been in church since little Bobbie's Baptism. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion". We've been there too. If you blew all your offering money at the horse track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because Grandma is in town and wanted to go to church. We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts and YOU to Holy Trinity!

Fr. Rob and all the Holy Trinity Faith Community.



ADVENT RETREAT

Advent Quiet Half Day For Men & Women

**Saturday, Dec 11, 2021
10:00 am—12:30 pm**

*Participate in this half day retreat
away from your devices and all of
life's daily challenges.*

For Whom: Men and women of all ages
regardless of church affiliation.

What: Reflective prayer, meditation, and
readings relevant to your life.

Where: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
1326 4th St. NW, Elk River, MN

Cost: Free will offering

Register: Call office: 763-441-5482

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BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

of SOLACE and COMFORT



**Wednesday
December 8, 2021
6:30 pm**

**A Community Wide Service for
Those Living with Loss, Depression,
Anxiety and Struggle and COVID!**

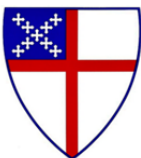
ALL ARE WELCOME!



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feel the love!





BULLETIN INSERTS

December 5, 2021 – Advent 2 (C)

Second Week of Advent: Journeying with Family and Friends

As we continue our Advent walk, we invite you to see the Way of Love as a journey that can expand to include family and friends. Mary said “yes” to the call to birth Jesus, God’s Word, into the world and immediately went in haste to share her good news with her cousin, Elizabeth—a four-day journey into the Judean hills. Isn’t that what happens when we hear good news? We are directed to go and tell others. The Way of Love is good news that demands to be shared.

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. There, you’ll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.



Sunday, December 5

WORSHIP

Read Luke 3:1-6. How does the story of John the Baptist fill your heart with hope?

Monday, December 6

GO

Read or watch your local news. Ask God to open your heart and eyes to ways you can promote reconciliation and healing in your community.

Tuesday, December 7

LEARN

Read Luke 1:45. Share your faith story with one new person this week. It can be someone you have known for a while who has not heard the faith part of your story.

Wednesday, December 8

PRAY

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 2, found on page 211 of *The Book of Common Prayer*. As you are out and about for the rest of this week, notice the people you pass. Ask God to bless them in their lives and work. See how this changes the way you go about your week.

Thursday, December 9

BLESS

Call or write a letter to a family member with whom you would like to have a closer relationship. Make plans in the new year to chat on the phone or meet over Zoom or in person. Let them know how much you love them and look forward to knowing them better.

Friday, December 10

TURN

Where did you struggle this week? Do you have amends or apologies or adjustments you need to make? Ask God to open your heart and mind to those opportunities for reconciliation and growth. Thank God for the gifts of mercy and love, and the courage to make the changes necessary. And then do your best, with God’s help, to make those changes.

Saturday, December 11

REST

Set aside 30 minutes to spend in silence with your best friend today. Sure, it may feel a little weird to be silent on the phone or while sitting next to each other on the couch or across the table. Just give it a try. Make sure to set aside time after your silence to pray for each other and to say thanks for the time of rest.