

TRINITY BUCKINGHAM CHURCH

*Sharing God's love and serving God's people
with Christ in our hearts and God's work through our hands*



Christmas Day

December 25, 2021

10 am

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Welcome to Trinity Church!

Welcome to this gathering place, friend and stranger, saint and sinner. Come, with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness. May our generous God and our compassionate Savior and the life-giving Spirit bless you this day.

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are new to worship in the Episcopal Church, we hope that you will simply enjoy the movement of the service and focus on the message of the Gospel, and not worry too much about what to do or what not to do. In general, we stand to sing, sit to listen and stand or kneel to pray, but please be comfortable. Some people will cross themselves, bow or kneel at different times—this reflects a personal preference and you are encouraged to follow your own.

If you are seeking a church just for today, thank you for celebrating with us and may God be with you as you travel. If you are searching for a new church home and family, know that you are welcome. We wish to greet you today or on your next visit in whatever manner will suit you best. Please leave a visitor's card at the registration desk.

Face-to-face worship during a global health crisis continues to present some challenges. Your health and well-being is our highest priority. While the CDC has ruled that vaccinated people may safely be indoors without masks, some in our community have not been vaccinated, so for everyone's protection, we ask that you please wear a mask throughout the service.

Please help us care for one another by taking your bulletin and any trash with you when you go, and by using the provided cleaning supplies if you visit the restrooms.

For the time being, the nursery is closed. Children are very welcome in the sanctuary.

A Children of All Ages Service, intentionally hospitable to young children, is offered outside at 9:30 am

Faith Hall is open for fellowship following the worship service. For the time being, we will not be providing food or drink, but you are welcome to bring your own.

Worshipping during a pandemic is new for all of us. Please do not hesitate to contact Nancy our rector, Cynthia, our parish administrator, or any member of the vestry to share your comments, questions and suggestions.

Leading Worship Today

Celebrant & Preacher :The Rev. Dr. Nancy Burton Dilliplane

Lay Associate for Liturgy and Spirituality: Martha Dudich

Greeter/Usher: Janet Zimmerman/Lynda Vesely

Lay Reader: Dom DeCaprio

Altar Guild: Joanne Welker/Meg Perry

The Word of God

Prelude: *In Dulci Jubilo* ~ Dietrich Buxtehude

Gathering Hymn: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

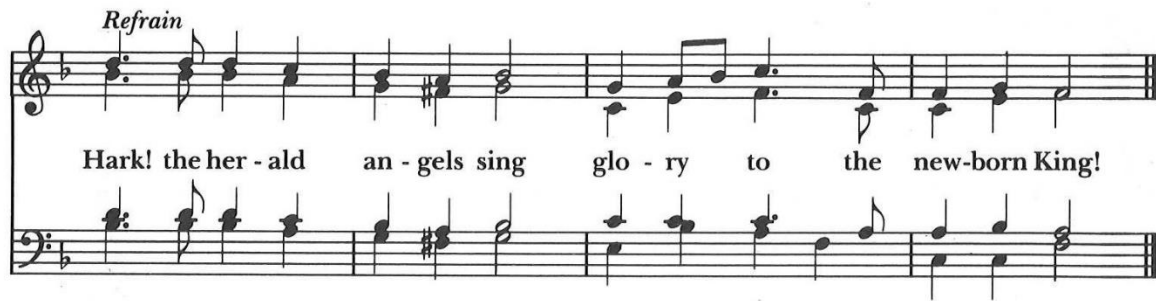
1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system includes three numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes a line with a hyphenated word 'in-car-nate'. The fourth system concludes the hymn with a double bar line.



Salutation

One: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Many: **And we beheld his glory.**

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.

Canticle for Christmas

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, upon them has the light dawned.

As a child you have been born to us, as a son you have been given to us:

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

From the days of our ancestors' faith, In fulfillment of the covenants of promise,
Your word of love has struggled to be born and at the last is made clear in the Word made flesh.

Collect

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

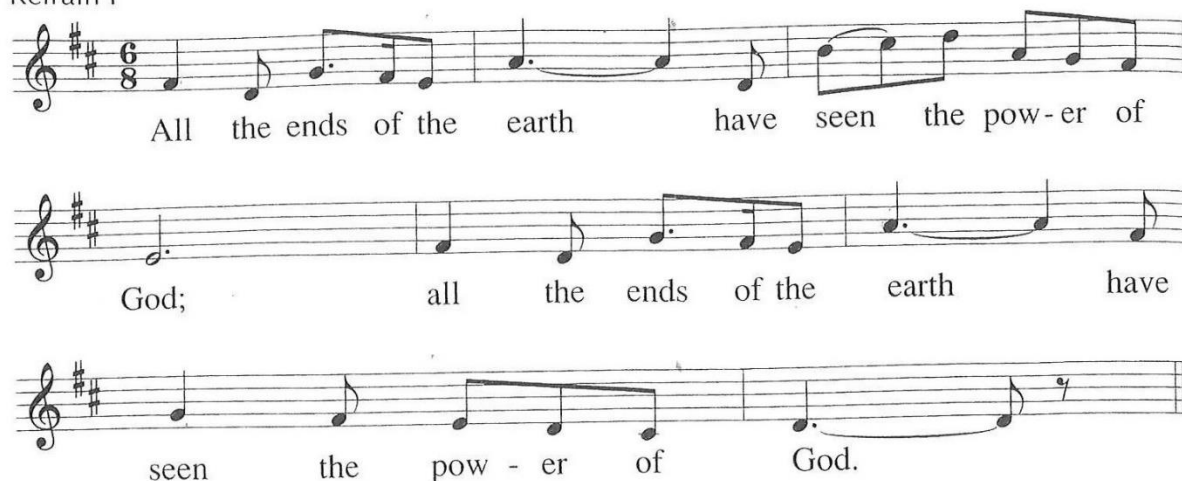
Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 All the ends of the earth

~David Haas, Marty Haugen

Refrain I



Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds;
Whose right hand has won the victory for us, God's holy arm.

The Lord has made salvation known, and justice revealed to all,
Remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel.

All of the ends of the earth have seen salvation by our God.
Joyfully sing out all you lands, break forth in song.

Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn.
Sign in your joy before the king the king, our Lord.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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Gospel



Gospel Lesson

John 1:1-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

Meditations on the Nativity

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in One God
The Eternal Power of Life and Goodness
The maker of Space and Time
Who was and is and is to come.

We believe in God our Maker
Whose love fires the sun
Whose word made the world
Whose law is the good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
Child of God and Mary's Child,
Born into Palestine, a prophet of Israel.
Born in a stable, a victim of Empire.
Born to a woman, and made in her image.
Born of the Spirit, the icon of God.
Born as a savior of sinners and victims.
Born as a healer of wounds and diseases.
Born as a teacher of wisdom and justice.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
The intimacy of God with creation
The power of God against death
Whose breath lives in all life,
Whose peace gathers the church,
Whose love sends God's people in mission.

We believe in one God,
Our Maker, Savior and Helper:
A trinity of beauty and holiness,
A community of joy.
To this holy and awesome God we give glory and praise, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People for Christmastide

As Mary welcomed you and rejoiced in God's holiness and mercy, we pray for the church. Child of Bethlehem, **Hear our prayers.**

As shepherds welcomed you, disturbing their work and lives, we pray for your disturbing presence in our world. Child of Bethlehem, **Hear our prayers.**

As Joseph welcomed you, giving you a home and a name, we pray for all who seek shelter in our community today/tonight. Child of Bethlehem, **Hear our prayers.**

As angels welcomed you, singing of glory and peace, we pray for all who seek healing and hope. Child of Bethlehem, **Hear our prayers.**

As Simeon welcomed you, recognizing in you his journey's fulfilment, we pray for those who have died and for all who love them and miss them, Child of Bethlehem, **Hear our prayers.**

As wise men welcomed you, risking a journey and following a star, we pray that we may take risks in following you. Child of Bethlehem, **Hear our prayers.**

The love of God is in us: The spirit of joy is with us, Emmanuel, Jesus, Now and always. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Lord God, mighty God, you are the creator of the world.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary,

You are the Prince of Peace.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit,

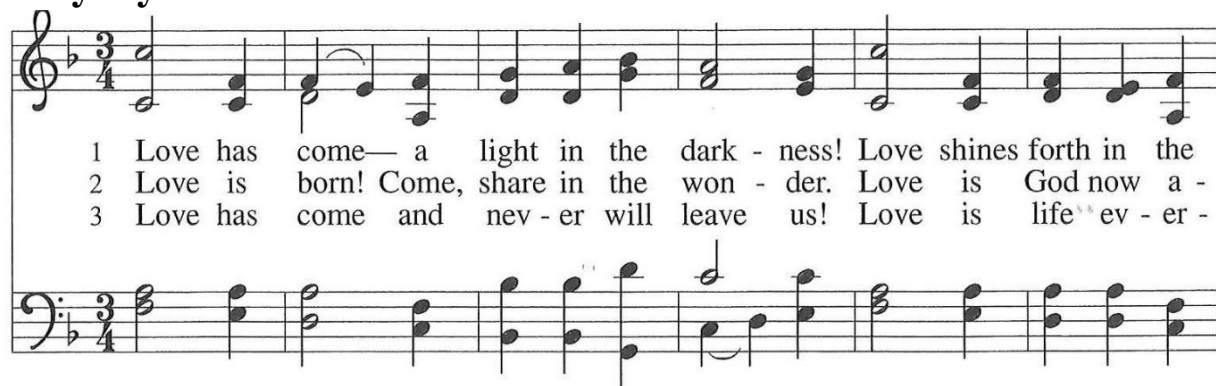
By your power the Word was made flesh and came to dwell among us.

Lord, have mercy.


Lord, have mercy.

Peace

Offertory Hymn Love has come



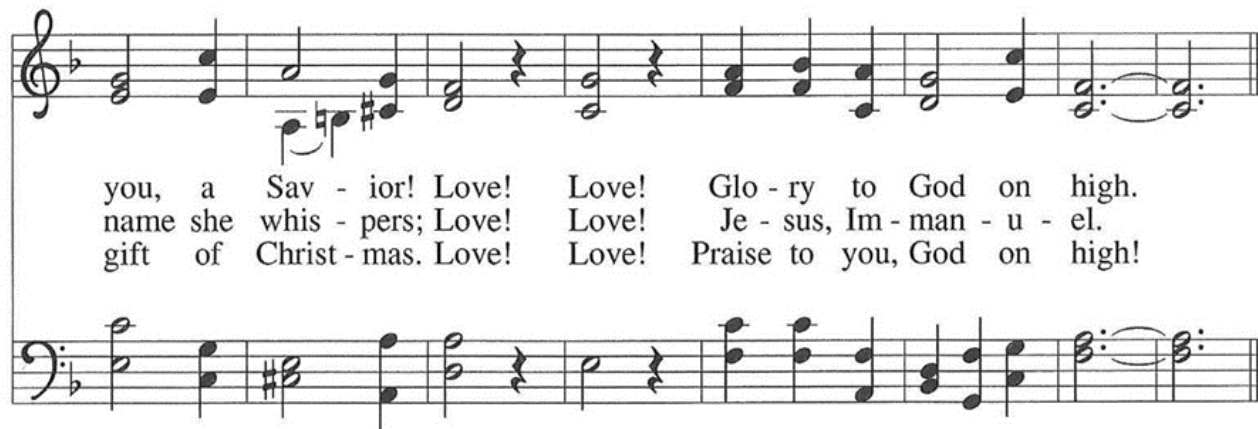
1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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At God's table, there is food for all who are hungry. If you are seeking God and a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized, and would like to learn more about what this could mean for you and about entering fully into the life of Christ and His Church, please speak to our rector, Nancy. We will receive only the bread today. Please come forward, row by row, one side of the church at a time, allowing 6 feet of space between you and your neighbor. Take a cup containing the consecrated wafer and return to your seat. When all who desire have received a piece of the bread, we will all consume it together, facing forward. If you prefer not to receive bread at this time, remain seated and make a spiritual communion, in solidarity with those who are at home.

A Prayer for Unity

Loving God, beyond limits of time and space, you come to us unbidden, and you sustain us in body and in spirit. We are grateful to receive you, as we are and where we are, whether we receive you in physical or spiritual bread. Give us grace to respond this day, and in the days to come. Nourished for service, may our hearts be made ready, our eyes be made open, our hands be made strong and our feet be made willing to do your will in all the places to which you call us. We long to unite ourselves wholly to you and to one another, and in all things remain a Eucharistic people, the body of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Holy Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, strong and faithful God. All your works, the height and the depth, echo the silent music of your praise.

In the beginning your Word summoned light, night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared.

When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, you created in your image man and woman, the stewards of all creation.

You gave us breath and speech, that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise, and to celebrate the creation you call good. So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth, we raise the ageless hymn of your glory:

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.

All holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands! When sin had scarred the world, you entered into covenant to renew the whole creation.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, as a father joyfully welcomes his own, you embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail.

Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, your Son, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

On the night before he met with death, Jesus came to the table with those he loved. He took bread and praised you, God of all creation. He broke the bread among his disciples and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body given for you.

When the supper was ended, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you, God of all creation. He passed the cup among his disciples and said: take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of the new covenant sealed in my blood for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Gracious God, as we offer you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we commemorate Jesus, you Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation. Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord, Jesus, come in glory.

Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread.

Then at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through Christ , with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, forever and ever. **AMEN**

And now, with the confidence of the Children of God, let us pray:

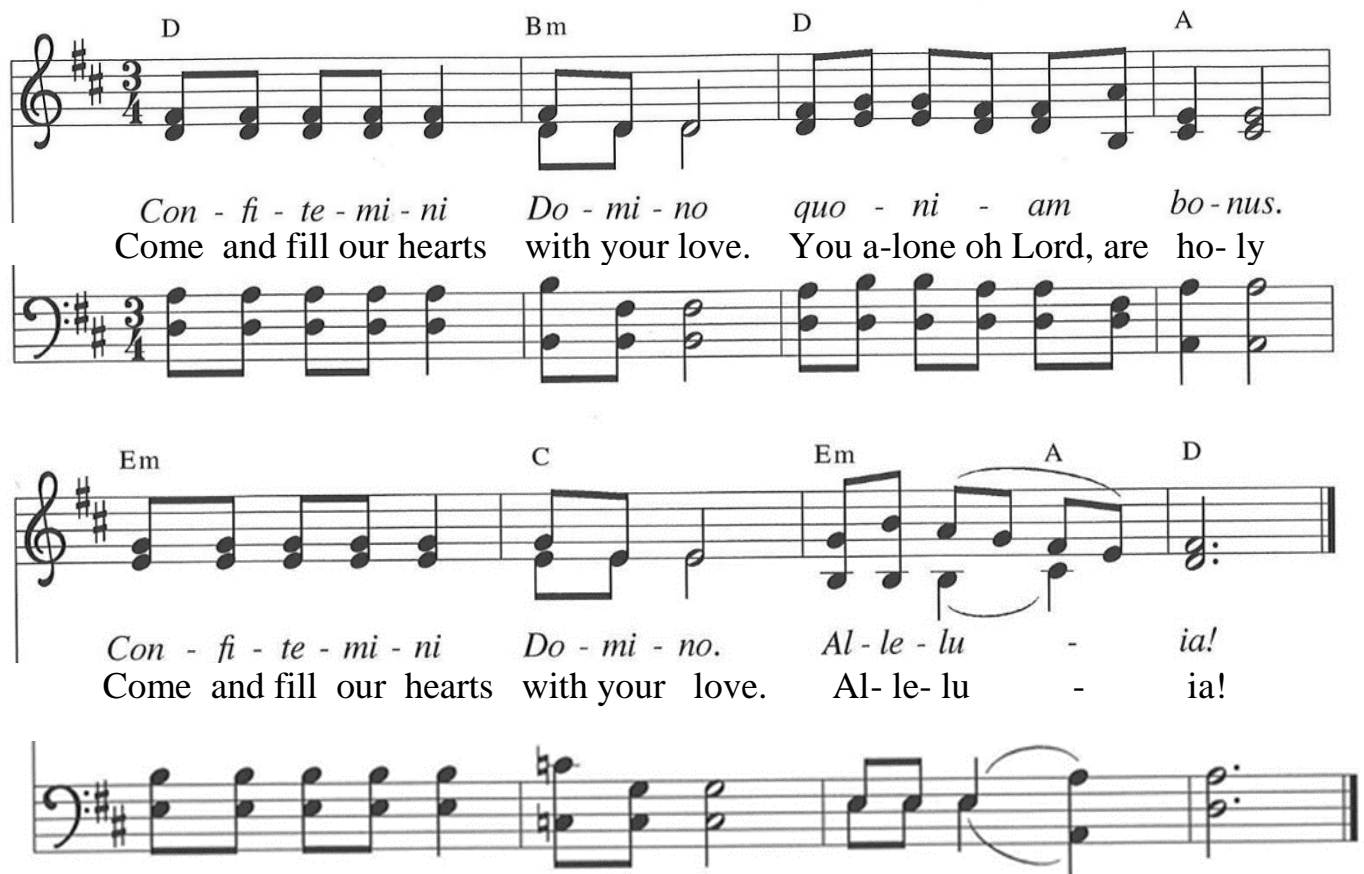
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Communion of the People



The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words split across lines. The score is divided into two systems, each with four measures. The first system covers the lyrics 'Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus. Come and fill our hearts with your love. You a-lone oh Lord, are ho - ly'. The second system covers the lyrics 'Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia! Come and fill our hearts with your love. Al - le - lu - ia!'. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines, and is accompanied by a series of chords (D, Bm, D, A, Em, C, Em, A, D) written above the staves.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your love. You a-lone oh Lord, are ho - ly

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your love. Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer following Communion

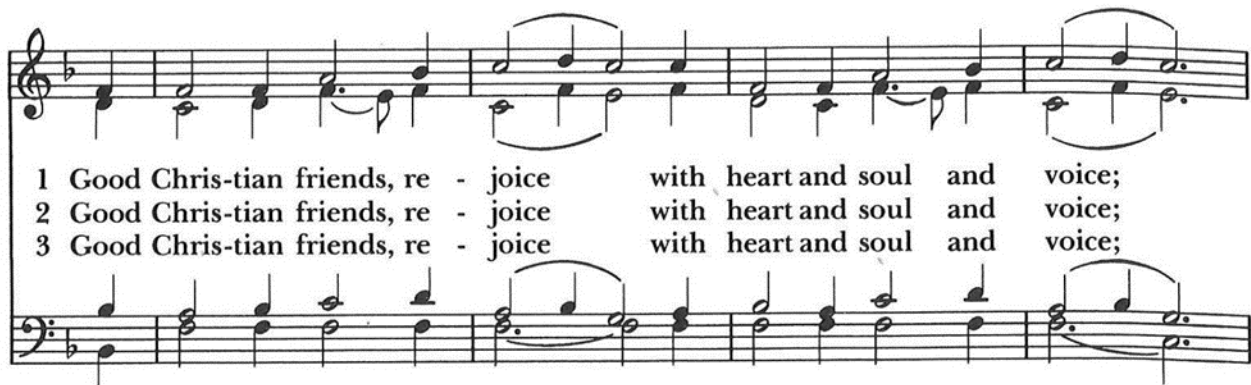
**Gift-giving God, God of angels and stars; magi and shepherds;
promise and hope; journeys and longing; God who calls and sends, blesses and
guards, hides and reveals, asks and waits; Ancient Love, that is always new;**

God of Christmas, God of our hearts; may we bear the Christ to all who need him, and allow his birth in us again. Amen.

Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things on earth and things in heaven, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God, Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and those you love and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

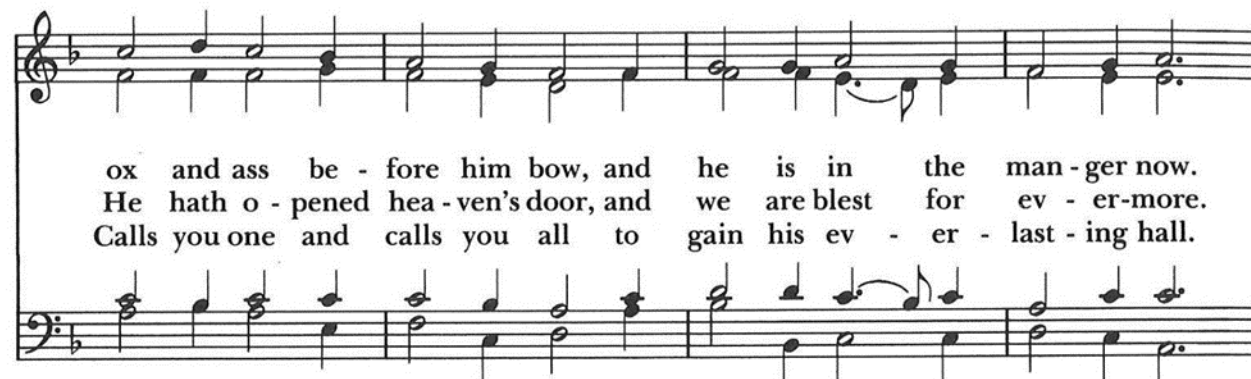
Sending Hymn Good Christian Friends



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *In dulci jubilo*, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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Dismissal

Postlude: *Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella* ~E.A. Hovdesven

Resources

Affirmation of Faith: Iona Abbey Worship Book

Prayers of the People by Ruth Bowen in *Hay and Stardust*

Post Communion Prayer: Liturgy for the Whole Church by Susan Bock

Eucharistic Prayer: <http://www.womensordination.org/programs/world-day-of-prayer/optional-inclusive-liturgies/> <https://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/communion-service-psalm-103/>

Upcoming Worship Opportunities at Trinity Buckingham

**Sunday, December 26, 2021: Christmas Lessons & Carols
with Holy Eucharist**

10 am in the main church sanctuary
(one service only this day)



Sunday, January 2, 2022: Epiphany
First Sunday, All Parish Celebration
9:30 am in the main church sanctuary
(one service only this day)



** This First Sunday Celebration will feature a display of Nativity Scenes. If you would like to lend Trinity your Nativity for this celebration please contact Pastor Nancy: rector@trinitybuckingham.org to arrange a drop off on December 30 or December 31. You can take your set home following the program on January 2.*

We return to our usual 3 Sunday Service schedule:

8 am Quiet Eucharist

9:30 am Children of All Ages

***10:30 am Traditional Eucharist with music
on January 9, 2022***

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop
The Right Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutierrez, Bishop
The Rev. Dr. Nancy Burton Dilliplane, Rector rector@trinitybuckingham.org

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