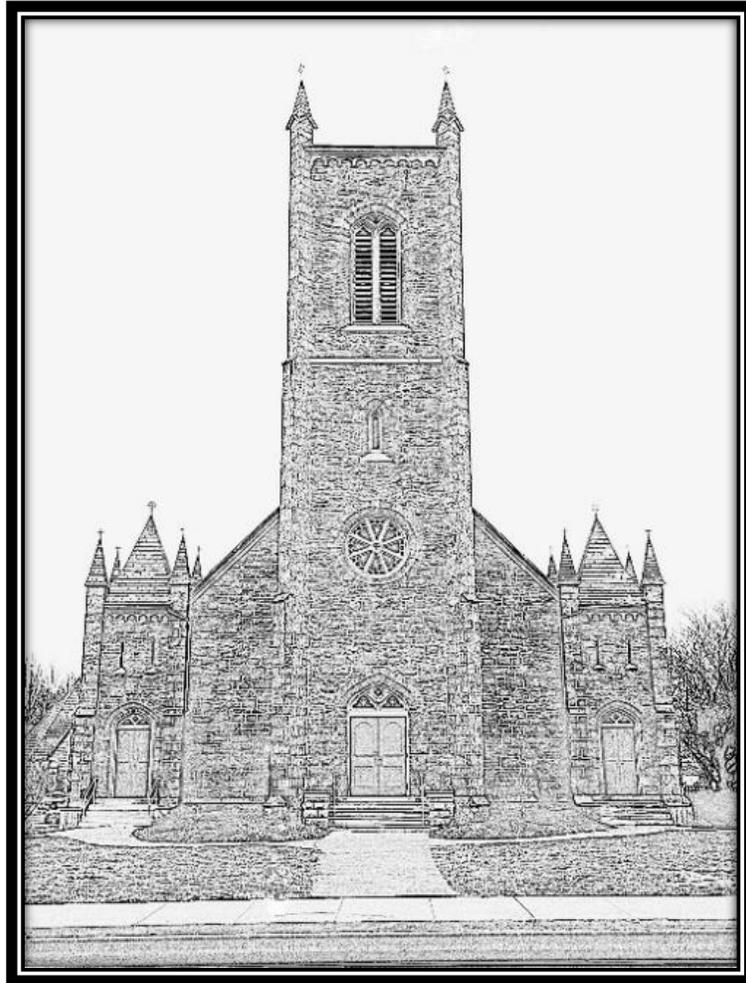


Trinity Church

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 3, 2021

9:30 a.m.



Trinity Church Welcomes You

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Welcome to our Trinity Church Family!

We are a vibrant Episcopal family united in following Christ.

Our Rector:

The Rev. Liam Muller

Our Staff:

Wendy Grace, parish coordinator
Linda Fay, treasurer
John Riddle, music director/organist
Jeff Zoesch, sexton

Our Vestry:

Fern Fryer, Senior Warden
Jay Slenker, Junior Warden
Brandy Blosser
Marc Brierre
Kathy Hall
Rich Jones
Krey Kellington
David Thurmer
Holly Webb

Announcements

Christmas Tree Pickup—The Rutland Boy Scout Troop 105/120 will be picking up discarded Christmas Trees again this year on Saturdays January 2 and 9. To schedule your pickup, please call or email: 802-438-8721 or RutlandBSTreeCollection@gmail.com. (Donations accepted at pickup.)

Vestry Members Needed— We have 2 seats for 3-year terms on our Vestry to be elected at our Annual Parish Meeting in January. Interested people can either contact the office or our Sr. Warden, Fern Fryer: ferndana@comcast.net or 773-4788. Please prayerfully consider serving on our Vestry.

2021 Calendars and Envelope Box Sets Available—Once again, our kind friends at Tossing Funeral Home have sponsored our liturgical calendars for 2021 and they are available in the church office. Also, for those who prefer to use offering envelopes, we have your box set available as well. Please email the office to make arrangements to receive your calendars and/or envelopes.

Continuing the Book Discussion Group—We will our discussion of *The Art of Possibility* by Benjamin and Rosamund Stone Zander *next* Sunday, January 10 at 6:00pm via Zoom. Newcomers are welcome and we'll spend the first part of the session finishing up a review and then continuing with new chapters, pages 123 through 179. The book can be purchased on Amazon.com. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84824173508?pwd=V25YcW1uODkyTVFWYmsvTGUvaGJTUT09>
Meeting ID: 848 2417 3508
Passcode: Zander

Sunday Worship on Zoom Platform--Join Sunday worship and fellowship on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81032785178?pwd=dmU5Umo0c3NZd1V5dUI6aldJNkdEQT09>
Meeting ID: 810 3278 5178; Passcode: God3in1. Our service will begin at 9:30am and after the worship service, folks are encouraged to stay in the meeting for fellowship time.

For optimal music audio, please remain muted for the prelude and postlude!

Trinity Church Closed—The Vestry has begun the work to begin the process of re-opening. This will be a long process, as you are probably aware, and will entail a lot of dedication on all of our parts. Please know that we will not and are not going to be acting in haste. Rather, the primary concern of all of us is the health, safety and well-being of our entire parish family. In the meantime, if you have a pastoral emergency, please call Fr. Liam at 605-999-7138 or email revliam25@gmail.com. If you have an administrative need, you may call Wendy at 802-345-7455 or email office@trinitychurchrutland.org.

Worship with Green Mountain Online Abbey—The Green Mountain Online Abbey provides a daily offering of online prayer at 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. as well Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. View videos of Bishop Shannon's sermons as well as special diocesan services on YouTube. Join by using this link: <https://zoom.us/j/531110497?pwd=dU9uYnUvUWxDK0lGc2FaN2pTMHVEZz09> or by dialing in from any phone using the following information: dial (646) 876-9923, code 531110497# If you are asked for a password, it is RockPoint. Bulletins can be accessed on the Diocesan website.

9:30 a.m. A Celebration of Christmas

Prelude

All praise to Jesus' hallowed name (BWV 723)

J. S. Bach

Opening Sentences and Collect for Purity

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

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

Officiant 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.*

Gloria in Excelsis

*Officiant and People: 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.*

The Collects (Officiant)

Collect for the Day

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.*

Lessons of the Day

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Reader: A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

For 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Reader and People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 84:1-8

Reader: Please join me in reciting from Psalm 84.

*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.*

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

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.

The Word of Lord.

Reader and People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle

Canticle 21: You are God

Reader: Please join me in reciting canticle 21.

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord; we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

*Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.*

You, Christ, are the king of glory,

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free

you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

*Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.*

Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

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

Officiant and People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor. The Gospel of the Lord.

Officiant and People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

the Rev. Liam Muller

Nicene Creed (Congregation)

Officiant: Please join me in saying the Nicene Creed.

*Officiant and people: 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 Confession and Absolution

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

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.

Officiant: 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.

Suffrages B (*Officiant and Congregation*)

Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People: Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Officiant: Day by day we bless you;

People: We praise your name for ever.

Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People: Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People: For we put our trust in you.

Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;

People: And we shall never hope in vain.

Intercession Prayers

The intercessions today are Form 2 from the Book of Common Prayer.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world. For **Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; and Liam, our priest.** We pray for **The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria; St. Luke's Church, Alburgh and the Rev. Thora Chadwick;** for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray especially for those serving on active duty in the armed forces and in the Peace Corps. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray

for all victims of violence; for those persecuted for race or gender; for all suffering financial hardship. We remember those commended to us, especially **Karen, Lisa, Mary Ann, Jimmy, Dick, Lydia, Mark, Sheree, David, Rodney, Timmy, Brian, Doug**. We pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for the departed that your will for them may be fulfilled.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for thanksgiving of the gifts we receive from God; **especially celebrate icicles, river bells, frozen ponds and lakes, glaciers, and the many forms of solid water.**

Silence.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. We pray for parishioners celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially: **Malachai Blair, and Emily Patrick**. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and people: 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 General Thanksgiving (*Officiant and Congregation*)

Officiant: Please join in the General Thanksgiving.

Officiant and People: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom (*Officiant*)

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Blessing

Officiant: Let Us Bless the Lord,

People: *Thanks Be to God!*

Dismissal

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

May the blessings of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Postlude

This Day, so full of joy

Dietrich Buxtehude