

Holy Trinity Church

446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550

A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19th, 2021

9:30 a.m. Choral Service

The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher

Anne Bouvier-Monroe-Organist

Jean Frost- Reader

Prelude: *“Prelude on “Picardy” Martin 17th C French Melody*

Advent Cantic: *“Wait for the Lord” Sing Three Times*

Processional Hymn: #265 *“The angel Gabriel from heaven came,”*

Collect : 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.*

First Reading

Reader A reading from the book of Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Silence

Canticle 15

BCP, pg. 91

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.*

Silence

Gospel Acclamation



Holy Gospel Luke 1:39-45(46-55)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you Lord Christ

Sermon

Fr. Richard Signore

Prayers of the People III

Prayer Book, p. 387

Prayer for the Parish - - O everlasting source of love, in whom our faith resides, guide us surely ever forward on our lifelong journey. Not so fast that we miss the beauty that surrounds us on the way, nor miss your grace so freely given that teaches us how to grow. But with a steady presence felt and a sense of gratitude may we find our place amidst the jungle of life within the kingdom of heaven on earth. Amen

Confession & Absolution

Prayer Book, p. 360

The Peace

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Hymn: All Singing, Insert *"He Came Down that we may have Love"* Traditional melody from Cameroon

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP, p. 369

Sanctus S-124 Holy, holy, holy Lord

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Book, p. 364

Fraction Anthem S-154 Alleluia, alleluia

Communion Hymn: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Geistliche Kirchengesang 1599 Setting by Carter

Post-Communion Prayer

Prayer Book, p. 365

Recessional hymn: #268 "Ye who claim the faith of Jesus"

Dismissal

Prayer Book, p. 366

Postlude : "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" Wachet auf, Arranged by Walther (1684-1748)

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Flowers on the Altar:** We would like to adorn our altar with flowers again! The flower sign-up sheet is on the back table. Please use a flower envelope to leave your payment. \$28 cut; \$38 arrangement
- The **Mission Plate** funds for the month November and December will be going to "The Episcopal Church in Navajoland."
- **Annual Report Deadline**

If you contribute to the Annual Report, please know that this is the time to write your piece! It takes some time to compile, format, print and collate this report. We would like to have it available for parishioners to review on January 15, therefore.... All reports are due to Emily Waugh, the Parish Secretary, BEFORE January 10.

Winter Parking Information Beginning December 1 and ending April 1, Southbridge limits parking on Hamilton Street. Please see the information below to avoid a parking ticket!

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IS ON THE EVEN SIDE OF THE STREET.

On Even Dates:

- Midnight to 7pm, park on the **ODD** side of the street
- 7pm to midnight park on the **EVEN** side of the street

On Odd Dates:

- Midnight to 7pm park on the **EVEN** side of the street
- 7pm to midnight park on the **ODD** side of the street

*If you are parking at the church for a class or meeting **BEFORE** 7 pm, you must obey the rules for that **DATE** for parking **before 7 pm!** You are not required to leave the class or meeting to move your car.

HOLY TRINITY UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES

- **Sunday, December 19th 9:30 am** (Today) after the service: Greening of the Church. All help will be appreciated
- **Friday, December 24th 4:00 pm:** Christmas Eve service
- **Sunday, December 26th 9:30 am** Christmas 1: Lessons and Carols
- **Sunday, January 2nd 9:30 am** Christmas 2: Eucharist, Canon Rich Simpson will preside and preach
- **Thursday, January 6th 6:00-8:00 pm:** Epiphany celebration hosted by Family Worship with Potluck Supper to follow
- **Sunday, January 9th 9:30 am:** Morning Prayer with renewal of Baptismal Covenant
- **Sunday, January 16th 9:30 am:** Eucharist, Mother Judith Lee will preside and preach
- **Sunday, January 23rd 9:30 am:** Eucharist and Annual Meeting, Mother Judith Lee will preside and preach
- **Sunday, January 30th 9:30 am:** Eucharist, Mother Judith Lee will preside and preach