

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Celebrating 180 Years of Life and Ministry



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 28, 2025

10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Welcome to Trinity! Since its founding in 1845, Trinity has been a sacred space for Mobile. From the beginning, worship has been central to our common life. Trinity strives to be a humble outpost of the Kingdom of Heaven by sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and walking the Way of Love.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & WELCOME!

Sunday, December 28, 2025

WELCOME to Trinity Episcopal Church and to this holy season of Christmas.

In his acclaimed autobiography *The Seven Story Mountain*, Thomas Merton chronicled his spiritual wanderings from a life totally devoid of God to a life lived only for God as a Trappist monk. Merton wrote about his first Christmas as a monk at the Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani in Kentucky:

“Christ always seeks the straw of the most desolate cribs to make his Bethlehem. In all the other Christmases of my life, I received a lot of presents and a big dinner. This Christmas I got no presents, and not much of a dinner; but I would have, indeed, Christ, God, the Savior of the World.

“You who live in the world: let me tell you that there is no comparing these two kinds of Christmases. . . the emptiness that had opened up within me that had been prepared during Advent and laid open by my own silence and darkness, now became filled. And suddenly I was in a new world.

“You know that Christ is born within you, infinite liberty: that you are free! . . That there are no more limitations. That you can love! That you are standing at the threshold of infinite possibilities. . .”

Today, the true miracle of Christmas continues to take place in the Bethlehem of our hearts. May each of us here at Trinity, come to know this “kind” of Christmas – a Christmas when Christ fills the hearts we have emptied in order to make room for the new born King!

Christmas Blessings,



The Rev'd Mark L. Fitzhugh

Rector

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Voluntary

Hymnal 83 O come, all ye faithful *Adeste fideles*

The Acclamation and Collect for Purity **BCP 355**

Hymnal 96 Angels we have heard on high *Gloria*

The Collect of the Day: First Sunday after Christmas Day **BCP 212**

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament **Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

Psalm 147:13-21 (*read responsively by whole verse*) **BCP 805**

Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

14 *For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.*

15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 *He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.*

17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 *He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?*

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

The Ministration of Communion

*During Communion, all are welcome to light a candle
at the prayer station in the Lady Chapel.*

Hymnal 89 (*seated*) It came upon the midnight clear *Carol*

Hymnal 112 In the bleak midwinter *Cranham*

Postcommunion Prayer **BCP 365**

The Festival Blessing

May Christ who by his Incarnation, gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, 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 remain with you always. *Amen.*

Hymnal 450 All hail the power of Jesus' Name *Coronation*

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of the Incarnate Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary



THE PARISH PRAYER LIST

This Week: Doris Benson, Byron & Kay Cruthirds, Pat & Darrel Cyrus, Tom Holmes, Brenda Howard, Mona Porter, Nettie Robertson, Leona Rowan, Shane Sawyer, Brandy Snyder, and Shae Street.

Others we are praying for: Scott Anderson, Micki Ankerson, Jeanne Babin, Betsy Brown, Latrelle Brown, Linda Dumas, Nancy Elstner, Derrick Freeman, Christopher William Forwood, Katherine Galanos, Dottie Gill, Chris Gregory, Butch Harbaugh, David Hart, Adam Hicks, Bill Holmes, Carol Ann Holmes, Fred Holmes, Jr., Håkan Kårdén, Annette Kelley, Pam Lane, Rev. Scott Lenoir, Kerry Senne Logan, Jessica Luce, Ashley Holmes McCrary, the Seth Murray Family, Kay Biggers Overstreet, Tom Rotterman, Rev. Pam Strobel, Monty Thull, Glennie Weaver, David Whatley, Keith & Cathy Williams, and Stacey Yim.

Armed Services: Matthew Anderson, Marie Lacy, Charles Lewis, Jr., Robert O'Bryant, and Kevin O'Rourke.

SERVANT LEADERS

Celebrant The Rev'd Mark L. Fitzhugh; **Altar Guild** Allison Castle, Martha Fuller, Carmen Kearley, and Margaret Platt; **Ushers** Jill & Mike Grimes;

Lectors Florence Crawford; **Intercessor** Tommy Murray;

Chalicist Tommy Murray; **Crucifer** Sadie Smith;

Media Production Carolyn Watts-Smith; **Guest Musician** Alan Farmer

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CHRISTMASTIDE AT TRINITY

Worship Schedule

Every Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite One
10:30 am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Nursery available at 10:30 am only

Tuesdays

5:30 pm Compline
in Schroeter Chapel

Wednesdays

11:00 am Bible Study
Noon Holy Eucharist
in Schroeter Chapel

*The Chapel entrance is through the Memory Garden
between the Church and Parish House.*

Labyrinth

Walk our beautiful Labyrinth anytime in the Meadow.

Food Pantry

Mondays
9:30–11:30 am
Except for major holiday.

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Mondays and Thursdays
5:30 pm

If you are interested in learning more about Trinity or becoming a member of our community, please speak with our priest or call the church office at (251) 473-2779. Our office hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. You can also learn more about us through our website, www.trinitymobile.org.



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Clergy & Staff

The Rt. Reverend J. Russell Kendrick, *Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast*

The Rev'd Mark L. Fitzhugh, *Rector*

Brother Jacob Luke Taylor, OSB, *Parish Administrator*

Dawn Hearn, *Finance Administrator*

Jasmine Moultrie, *Parish Steward*

Ken Weber, *Organist*

Trinity Church Vestry

Anne Gill, *Senior Warden* (2027)

Charlie Nakash, *Junior Warden* (2025)

Maria Beck, *Clerk* (2026), Emily Blejwas (2027)

Harold Dodge (2026), Tom Holmes (2025)

John Howard (2025), Josh Robinson (2026)

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