

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Celebrating 180 Years of Life and Ministry



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Gaudete Sunday
DECEMBER 14, 2025

10:30 am The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Welcome to Trinty! 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.

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Voluntary

Advent Wreath Lighting

The McGowin Family

Reader: "Rejoice: the Lord is near." As Christmas draws closer, the Church emphasizes today the joy in our hearts with the coming birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. The great joy of every Christian is to see the day drawing near when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead us into His kingdom.

(A person lights three candles here, the Rose candle last)

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The Latin term Gaudete refers to the first word of an entrance Psalm, "Rejoice". So, we light the rose candle on our Advent wreath to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near.

Priest Gracious God, as we await the feast of our Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymnal 68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest

Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day: 3 Advent

BCP 212

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146:4-9

BCP 803



- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help; *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- †9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle

James 5:7-10

Hymnal 72

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes.

Richmond

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

The Sermon

The Rev'd Mark L. Fitzhugh

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

Confession of Sin & Absolution

BCP 393

The Peace

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone is welcome to come to the Lord's Table. If you prefer to receive a blessing from the priest, please fold your arms across your chest. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify an usher and Communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free hosts are available.

Hymnal 462 The Lord will come and not be slow *York*

Doxology Hymnal 380, v 3 *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer B **BCP 367**

Sanctus S 130 Holy, holy, holy Lord Franz Peter Schubert

The Lord's Prayer **BCP 364**

The Fraction S 164 Jesus, Lamb of God Franz Schubert

The Ministration of Communion

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

Hymnal 76 (*seated*) On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry *Winchester New*

Postcommunion Prayer **BCP 365**

The Advent Blessing

Hymnal 438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord *Woodlands*

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
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, 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, 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

Jordana Burton, Laurent Cadden,
Pat Cyrus, and Brenda Mussell

Crucifer

Leo Blejwas

Chalicists

Anne Gill
Steve Flukinger

Lectors

Emily Blejwas
Ocllo Robinson

Intercessor

Betsey Wooten

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Chris Gill

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ADVENT 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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MAILING LIST



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* (2028)
Charlie Nakash, *Junior Warden* (2026)
Maria Beck, *Clerk* (2027), Emily Blejwas (2028)
Harold Dodge (2027), Tom Holmes (2026)
John Howard (2026), Josh Robinson (2027)
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