



TRINITY CHURCH
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'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'

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Sunday 28 December
10.30am Morning Worship
led by Revd Pauline Main

Church Stewards on duty: Alastair Fear & Val Dalby

Audio – Visual Team:

A special welcome to any visitors joining us today

There is an **Open Prayer Book** in the Welcome Area for you to enter the name of any situation or person you wish to remember during the service.

There is also a **Prayer Box** for requests which, for any reason, need to remain confidential, and each individual will be prayed for by name later in the week, and in confidence, by the Prayer Group.

Our **Junior Church** will not be meeting today. Children are welcome to stay in the Service, or take advantage of the toys and activities in the Welcome Area

After the service you are very welcome to stay for a cup of coffee or tea thanks to today's **Coffee Rota volunteers**: Judith & Alastair Fear

Welcome

Time of Quiet

Call to Worship (from Ps 148):

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

**Praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.**

 **Let earth and heaven combine**

StF 208

Opening Prayers

All Age Talk

Giving Thanks

A Prayer of Thanksgiving:

As we approach the year's end, let us offer thanks
for all the year has brought:

For families and friends,
and those who have loved us and have walked beside us
we give you thanks.

For teachers who have educated our young people,
for those who have looked after our health,
we give you thanks.

For the shelf-fillers and checkout people,
for postmen and women and tradespeople,
and for all those who keep our services running,
we give you thanks.

For all who administer local and national government,
for those who serve others in the community,
we give you thanks.

For those who make our lives richer
through music, art, literature, sport, entertainment and in so many ways
we give you thanks.

But, above all, in each and in all of them
we celebrate the life they have
that comes from you, the Lord of all life.
**And to you we give our thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

 **Give to me, Lord, a thankful heart**

StF 520

Reading

1 Samuel 2: 18 - 20, 26

Reading

Luke 2: 41 - 52

Meditation 1

Music reflection:

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half gone was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Saviour
When half gone was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendour
The darkness ev'rywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens ev'ry load.

*Words: 15th Century German
Music and vocals from "Hymns of Grace"
<https://hymnsofgrace.org/>
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Meditation 2

Comment

 **Love came down at Christmas**

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Bible reading:

Matthew 2: 13 - 15

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

 **It came upon the midnight clear**

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Closing Blessing and Sending Out

Next Sunday at Trinity
10:30am Covenant Service and Communion
led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson