#### TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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# The Very Reverend Sarah Carper Morris, Rector Jessica Simandle, Deacon Intern Howard Ward, Organist

The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2025

If you are visiting, please fill out a Visitor Card and put it in the offering plate or hand it to a greeter. Restrooms are located downstairs.

Please remember that many are preparing for worship with prayer before the service.

Kid's bags are in the narthex including a children's bulletin, crayons and other fun for the kids during church. Please return the bags and they will be refilled for next Sunday.

#### **Prelude**

#### **Processional Hymn #74**

- 1 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
  For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred!
  Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the poorest, such his humility!
- 2 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
  By those who truly listen his voice is truly heard; pity the proud and haughty, who have not learned to heed the Christ who is the Promise, who has atonement made.
- 3 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
  He only to the humble reveals the face of God.
  All power is his, all glory!
  All things are in his hand, all ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end!

4 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need.
Gentle is he and humble!
And light his yoke shall be, for he would have us bear it so he can make us free!

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy

Spirit.

**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for

ever. Amen.

### **The Collect for Purity**

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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*.

# The Holy Eucharist II, Lord have mercy: Kyrie

# The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #96



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The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

#### The Collect

(kneel or stand as you are able)

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*.

Please be seated during the reading of the Lessons and the Psalm.

#### The First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

# **Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18** *Qui regis Israel*

- Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \* shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \* stir up your strength and come to help us.
- Restore us, O God of hosts; \* show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, \*
  how long will you be angered
  despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \* you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \* and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- Restore us, O God of hosts; \* show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

- And so will we never turn away from you; \* give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \* show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

#### The Second Lesson: Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

# Sequence Hymn # 53

- 1 Once he came in blessing, all our ills redressing; came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy; bore the cross to save us, hope and freedom gave us.
- 2 Still he comes within us, still his voice would win us from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth convert us: not in torment hold us, but in love enfold us.
- 3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not ashamed to claim him, but wilt trust him boldly nor dost love him coldly, he will then receive thee, heal thee, and forgive thee.
- 4 One who thus endureth bright reward secureth.
  Come, then, O Lord Jesus, from our sins release us; let us here confess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

**People** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

# The Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon** Jessica Simandle

#### The Nicene Creed

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 Prayers of the People

Intercessor As we near the end of our time of waiting, let us offer prayers to God through Jesus who is called Emmanuel, God with us, saying: Come, Emmanuel, and save us.

For the Church: remembering especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, our bishops and Sam & Jennifer, that we may embrace God's will, however mysterious or surprising. *Come, Emmanuel, and save us.* 

For this parish family, that, like Mary and Joseph we may respond to God's invitation and allow God to do great things in and through us. *Come, Emmanuel, and save us.* 

For peace, that the coming of the Prince of Peace may bring healing and safety to those impacted by warfare, violence and oppression. *Come, Emmanuel, and save us.* 

For all who have lost their lives and those whose lives have been changed forever by gun violence in Sydney and Providence, that they may be strengthened and comforted by the light of God's love in this Holy Season. *Come, Emmanuel, and save us.* 

For new and expectant parents, that they may see God's presence in their child and nurture the gift of life entrusted to them. *Come*, *Emmanuel*, *and save us*.

For all who travel during this season, they may arrive safely and share the love and warmth of family and friends. *Come, Emmanuel, and save us.* 

For those everywhere who suffer from the power of nature, those who are lonely, lost and forgotten, and all those in need of our prayers ....., that in the love of Emmanuel, our God who comes to us, they may find hope and joy. *Come, Emmanuel, and save us.* 

For all those who have died, remembering especially ....., that they may rejoice in the presence of Mary's child Jesus. *Come, Emmanuel, and save us.* 

In the communion of blessed Mary the God-bearer, Thomas the Apostle and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.* 

Celebrant Blessed Emmanuel, God with us, hear our prayers, let your Holy Spirit dwell among us and be born anew in the life of your people, that we may be filled with the fullness of Christ, to the honor and glory of your Holy Name. **Amen.** 

#### Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suit able Collect.

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*.

The Peace BCP 360

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

#### **Announcements**

#### Offertory

### Doxology #380 v.3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

# **Eucharistic Prayer D**

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

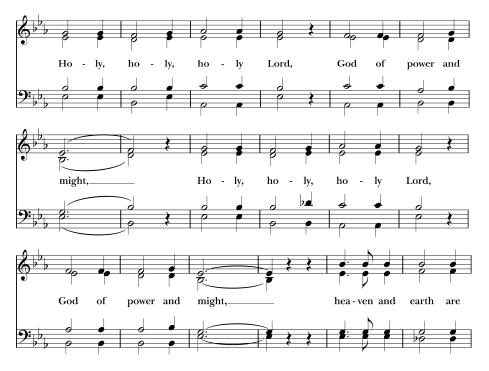
Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

Celebrant and People

# The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #130





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The people stand or kneel.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with \_\_\_\_\_\_) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

#### People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

# The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #164



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Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

# The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

#### **Music During Communion #331**

- 1 Now, my tongue, the mystery telling of the glorious Body sing, and the Blood, all price excelling, which the Gentiles' Lord and King, once on earth among us dwelling, shed for this world's ransoming.
- 2 Given for us, and condescending to be born for us below, he with us in converse blending dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with wondrous ending his most patient life of woe.

- 3 That last night at supper lying mid the twelve, his chosen band, Jesus, with the Law complying, keeps the feast its rites demand; then, more precious food supplying, gives himself with his own hand.
- 4 Word made flesh, the bread he taketh, by his word his Flesh to be; wine his sacred Blood he maketh, though the senses fail to see; faith alone the true heart waketh to behold the mystery.
- 5 Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere; types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith, our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear.
- 6 Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son, honor, thanks, and praise addressing, while eternal ages run; ever too his love confessing who from both with both is One.

Meditation after Communion Jesus Remember Me Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.

### Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **Advent Blessing**

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen*.

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen*.

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

# **Processional Hymn #73**

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks; when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.
- 2 Not, as of old, a little child, to bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.
- 3 The King shall come when morning dawns and earth's dark night is past;O haste the rising of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
- 4 and let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold, when right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.
- 5 The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings:Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly, King of kings.

#### **Dismissal**

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the

power of the Spirit.

**People** 

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### **Postlude**

#### PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

Immediate Needs:Cynthia LightDakota WoodGeneLibby LovillLucy WoodRivaKitty MartinRusty YorkDiana AdelizziKenneth MatthewsWestern NCTeresa AuldCheryl MenezesLong Term N

**Long Term Needs:** Teresa Auld Cheryl Menezes Johnny & Phyllis Linda Carroll **Bromage Family** Jane Carper Meredith Ann Cochrane Jim Causer Robert Morris John Derrick Heath Church Angie Nolfo Paul Derrick Ken Collins Diane Prichard Steve Hines Bob Correll Gail Reeves Carrie Krahn Clarence & Rosie Derrick Sheila Robbins Barbara McGatlin Vi Endter Erika Rowe Rev. Bill Pendleton Carolyn Flippen Stephanie Serika Lorene Ramsey Mila Rain Floyd Angela Shur Phyllis Rose Nancy Follett Sid Spencer, Sr. Candace Sammons Harman Gilbert Bruce Springthorpe Mac Sammons Greg Goad Matthew Stevens Kris Saunders Jennifer Green Jackie Thornhill Denny Shelton Ray Hanna Dave & Kathy Town Jeanette Staples Betty Town

Ray Hanna
James (Pete) Haynes
Bowen Horton
Phyllis Frye James
Kyle Jones
Dave & Kathy Town
The Tucker Family
Kelli Vincen
Joe Waddell
Brent Wall

Gus Lewis Henrietta Williams

Pray for the repose of the soul of Bill Nichol.

Vicky Town

John Townsend

# TRINITY FAMILY IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

Amanda Eads, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch, Gordon Lynch, Haley Muething, John Nichols, Christopher Noble, Robert Poole

#### DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Diocese of North Carolina

#### BIRTHDAYS

December 22<sup>nd</sup> Angela Lawrence & Luis Aguilar

#### FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of my parents' anniversary by Joanne Silvia.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pledge Update:** in 2025 we had 62 pledges representing \$216,000. To cover our anticipated expenses in 2026 we need pledges totaling \$232,000. To date we have received 46 pledges representing \$185,000 or 80% of our goal. Please consider returning your pledge card as soon as possible. If you are enclosing a check with your pledge card, please specify if it is to be applied to your 2025 or 2026 pledge.

**Needed for the Warming Center:** Mats, Cots, or zero-gravity chairs, coffee, creamer, coffee filters, sugar packets, Clorox wipes, all-purpose cleaner, paper plates, plastic utensils, McDonald's gift cards, and breakfast foods.

Anyone interested in serving on the **Altar Guild** may contact Margie Martin or Pam Dickenson.

We need volunteers for the **Warming Center**. Trinity will provide volunteers for Wednesday and Sunday nights that we are open. We need two people to bring a meal for approximately 10 people and 2 people to check guests in. Please let Sarah know if you can help.

**The Caregiver/ Grief Support Group** will break for the holidays and resume meeting on Wednesday, January 7th at 3 PM.

**Sunday School for Children and the Young Adult Group** meet each week at 9:30 a.m.

The **Trinity Webpage** is a guide to all things Trinity, including weekly service bulletins, monthly calendars of events, and service opportunities. Find it at **trinitymtairy.com** 

# **Upcoming Events**

- Our Candlelight Christmas Eve services will be held on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. and at 11:00 p.m. Plan to join us and invite a friend!
- Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> one combined service of **Lessons** and Carols at 10:30 a.m. If you would like to volunteer to read a lesson, please contact the church office.
- Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual **Christmas Pageant** during 10:30 worship. Let us know if you are interested in participating.



#### **MINISTERS FOR THE 8:30 SERVICE**

Today	Ministry	Next Sunday	
Pat Sanderson	LECTOR	***	
Jessica Simandle	CHALICE BEARER	***	
Benny Combs	GREETER	***	
Jessica Simandle	ACOLYTE	***	

#### MINISTERS FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE

This Sunday	Ministry	<b>Next Sunday</b>
	LECTOR	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Wendy & Roxann	CHALICE BEARER	***
Pat & Morris	GREETERS	Volunteers Needed
Jill & Cindy	ALTAR GUILD	Brenda & Brandon
Pam Smith	VESTRY	Wendy Tatman
Roxann Moore	ACOLYTE	Volunteer Needed

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	THIS WEEK'S	EVENTS
Today	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Young Adult
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Medical Loan Closet
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Candlelight Christmas Eve
·	11:00 p.m.	Candlelight Christmas Eve
Thursday	Christmas Day	
Next Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Lessons & Carols (one service)

#### TRINITY VESTRY

Jane Ciancio, Steve Delacroix, Brenda Goings, Pam Smith, Wendy Tatman, Ann Vaughn, Mike Wilson No matter where you come from or where you're going
No matter what you believe or what you doubt
No matter what you feel or just don't feel today
No matter whom you love
You are welcome into this space to be met by a God
Who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows
your mind, and...
Who wants to have a relationship with you