

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WELCOME!

We're glad you're worshipping with us today.

Trinity Episcopal Church is a welcoming, worshipping community, where all belong, are loved, respected, and embrace Jesus' example of loving, serving, and seeking justice for all.

Today's liturgy will be about one hour.

We all say the words in **BOLD**.

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Lighting of the Advent Candles

Within our darkest night, you kindle a fire that never dies away.

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ, joining our voices with the joyful song of his mother Mary.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For you, O Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name. You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation. You have shown strength with your arm, and scattered the proud in their conceit, casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly. You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

Advent Hymn - Within Our Darkest Night

Taize

With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er
Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le feu qui ne s'é -

dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you
teint ja - mais, ne s'é - teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al -

kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way.
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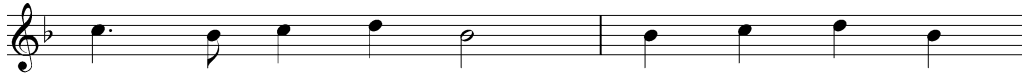
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Opening Hymn - #54 - Savior of the Nations, Come

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1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

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Acclamation and Collect of Purity

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray, saying today's collect together:

God of promise, you look with favor on the lowly, you scatter the proud and you fill the hungry. May we, like Mary, respond to your call and be obedient to your will; through Jesus Christ who is to come.

The First Lesson

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.

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

Canticle 15 - 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.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

Gospel Hymn - My Soul in Stillness Waits

Marty Haugen

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits,

tru-ly my hope is in you. _____

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
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."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev'd Jordan Bishop

(followed by a time of silence)

The Nicene Creed

Let us affirm our faith by saying together the historic words of 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

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, remind us that you are always with us, that like Joseph we might always be eager to fulfill your will, and be eager to pray:

O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church, especially the Church of the Good Shepard in Sundance and for the Church of the Province of Uganda, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind especially Joanne, Hilda, Anthony, Whitney, Cal, Baby Vasquez, Barbara, Larry, and Diane that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Let us now offer our prayers for our own needs and those of others either silently or aloud.

Celebrant-

O Christ, hear our prayers, restore us, and show us the glorious light of your countenance, that we might be saved. Come Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

THE TABLE

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.
Psalm 50:14

Offertory – Rhondo Allegretto by Matteo Carcassi

Margaret Procter

All things come of thee, O Lord. **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Kocher and Wells

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

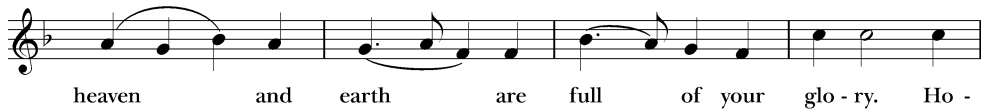
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is a good and joyful thing to give our thanks to you, Lord God of hosts, O ancient of days, for from of old you have called forth life.

You brought into being every detail of creation and gave birth to your covenant people. When the time drew near, you called upon Bethlehem to bear the hope you promised, and summoned Mary to bear your holy child. By your grace the child grew to be the one to bear not only our sins but the sins of the world. In his dying and rising you gave birth to everlasting life for all your children. And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we sing your praise and join the unending hymn.

Sanctus

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God of Mary, whose womb bore the sacred fruit of our salvation, bring forth from this fruit of the vine your cup of blessing. As we remember around this table your Son's saving passion poured out for us, send your Holy Spirit upon your church to make us bearers of your Christ, your mercy, and your hope.

Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of Jesus our Lord; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

God of holy expectation, let your face shine upon us and your dawn break upon us that we may be saved. Make your church expectant in faith as we labor for what we cannot yet see. Come and dwell with your people who yearn to be restored, to be forgiven, to belong.

Let the warmth of your face shine upon those who seek the peace long promised for Bethlehem, for Jerusalem, and for all your waiting world. Bring us, with the saints who have looked for your coming, to the day when we and all your children shall celebrate and leap for joy in your holy presence, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. All are welcome at this table.

You now are invited to come forward to the altar rail and receive communion. If you wish to receive wine, please take a chalice as you come forward. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine, you may cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

*As you return to your seat please place your chalice in the basket provided.
Please do not throw your chalice in the trash.*

Communion Music

Hymn - #56 - O come, O come, Emmanuel, vs. 1, 2, 3

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1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go. *Refrain*

3 O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Announcements

Please note the announcements are already in the back of the bulletin.

Those having both birthdays and anniversaries this week are invited to come forward at this time, together –

Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries – *(together)* O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional -#74 - Blest be the King Whose Coming

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Descant

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him
God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly
God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
barred! Not robbed in roy - al splen - dor, in
heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who
God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

things are in his hand, all a - ges and all

power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 bear it so he can make us free!

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE, TEA, AND REFRESHMENTS
 IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE IN THE PARISH HALL.**

Announcements

Coming Up at Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday, Dec 22 – 9:30am – Fourth Sunday of Advent - Holy Eucharist
Monday, Dec 23, 30, Jan 6, 13- 8am - Men's Breakfast
Tuesday, Dec 24 - 5pm - Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, Dec 29 – 9:30am - Service of Lessons and Christmas Carols
Thursday, Jan 2 – 9:30am – Women of TEC coffee
Thursday, Jan 2 – 2pm - Help fill backpacks at North School
Sunday, Jan 5 – 9:30am – Epiphany Sunday - Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, Jan 7, 14 - 8am - Morning Prayer (No morning prayer Dec 24, 31)
Wednesday, Jan 8 – 12:30pm – Community Blood Drive
Sunday, Jan 12 – 9:30am – First Sunday after the Epiphany
Thursday, Jan 16 – 6pm – Women of TEC Ladies Night
Friday, Jan 17 – 3:30pm – Trinity helps with Lander Community Meal
Sunday, Jan 19 – 9:30am – Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Monday, Jan 20 – 7pm – Contemplative Prayer

Prayer Requests

Joanne, Hilda, Anthony, Whitney, Cal, Baby Vasquez, Barbara, Larry, and Diane
(Please email trinitylnldr@gmail.com to add to the prayer list.)

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