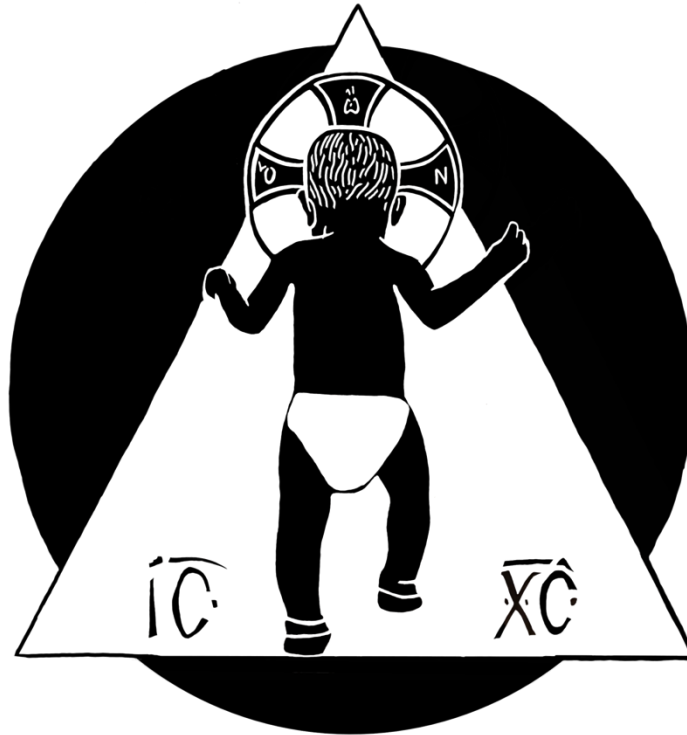


TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE SECOND 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.

Advent Hymn - "Within Our Darkest Night"

Taizé

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 -

Am B Em Am B Em Am B

kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way.
lu - me le feu qui ne s'é-teint ja - mais, ne s'é-teint ja - mais.

Opening Hymn - #76 "On Jordan's Bank"

The Hymnal 1982

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

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 timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation: make us ready for the message that prepares the way, so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

Canticle 16 - The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

Gospel Hymn - My Soul in Stillness Waits - vs 3,4

mp

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

a tempo

tru-ly my hope is in you.

mf

1. O Lord of Light, our on-ly hope of
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down up-on our
3. O Root of Life, im-plant your seed with
4. O Key of Know-ledge, guide us in our

glo-ry, your ra-diance shines in all who look to
 spir-its, our thirst-y hearts are yearn-ing for your
 in-us, and in your ad-vent, draw us all to
 pil-grim-age, we ev-er seek, yet un-ful-filled re-

you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and
 Word, come, make us whole, be com-fort to our
 you, our hope re-born in dy-ing and in
 main, o-pen to us the path-way of your

poco rit. *a tempo*

sha-dow.
 hearts. ri-sing.
 peace.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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 St Hubert's in Bondurant and Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, 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, Mary, the Adams Family, Anthony, Whitney, Cal, Baby Vasquez, and Barbara 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 own prayers and intercessions, either silently or aloud.

Silence

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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.**

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.

THE TABLE

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

Offertory Music - Arioso from Cantata #156 by J.S. Bach *Rebecca Murdock, Cellist*

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.**

Blessed be your name, Lord God of time and eternity, for you have come to your people and set them free. You have spoken through the mouth of holy prophets and remembered your covenant of old. You have prepared the way of our salvation by raising up a mighty Savior from the house of your servant David. Your Son Jesus took upon himself on the cross the cost of our sin, and through him you revealed the fullness of your promise of mercy.

In his resurrection you gave us knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of our sins that we might serve you without fear in holiness and righteousness all our days. And so with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we join the unending hymn.

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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God of the future and the past, you promised that all flesh shall see your salvation: show us the salvation you bring through the flesh and blood of your only Son. As your prophets heralded his saving glory, sanctify your church for his promised coming. Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ 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.

Refining Spirit, you burn away all that does not endure your presence. Reveal your mercy in the very crucible of your love. Protect your children who are facing a crucible of trial or temptation or testing, and amid the suffering of your children reveal your eternal grace.

Refine and strengthen the hope of your church through every adversity and every danger. Set the hearts of your people on fire to seek your justice and share your mercy; until your dawn from on high breaks upon us, and on the day of your coming we stand clothed in the righteousness of the Son, in the presence of the Father, by the refining power of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 Meditation

Hymn - #56 "O come, O come, Emmanuel" vs 1, 4, 5

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(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

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Post Communion Prayer

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.

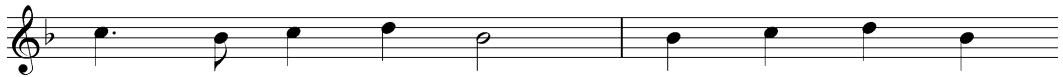
Blessing

Recessional -#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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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Announcements

Coming Up at Trinity Episcopal Church

Monday, Dec 9, 16, 23 - 8am - Men's Breakfast

Tuesday, Dec 10, 17 - 8am - Morning Prayer (No morning prayer Dec 24, 31)

Sunday, Dec 15 – 9:30am – Third Sunday of Advent - Holy Eucharist with Presiding Bishop
Katharine Jefferts-Schori

Tuesday, Dec 17 – 6pm – Vestry

Thursday, Dec 19 – 2pm – Fill backpacks

Thursday, Dec 19 – 6pm - Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner at Trinity

Friday, Dec 20 - 3:30pm - TEC helps with Community Meal

Saturday, Dec 21 – 7pm - Advent Choral Compline Service

Sunday, Dec 22 – 9:30am – Fourth Sunday of Advent - Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, Dec 24 - 5pm - Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, Dec 29 – 9:30am - Service of Lessons and Christmas Carols

Prayer Requests

Joanne, Hilda, Mary, the Adams Family, Anthony, Whitney, Cal, Baby Vasquez, and Barbara
(Please email trinitylndr@gmail.com to add to the prayer list.)

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