

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIRST 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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WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU JOIN US AS WE ENTER THIS SEASON OF PREPARATION KNOWN AS ADVENT.

The word “Advent” comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning “coming” or “arrival.” In ancient Rome, *adventus* was a festival celebrating an emperor's return to the city after a military campaign. Within the Christian tradition, Advent marks the time of preparation before Christmas, the celebration of Jesus Christ’s arrival on Earth. It is a season filled with anticipation, hope, and preparation.

But Advent is more than just outward preparation—like decorating, gift-giving, or baking (though these are lovely traditions). It’s a time to prepare inwardly. Advent invites us to ready our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ.

During this season, we light candles and pray. We take time to reflect on ourselves—not only on our strengths but also on the places where we feel empty or broken. In these moments, we long for the healing and hope that God offers through Christ Jesus. As we look inward, we also look outward. We celebrate the goodness and joy around us while recognizing the pain and need in the world. We pray that Christ will work through us, bringing healing, hope, and liberation to those in need.

We welcome you to this service and this sacred season of Advent. Before the service begins, we invite you to take a moment to pray and reflect quietly. During the service, feel free to participate in ways that resonate with you—whether that means sitting, standing, kneeling, or simply observing. Some may bow or make the sign of the cross; these practices are optional and personal. Our hope is that you feel encouraged to connect with your spirituality in your own meaningful way.

Thank you for joining us as we journey through this season together.

Grace and peace,

Rev’d Jordan Bishop



Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Candles

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

Advent Hymn - "Within Our Darkest Night"

Taize

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Am B Em Am B Em Am B

Opening Hymn - #66 "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

The Hymnal 1982

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), 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 justice, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, so that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
**let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Gospel Hymn - "My Soul in Stillness Waits"

My Soul In Stillness Waits

"O" Antiphons
Psalm 95

MARTY HAUGEN

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 thirs- ty 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.
ri- sing.
peace.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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 All Saint's in Torrington and Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths. Come Lord Jesus, **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, **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, Larry, Mary, the Adams Family, Helen, Anthony, Whitney, and Marilyn; that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.
Come Lord Jesus, **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, **hear our prayer.**

Let us now offer our prayers for our own needs and those of others, especially Joanne, Larry, Mary, the Adams Family, Helen, Anthony, Marilyn, Whitney, Cal, and those we now name, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Officiant

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

The Offertory

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.**

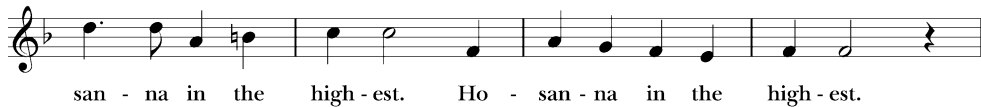
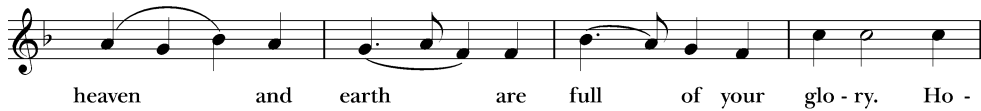
Blessed are you, God of David, for your faithfulness is steadfast and your mercy has been from of old. You draw your people to you with your promise of salvation, and every promise you make, in your goodness, you fulfill.

From the house of David you raised up your Messiah to restore Judah and to herald that your deliverance was near. In your Son's righteousness we find our life: for his righteousness was more than enough for your people who had waited so long for justice, who had yearned so long for redemption, who had trusted so long in your grace. Truly in his righteousness is fulfilled every hope of salvation in every generation. By his death we can stand justified before you; and through his resurrection we can share your holy life forever.

And so with angels and archangels, we praise your name, joining the company of heaven in their unending hymn.

Sanctus

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God of glory, for whose coming we wait, make this meal we share a sign that our redemption draws near. Send your Holy Spirit upon your church: strengthen our hearts in all holiness that we may be heralds of your kingdom. By your same Spirit, sanctify this bread and this cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son, Jesus 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.

God of power, you have promised to make your way to us: come quickly to those who wait for you. Raise up every head that is bent low in sin. Lift up every heart that is bowed down in

shame. Uphold every soul that is made heavy by oppression. Inspire every weary throat to sing of the day when justice and mercy meet.

Bring us through all that is passing away to the life that shall never pass away, when every eye shall be lifted up to gaze upon your Son in everlasting glory with all your saints, and when the redemption for which we have longed shall forever be ours, in the company of your Son and the power of your Spirit, holy Father, blessed Trinity. **Amen.**

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 - "O come, O come, Emmanuel,"

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

Let us pray.

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 - "Within Our Darkest Night"

Taize

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Am B Em Am B Em Am B

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of vocal melody and accompaniment. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the remaining two lines. Chord symbols (Am, B, Em) are provided below the bass line of the second system.

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

Monday, Dec 2 – 7pm – Contemplative Prayer

Monday Dec 2, 9 - 8am - Men's Breakfast

Tuesday, Dec 3, 10 - 8am - Morning Prayer

Thursday, Dec 5 – 9:30am – Women of TEC coffee

Thursday, Dec 5 – 2pm – Fill backpacks

Sunday, Dec 8 – 9:30am – Second Sunday of Advent – Holy Eucharist

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 – 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, Larry, Mary, the Adams Family, Helen, Anthony, Merilyn, Whitney, and Cal
(Please email trinitylndr@gmail.com to add to the prayer list.)

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