



Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

First Sunday of Advent

12/01/2024

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church.

Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your spiritual journey, we are glad you have joined us for worship. May you know the presence of the living God who welcomes you here. You are invited to participate in worship by using this leaflet and the *blue Hymnal*, and you are invited to sit, stand, or kneel as you are able.

A note on children,

or anyone else who might not be able to sit still through an hour long service:

Jesus welcomed the little children, and so do we! We can abide with a little "joyful noise" at Trinity. If you need to get up and walk around, the outer aisles of the sanctuary are available. If you need to step out for any reason, the Upper Parish Hall (found through a doorway in the front left of the sanctuary, behind the organ console) has restrooms with a changing table, as well as an area with couches and a children's area.

Please make yourselves comfortable and know that you are welcome.

Prelude

- 1) Choral and Prelude Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland
- 2) Recit de Nazard

Clerambault

As the prelude is played, please maintain silence in the sanctuary for prayer and reflection

Standing

Officiant: Watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. *Mark 13:35,36*

Opening Hymn 59 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Tune: Merton

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept, all kneel as able.

All: 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.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen.

All stand.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

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All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. 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. Alleluia.

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: Come, let us adore him.

The Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

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Officiant and People together, all standing

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: Come, let us adore him.

All are seated

Ad te, Domine, levavi

- 1 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.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 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.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 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.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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 Lessons

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 64 *O heavenly Word, eternal Light*

Tune: *O Heiland, reiss*

All may be seated for the final lesson

The Third Lesson: Luke 21:25-36

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Offertory Anthem

Lo! He comes with clouds descending

David H. Willimas

*Lo! he comes, with clouds descending, Once for our salvation slain; Thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ*

the Lord returns to reign.

*Ev'ry eye shall now behold him, Robed in dreadful majesty; Those who set at naught and sold him, pierced,
and nailed him to the tree, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,*

Shall the true Messiah see.

*Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears, Cause of endless exultation to his ransomed
worshippers: With what rapture, with what rapture gaze*

we on those glorious scars!

*Yea, Amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne; Saviour, take the pow'r'
and glory; Claim the kingdom for thine own: Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and
thou alone. Amen.*

Presentation Hymn 380 verse 3

The Prayers

The Apostles' Creed

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Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The People stand or kneel

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People: Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Officiant: Day by day we bless you;

People: We praise your name for ever.

Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People: Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People: For we put our trust in you.

Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;

People: And we shall never hope in vain.

Officiant: O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Officiant: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 600 *O day of God, draw nigh*

Tune: *Bellwoods*

The Prayers of the People

Presider: Arriving God, we are in a time of preparation, of turning back to you in all that we do, and all that we are. Draw us into your slow and steady love, into your unwavering love and grace, and may we find ways to take holy pauses in this season. For the Mighty One has done great things for me,

People: and holy is God's name.

Leader: God of our worship, may you lead your Church so that all flesh shall see the salvation of God in us and through us. Empower us to reach out to a world in desperate need of your love and care. May Your Church be places of thriving, flourishing, and of respite for all people searching for you. For the Mighty One has done great things for me,

People: and holy is God's name.

Leader: God of every nation, our voices cry out for you for our nation, when it may feel like we are wandering in the wilderness trying to find our way. We pray for your presence to be known with those who lead, those who rejoice, and those who worry. May your sustaining love fill every valley, and lower every mountain and hill in this place. For the Mighty One has done great things for me,

People: **and holy is God's name.**

Leader: God of new beginnings, we believe that you are coming to be amongst us again. Help us to prepare our hearts for that time. We know that the world is not how you intended. May our hearts break, just as yours breaks, when we hurt one another. May our hearts break open in a way that moves us to action, to change, and to wholeness. For the Mighty One has done great things for me,

People: **and holy is God's name.**

Leader: God who sustains, you are the God who cared for your people in the wilderness, and the God who continues to care for us. We pray that you will draw near to those who weep, those who suffer, and those who work toward your kingdom here and now. We pray especially for those we name, either silently or aloud. For the Mighty One has done great things for me,

People: **and holy is God's name.**

Leader: God of all comfort and hope, who suffered on a cross, and continues to suffer with us. We give you thanks for giving us one another to love. Be with us as we mourn for those who go to be with you before we are ready, especially those we name now, silently or aloud. For the Mighty One has done great things for me,

People: **and holy is God's name.**

Leader: God of the living, who came to live, breathe, grieve, and celebrate with us, we celebrate with you for those who have birthdays or anniversaries this week. Do we have any to celebrate this morning?

A Prayer for Birthdays

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as *she* begins another year. Grant that *she* may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen *her* trust in your goodness all the days of *her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Anniversaries

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church. Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider: Mighty One, Holy One, God with us, hear the prayers of your people. May we be the people you created us to be, the people you know that we are, and may we draw more closely to you and one another here in this place that you have called us to be. **Amen.**

Parish Announcements and Vestry Greeting

All are seated

The General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People together, all standing

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

People: **Amen**

Postlude

Caprice

Clerambault

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Assisting in Today's Liturgy

Officiant	Lydia Babbitt
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CHIISTMAS ANGELS -

The Angels are available for the taking
in the Upper Parish Hall.

See Faye & Gary at the Scrip tablet
to purchase your gift cards.

The Angels are due back on Sunday December 9.

Advent at Trinity: A Season of Prayer and Preparation

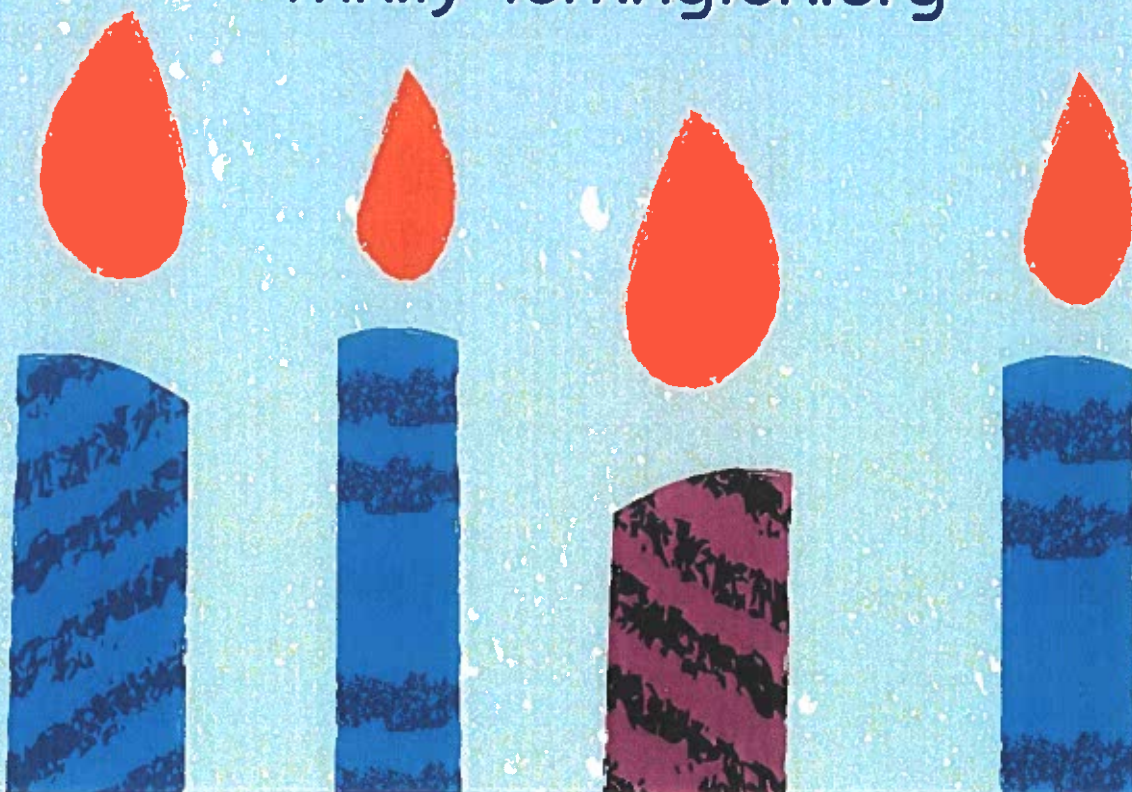
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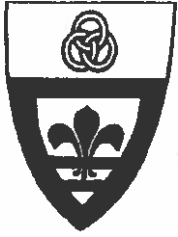
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“We are an inclusive and accepting downtown community, welcoming all to join us on our journey to seek and share God’s abundant love through worship, the arts, and service in our community.”

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