Trinity

The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026

Welcome to Trinity!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. Please consider filling out a "Walk With Us" card in the pew and put it in the offering plate so we can get in touch with you. It is a joy to welcome children to worship with us here at Trinity. There is an activity table in the front of the church with Bible based coloring pages and other activities. Children's Programming takes place every Sunday at 9:45 am in the Ogden Room. Again, welcome!

A Liturgical Note for Advent

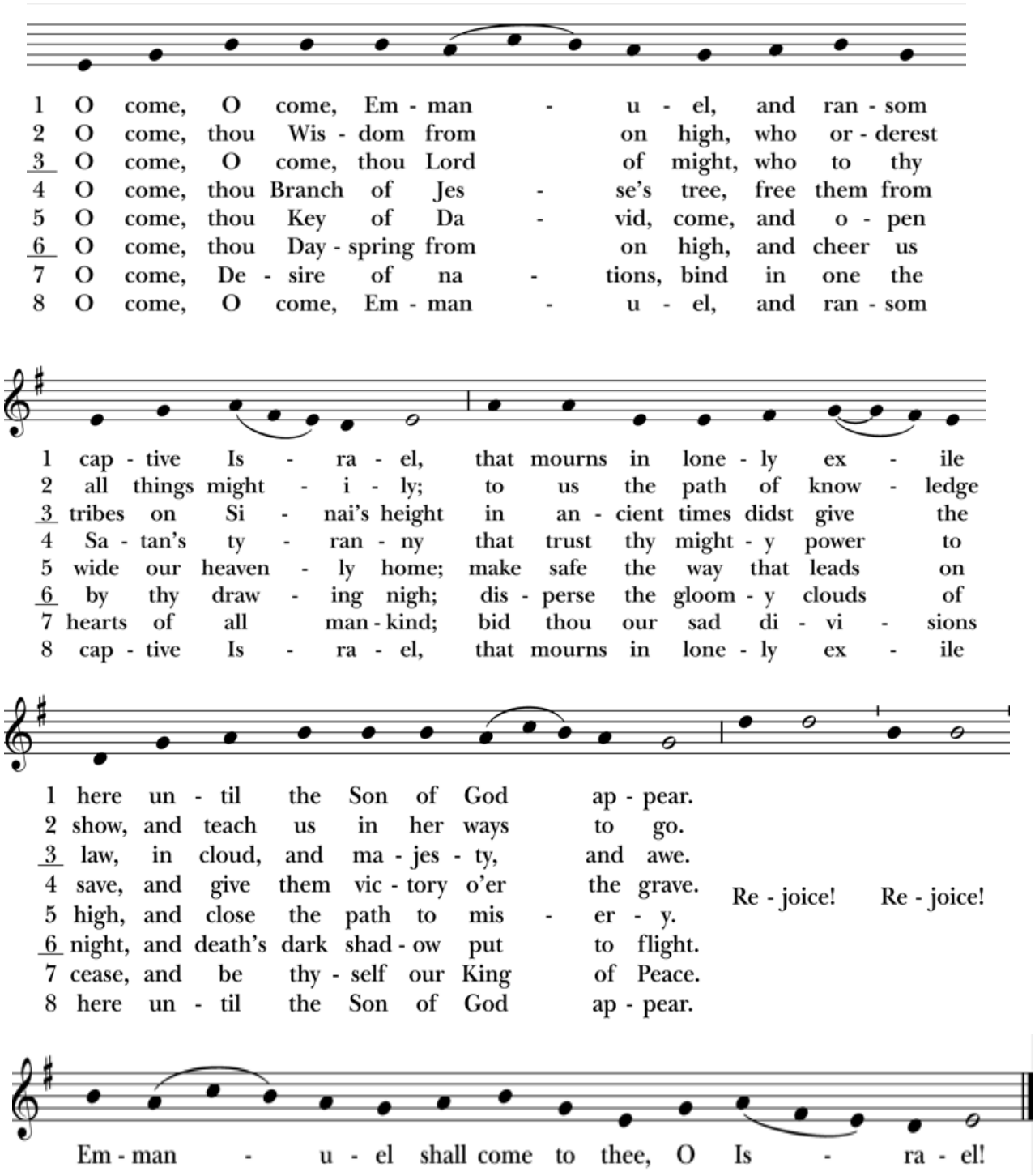
Advent is about slowing down, making space, and being intentional for the coming of Christ – both in Bethlehem; but, also in our lives and in the days to come.

Such intentionality is not simple, and it can be slightly disorienting. As such, our Advent liturgy intentionally reflects this shift. Our response to Bible readings has shifted, our Eucharistic Prayer has changed, the version of the Our Father has changed, our Statement of Faith has changed. This is all intended to help us make space and prepare.

May this intentional shift during Advent grant you space to be still, prepare, and welcome the coming of Christ.

Prelude	**"Glorioso"** The Trinity Bell Choir	by Steve Danyew
Welcome		The Rev. Jonathan Radtke

Opening Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1-4)



Opening Acclamation

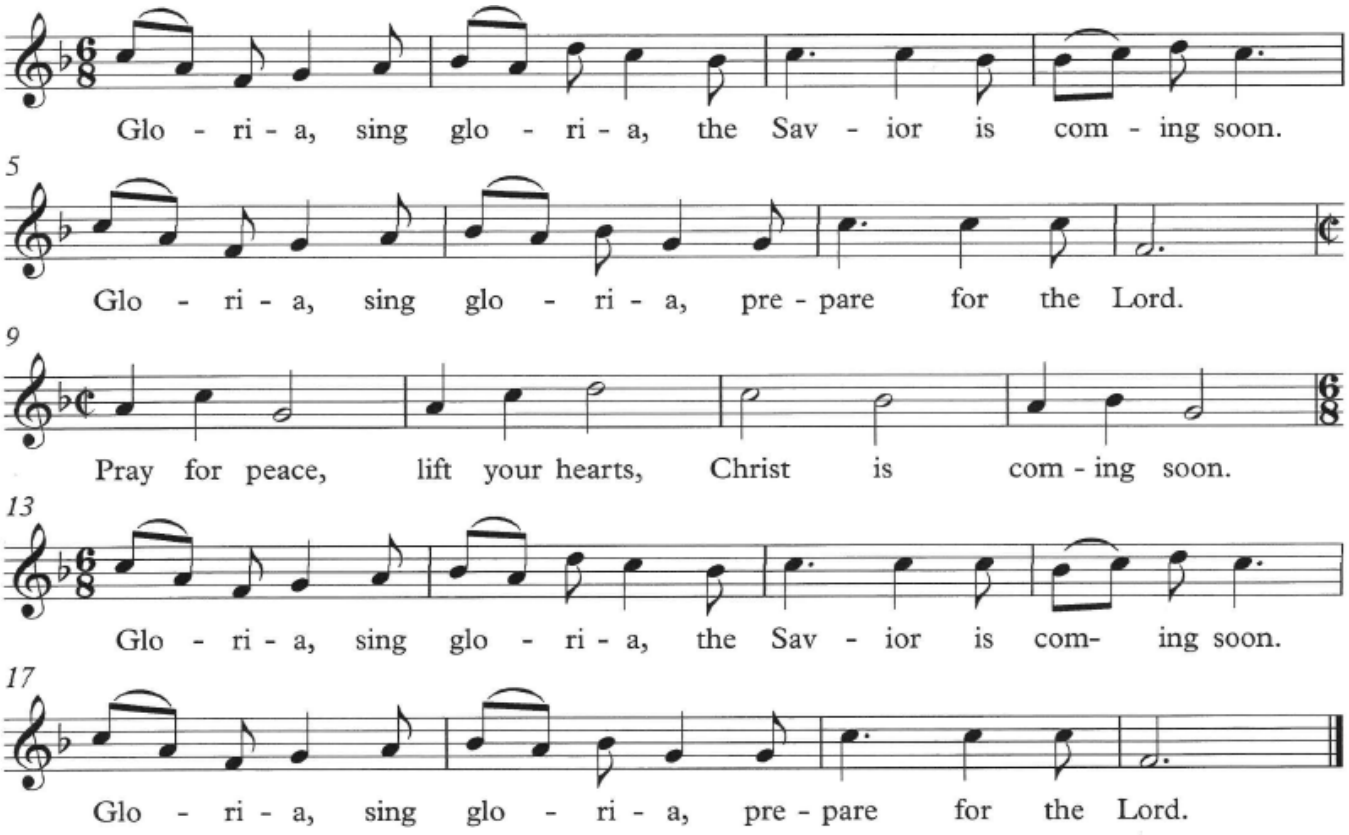
Priest: Blessed be the God who comes to us.

People: **The One who comes to set us free.**

The Collect for Purity

Priest & People:
All-loving 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 Gloria "Advent Gloria



Priest: God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Priest: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

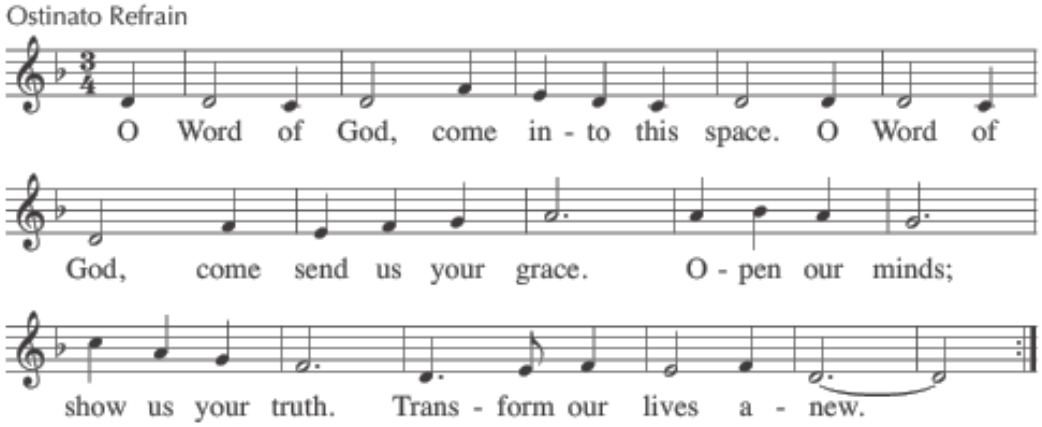
The Lessons

Isaiah 64:1-9 Read by Lynne Gammon

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader: **Hear What the Spirit is saying to the people.** ***People:*** **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn "O Word of God" ***(sing twice)***



Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 Led by Lynne Gammon

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 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.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: Glory to you, O Christ

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Priest: **The Gospel of the Lord.** ***People:*** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Peter Swarr

Affirmation of Faith from World Council of Churches

We believe in God, who loves us and wants us to love each other.
This is our God.
We believe in Jesus, who cared for children and held them in his arms.
He wanted a world where everyone could live together in peace.
This is Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who keeps working with us
until everything is good and true.
This is the Holy Spirit.
We can be the church, which reminds people of God
because we love each other.
This we believe. Amen.

Prayers of the People Form II

Led by Mary Dumond

Each period of silence will begin and end with the ringing of a bell.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Thomas Brown; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well- being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers and thanksgivings offered silently or aloud at this time.

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Priest says a concluding prayer.

General Confession

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

Silence to reflect on the ways we have turned away from God in our actions and places of inaction.

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 Absolution

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you**

Announcements

Offertory Anthem **"Advent Alleluia"** Keith Christopher
Sung by the Trinity Choir

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving: *(All Stand)* Enriching Our Worship
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

The Priest says:
The Lord be with you.
***People*:** **And also with you.**
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Priest proceeds:

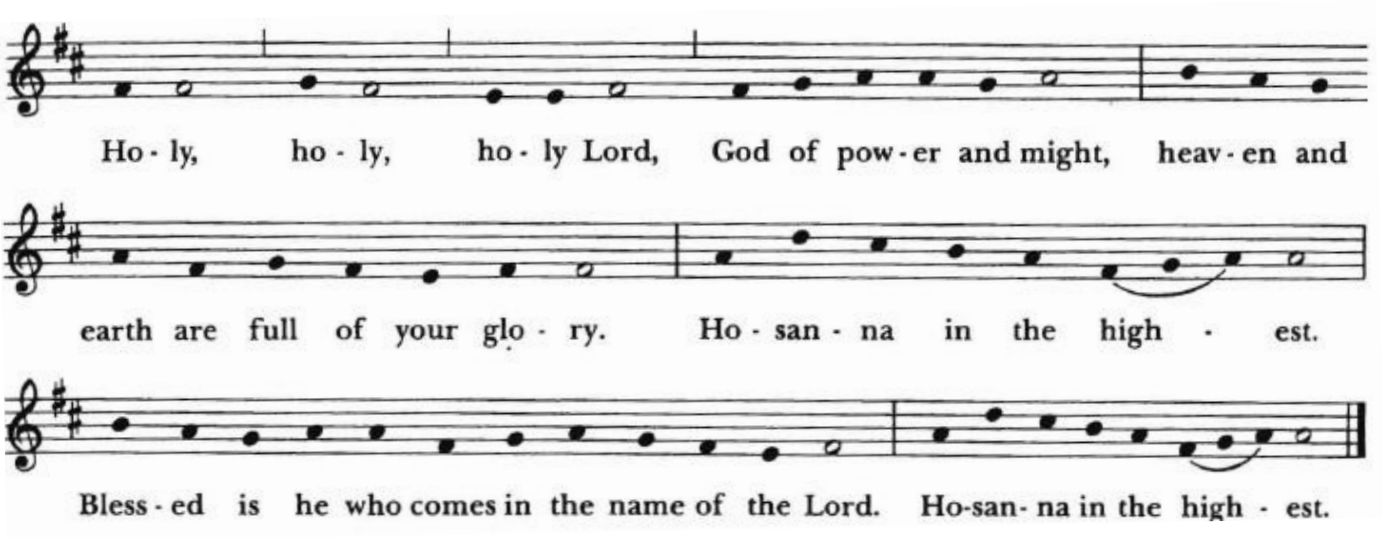
It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

People and Priest sing the Sanctus

Sanctus S-124



People May Remain Standing or Kneel; the Priest Continues:

The Priest continues:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Priest and People:

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

The Priest continues:

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

During the season of Advent, as we intentionally prepare for the coming of Christ, we are using the more contemporary translation of the Lord's Prayer. This version is less familiar to some of us, which is helpful in a season of intentional preparation. When Christmas Season arrives, we will return to the traditional translation of the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer *(pray in whatever language is most comfortable for you.)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

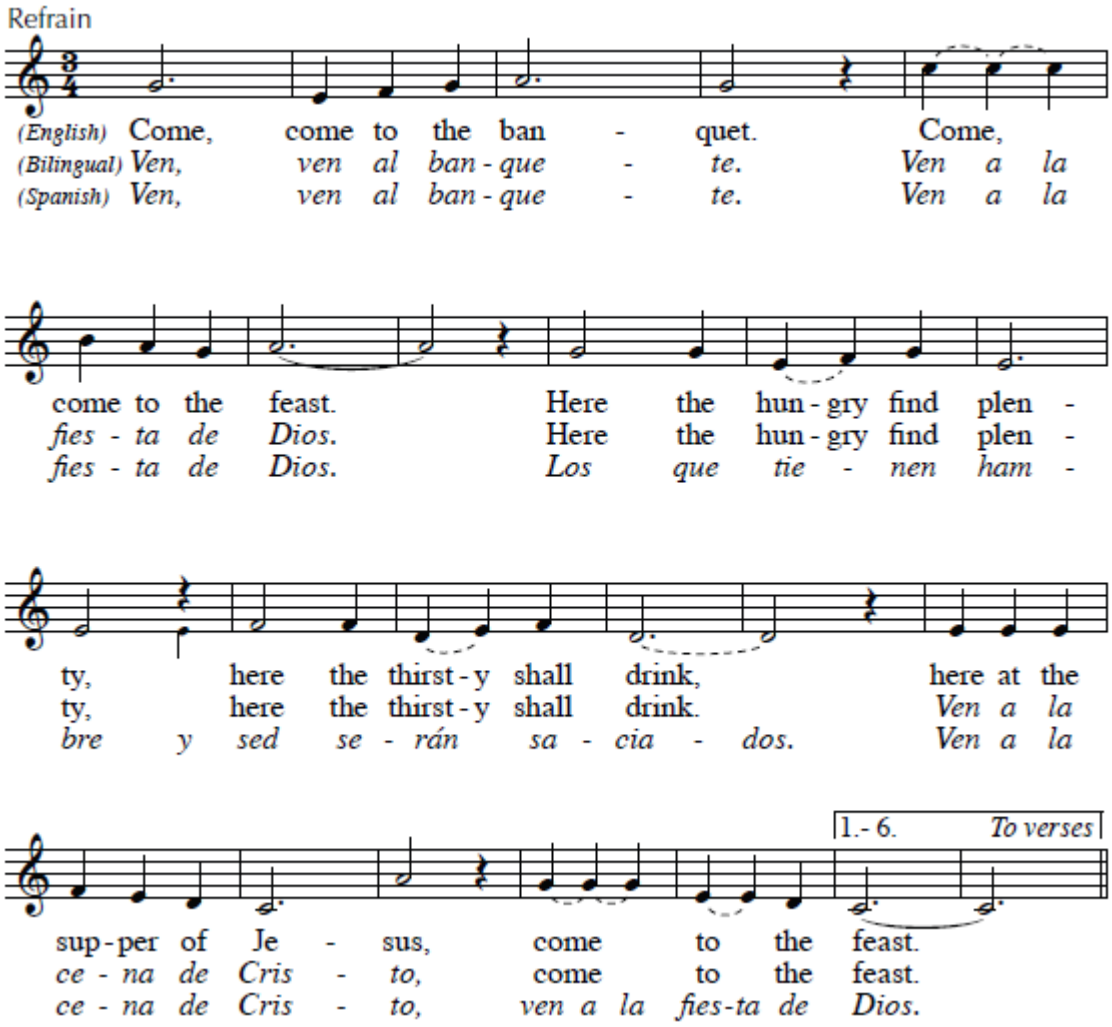
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread and says:

Priest: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

A Period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem **"Come to the Feast"** ***(Sing twice)***



The Invitation to the Table

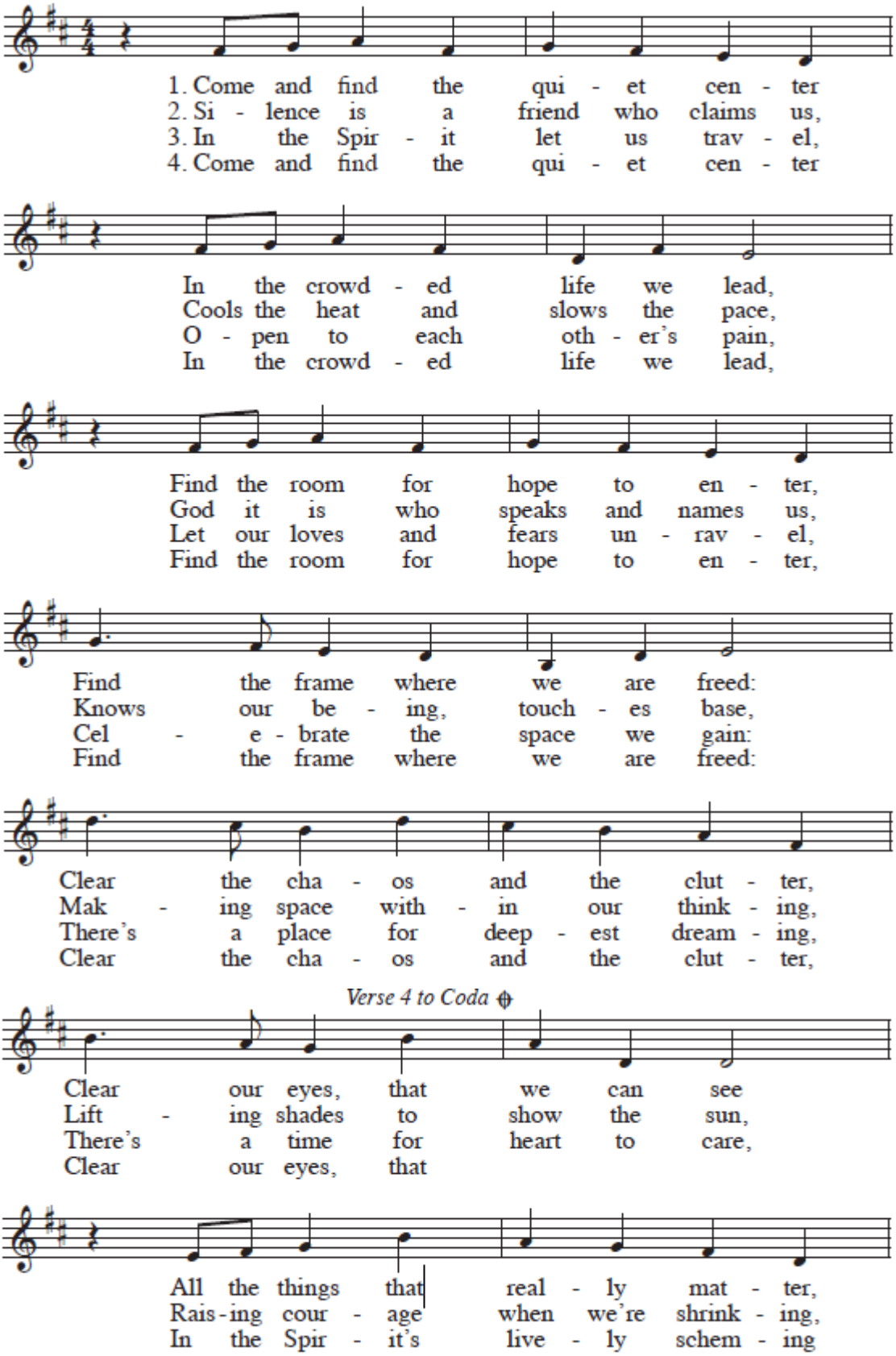
Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

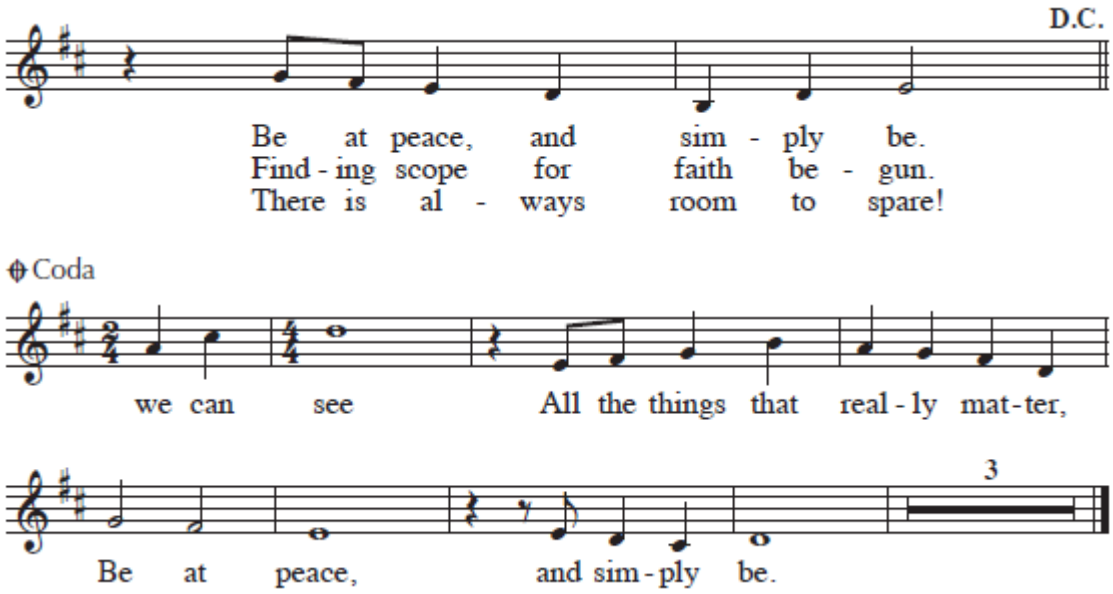
All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The priest will place the host in your hands. If you would like to receive the consecrated wine, approach the Eucharistic minister who will share the chalice with you. There are two ways to receive the wine. You may sip from the silver chalice or dip in the pottery chalice. If you would rather not receive the wine, simply return to your seat. The Choir receives communion first, then all others are invited to receive as directed by the ushers beginning at the front of the church. If you would prefer to remain at your seat and receive there, the priest will come to you at the end of Communion. Please be sure to tell an usher that you would like communion brought to you.

Gluten free host is available for any who would like it. Simply tell the Priest when you come forward for communion. All are welcome and all are wanted at Trinity.

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn "Come & Find the Quiet Center"





POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray

People: **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.**

The Blessing

And now, bless the God of all, who everywhere works great wonders, who fosters our growth, and deals with us according to his mercy. May God give you gladness of heart and may there be peace in your days. May God entrust to you his mercy and may he deliver you in our days. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Priest blesses the people.

Closing Hymn Sung by the Children's Choir, "The Grateful Hearts"

Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to make ready for the coming of Christ.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude **"Toccata on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** Page Long

Today's Ministers

The People of Trinity Church

Pastor	The Rev. Peter Swarr
Assistant Priest	The Rev. Jonathan Radtke
Minister of Music	Dr. Mary Frances Fest
Children & Youth Musician	Eileen Rose Giadone
Sunday School Crafts	Rory Nickerson
Lectors & Layreaders	Mary Dumond Lynne Gammon
Ushers	Sue Dunn Tim Dunn
Flower Guild	Elizabeth Young
Coffee Hour Hosts	Rachel Guarna
Altar Guild	Karen Spear

Trinity Choir

Kathleen Albert
Lynne Gammon
Pam Green
Bryan Lewis
Cindy McLellan
Michael Morin
Neal Ogle
Marty Resotko
Jean Talbot
Terry Quinn Tisdale
Stuart Tisdale

Trinity Bell Choir

Cindy McLellan, Director
Mary Dumond
Kathleen Albert
Lynne Gammon
Katie Hardy
Stephanie Kelley
Lynne St. Peter
Marty Resotko

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, Nov. 29	**8 & 10 AM Services**
	9 – 9:30 am Lectionary Studies w/Jonathan
	9:45 am Elementary Students in Lincoln Hall
	9:45 am Middle & High School Students w/Peter
	10:30 – 11:30 am Fair Set up
	11:15 am Bell Ringers' Practice
	5 – 7:30 pm Renaissance Voices in Sanctuary
Mon, Nov. 30	9 am – noon Monday Morning Crew
	9 am – 4 pm Fair Prep*
Tues., Dec. 1	**9 am – 4 pm Fair Prep***
Wed., Dec. 2	**9 am – 4 pm Fair Prep***
Thurs., Dec. 3	**9 am – 4 pm Fair Prep***
	6 – 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
Fri., Dec. 4	**9 am – 4 pm Fair Prep ***
Sat. Dec. 5	**8:30 am – 2 pm Christmas Fair**

***We will be setting up for the Christmas Fair in Lincoln Hall, Kitchen, Ogden Rm, and Sanctuary all this week from 9 am – 4 pm.**

To stay updated on the latest news and information from Trinity, you can easily sign up for our weekly parish email. Every Thursday the office sends out a parish email featuring upcoming information, announcements, and a video message from Peter, our parish priest. If you are new to the community or just visiting Trinity, you can be included in this mailing list by choosing one of two options:

- Email the parish office directly with your contact information. (office@trinitychurchportland.org)
- Fill out a "Newcomer" form, which can be found on the table at the front of the church.