

Trinity

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

Welcome to Trinity!

“Lord, lead me into your presence now so that I may receive of your love, enough to be a blessing to those around me.”

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 Prayers of the People have 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 “Prelude on ‘From Heaven on High I Come to You’

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome

The Rev. Jonathan Radtke

During the Lighting of Advent Wreath “Glorioso” Steve Danyew

The Trinity Bell Choir

Opening Hymn “Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People”



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

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

Glo - ri - a, sing glo - ri - a, the Sav - ior is com - ing soon.

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Glo - ri - a, sing glo - ri - a, pre - pare for the Lord.

9
Pray for peace, lift your hearts, Christ is com - ing soon.

13
Glo - ri - a, sing glo - ri - a, the Sav - ior is com - ing soon.

17
Glo - ri - a, sing glo - ri - a, pre - pare for the Lord.

Priest: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

Isaiah 11:1-10

Read by Elizabeth Young

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the
ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: Hear What the Spirit is saying to the people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Led by Elizabeth Young

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Sequence “Nothing Can Trouble” (English 2 times, Spanish 2 times)

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a common time signature (C). It consists of four lines of music. The first line begins with a piano (p) dynamic marking and a fermata over the eighth measure. The second line begins with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic marking. The lyrics are written below the notes, with English and Spanish versions provided for each line. The third line begins with a piano (p) dynamic marking and a fermata over the eighth measure. The fourth line begins with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic marking. The lyrics are written below the notes, with English and Spanish versions provided for each line.

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

na - da le fal - ta.
nev - er go want - ing.

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te.
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.

So - lo Dios bas - ta.
God a - lone fills us.

The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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

People: Glory to you, O Christ

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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 Kris Lemay

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, those in prison, and all those who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially Ralph Parady, Rose Chukwu, Maizie Argondizza, Angelika Schechter, Lee, Edna Flaherty, Jennifer Larkin, Nancy, Dickie and his family, Christina Siravo, Deborah Galaneau, Scott Atkinson, Kent Thurston, Cathy C., Brian & Nancy Plourde, Anne Rolle, Annie Garman, John L., Toby, Chris Bennett, Bruce Dalbeck, Luna, Maddie White, Mike Mercier, Susan, Phyllis Greene, George Clarence Frost, Lucia Leone, and all the children and staff at the Glenburnie Primary School.

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

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”
Sung by the Trinity Choir

William Rowan

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving: *(All Stand)*

Enriching Our Worship
EUCCHARISTIC 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

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Sing praise to God. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, lift up your hearts.

5 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, sing praise to God. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, lift up your voice. Ho

9 san - na, sing ho - san - na, sing ho-san-na in the high - est,. Ho - ly,

14 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-san-na in the high est.

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

**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 “One Bread, One Body”

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. A repeat sign is placed above the first staff. The lyrics are: "One bread, — one bod - y, — one Lord of all, — one cup of bless - ing which we bless. — And we, — though man - y, — through - out the earth, We are one bod - y in this one — Lord. —". The score ends with a double bar line and a final cadence.

One bread, — one bod - y, —

— one Lord of all, — one cup of

bless - ing which we bless. — And we, — though

man - y, — through - out the earth, We are one

Last time ⊕

bod - y in this one — Lord. —

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 “As the Bread of Life is Broken”

Refrain



As the bread of life is bro - ken, the cup of love out - poured,

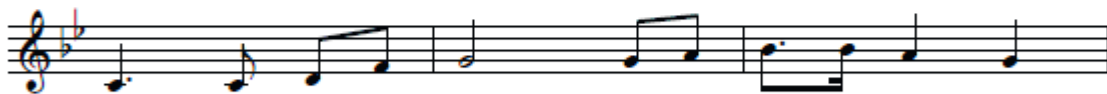


We are one in Christ, our Sav - ior, and sent to serve the Lord.

Verses



1. We, the man - y who are gath - ered, are u -
2. In the word of God pro - claimed here the good
3. In the bread of life here giv - en, we be -
4. Sent as bless - ing for God's peo - ple, to go



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| nit - ed now as one. | In this joy - ful cel - e - |
| news of truth is heard. | In the tell - ing of the |
| come what we re - ceive. | In the cup of love here |
| forth in love and peace, | In our wit - ness to God's |



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| bra - tion, | we re - call | what God | has | done. |
| sto - ries, | we are | o - pen | to | God's word. |
| of - fered, | we af - firm | what we | be - | lieve. |
| king - dom, | may our | char - i - ty | in - | crease. |

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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

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

The Priest blesses the people.

Closing Hymn "Blest Be The King Whose Coming" (vs. 1, 3, & 4)



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! 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



barred! Not robed 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



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



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!

Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to make ready for the coming of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Postlude on “From Heaven on High I Come to You”

Johann Pachelbel

Today's Ministers The People of Trinity Church

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| 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 | Kris Lemay |
| | Elizabeth Young |
| Ushers | Ida Connolly |
| | Cathy Jackson |
| Livestream Ministers | Steve Young |
| | Steve Brown |
| | Bill Green |
| | Dave Ferland |
| Flower Guild | Ida Connolly |
| Coffee Hour Hosts | Rachel Guarna |
| Altar Guild | Jan Lewis & Linda Gordan |

Trinity Choir

Kathleen Albert
Lynne Gammon
Pam Green
Marty Resotko
Bryan Lewis
Cindy McLellan
Michael Morin
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

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| Sunday, Dec. 7 | <p>8 & 10 AM Services</p> <p>9:45 am Children's Programming in Ogden Rm.</p> <p>11:20 am Bell Ringers' Practice</p> <p>5 – 7:30 pm Renaissance Voices in Sanctuary</p> |
| Mon, Dec. 8 | <p>9 am – noon Monday Morning Crew</p> <p>10:30 -11:30 am Lectio Divina by Zoom</p> <p>3 – 8 pm AK Music in Church Transept</p> <p>6:30 – 7:30 pm Adult Ed & Prayer Group in Ogden Rm.</p> <p>7 – 8 pm AA in Lincoln Hall</p> |
| Tues., Dec. 9 | <p>2 – 8 pm AK Music in Ogden Rm.</p> <p>5 – 8 pm PCO in Sanctuary</p> <p>7 pm Exec. Meeting</p> |
| Wed., Dec. 10 | <p>12 – 4 pm Laundry Love</p> <p>3 – 6:30 pm AK Music in Ogden Rm.</p> <p>5:30 – 7 pm Dayschool Board Mtg. in Lincoln Hall</p> |
| Thurs., Dec. 11 | <p>6 – 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p> |
| Fri., Dec. 12 | <p>1 – 5:30 pm AK Music in Ogden Rm.</p> <p>5 – 9 pm Dayschool in Lincoln Hall</p> <p>7 – 8 pm AA in Ogden Rm.</p> |
| Sat. Dec. 13 | <p>10 am – 4 pm Mary Frances in Sanctuary</p> <p>9 am – 1 pm Quiet Morning in Ogden Rm.</p> <p>2:15 pm Christmas Caroling in Lincoln Hall, followed by caroling at nursing homes</p> <p>7 pm PCO Holiday Concert</p> |

Please help yourself to the Advent books and Advent calendars on the table in the hallway.