



**Holy Trinity**  
Anglican Church



First Sunday In  
Advent

November 30, 2025

## **Preparation for Worship**

May you be still as we trust in our Heavenly Father, and rest in the peace Christ has purchased for us, and given to us, in the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Please prepare yourself for worship by prayerfully reading and meditating on the scriptures below.

## **Musical Prelude**

**Processional: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (56 vs. 1-3)**

## **The Acclamation**

Priest: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

*All: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!*

## **The Collect for Purity**

*All: 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 Summary of the Law**

Priest: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

## Kyrie

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All:** *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people.*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All:** *And with your spirit.*

Priest: Let us pray.

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.*

*Please be seated for the readings of the Holy Scripture. The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.*

## First Lesson: Psalm 122

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Reader: <sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me,\*

**All:** *“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”*

Reader: <sup>2</sup>Our feet have been standing\*

**All:** *within your gates, O Jerusalem!*

Reader:       <sup>3</sup> Jerusalem—built as a city\*  
*All:           that is bound firmly together,*

Reader:       <sup>4</sup> to which the tribes go up,  
                  the tribes of the LORD,\*  
*All:           as was decreed for Israel,  
                  to give thanks to the name of the LORD.*

Reader:       <sup>5</sup> There thrones for judgment were set,\*  
*All:           the thrones of the house of David.*

Reader:       <sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!\*  
*All:           “May they be secure who love you!*

Reader:       <sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls\*  
*All:           and security within your towers!”*

Reader:       <sup>8</sup> For my brothers and companions' sake\*  
*All:           I will say, “Peace be within you!”*

Reader:       <sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the LORD our  
                  God,\*  
*All:           I will seek your good.*

Reader:       Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the  
                  Holy Spirit:\*  
*All:           as it was in the beginning, is now, and will  
                  be for ever. Amen.*

## **Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14**

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<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

<sup>9</sup> For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup> Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader:       The Word of the Lord.

*All:           Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand for the gradual hymn.*

**Gradual: Thy Kingdom Come** **(615)**

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 24:29-44** **Page 1054**

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

*All:       Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

<sup>29</sup> “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup> Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

<sup>31</sup> And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. <sup>32</sup> “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup> So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>34</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>36</sup> “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup> For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup> Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

*All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon:**

Reverend Matthew L. Rusch

## **The Nicene Creed**

*All stand for the recitation of the creed.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

*As you prefer, you may kneel, sit, or remain standing for our prayers.*

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "Hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:

**All:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For Steve Wood, our Archbishop, Alex Farmer and David Bryan, our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregations:

Church of the Redeemer, Jacksonville;  
Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Jacksonville;  
Adoration Church, Orlando;  
The Mission Anglican Church, Pensacola;  
Matt and Catie, Jody Farmer, Nancy Bryan,  
Michael Shaw, Dave Austell,  
Gray Stephenson, and Ted Schroeder.  
Lord, in your mercy:

**All:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy:

**All:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:

**All:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially President Trump, Governor DeSantis, and Mayor Deegan. Lord, in your mercy:

**All:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Lord, in your mercy:

**All:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:

**All:** *Hear our prayer.*

*You may now add your own prayers here either silently or aloud. The Priest offers concluding prayers.*

Priest: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Priest: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*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.*

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Comfortable Words

Priest: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

## **The Peace**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All: And with your spirit.*

The people stand and greet one another proclaiming to one another the peace of God that comes from Christ and Him crucified.

## **Blessing of the Children & Announcements**

*All pray together from the ACNA Book of Common Prayer page 667 #68 and say,*

*All: Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless them and guide them, and keep them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Priest: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Psalm 96:8

**Offertory: Thou, Whose Almighty Word (371)**

## **Doxology**

*The Congregation stands for the Doxology.*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow:  
Praise Him all creatures here below:  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## **The Sursum Corda**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

***All: And with your spirit.***

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

***All: We lift them up to the Lord.***

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Priest: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

## **The Prayer of Consecration**

*As we continue in prayer, you may sit, stand or kneel, as you prefer.*

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us.

In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Priest: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.*

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lord's Prayer

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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.*

## The Prayer of Humble Access

*All: We do not presume to come to this your table,  
O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under your table;  
but you are the same Lord  
whose character is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by  
his body, and our souls washed through his most  
precious blood, and that we may evermore  
dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table. During Communion, the Congregation is invited to sing.*

**Communion 1: O Love, How Deep (448 vs. 1-4)**

**Communion 2: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (657)**

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

*After Holy Communion, the Priest and Congregation pray together:*

**All:** *Heavenly Father, 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 forever. Amen.*

### **The Blessing**

Priest: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

# **Recessional: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (66)**

*Please stand for the recessional*

## **Dismissal**

Priest: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia*

# *Announcements*

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** Children are needed for the Christmas Pageant. Contact the church office at 904-524-8175 or [office@htaj.org](mailto:office@htaj.org) and let us know if your young ones are interested.

## **HOT TOPIC WEDNESDAYS**

**Real Questions. Honest Conversations. Biblical Truth.**

Join us once a month at the home of Matt and Catie Rusch to talk about current events in the world. We want to ask the tough questions and explore Biblical answers. We believe that our church should be a place where we can process, listen, disagree respectfully, and seek the Truth in Christ together. Have a question for Matt? Submit it to Matt ahead of time, and he will answer as many as time permits.

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

## **CONFIRMATION OR MEMBERSHIP**

Are you interested in being either confirmed or received as a member of Holy Trinity? Contact Matt to make sure you are on the list.

**YOUTH GROUP** meets from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the church.  
**Will not meet November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

## **THE MEAL TRAIN**

Do you have a need for a meal to be provided for you, or a loved one, during a difficult time? Do you wish to serve Your Holy Trinity Family in a way that fits your gifts? Please remember our Meal Train. It is here to help you, or to help you help others by providing meals. Contact Azin Cooksey at [azinhamidi8@gmail.com](mailto:azinhamidi8@gmail.com) for information.

**MERE ANGLICANISM** returns to Charleston on **January 22–24, 2026!** Join world-class theologians and scholars as they explore this year’s theme: *“You Are Not Your Own: Gospel Identity in an Age of Expressive Individualism.”* This conference is designed to help believers become more informed and equipped to *“take theology home with them.”* Learn more about this year’s speakers at [www.mereanglicanism.org/conference-speakers](http://www.mereanglicanism.org/conference-speakers). If you are interested in attending, please contact **Matt or Catie** for more information.



## *Fellowship Offerings*

**REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE** is available from 8:45 a.m. until noon, on the first floor of the education building on Sunday. Please pick up children 18 months and under at the sharing of God’s Peace. For Communion all older children will be brought up at the Peace.

**SUNDAY MORNING**—recessed on **November 30th**  
**1 Corinthians:** Led by Matt in the fellowship hall. 9:15 a.m.

**Followers of the Cross:** Led by Hayes Howard, 9:15 a.m. studying the Gospel of John in the educational building.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING 10:00 a.m.**

**Women’s Bible Study of Colossians:** Led by Kitsy Wedekind in the education building.

**WEDNESDAY NOON** Come Wednesdays from **12 to 12:45 p.m.** to enjoy a teaching followed by the Eucharist.

**THURSDAY EVENING 6:00-7:30 p.m.**, C.S. Lewis, led by Josh and Azin Cooksey. Please call the church office for their address.

**LADIES' THIRD THURSDAY SEWING GROUP** will not meet in December.

**FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Currently we are studying *The Gospel of John* by Josh Moody. Come for breakfast and discussion at **8:00 a.m.** each Friday in the **fellowship hall**.

**FRIDAY YOUNG(ISH) MEN'S LUNCH**

We grow stronger in our faith together. Come join this lively men's community group as we discuss Sunday's sermon text. We meet at noon each Friday at the Falafel X Bar

**VESTRY**

Chris Yates

Kendall Bryan, Jr.

Charlie Radford

Suzanne Suttles

Jonathan Cox

Doug Daze

Sharon Vinyard

Lee Wedekind

## **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

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## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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19 Elizabeth Howard  
22 Alice Gaffney  
24 Grace Bryan  
29 Jenny Gaffney  
30 Brooke Harris





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Serving This Sunday at 10:15 am	
Ushers	Carter Bryan & John Kennelly
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2nd Reader-Prayers	Laine MacWilliam
Chalice	Robin Yates
Altar Set	Christina Burke

## How Can I Give?



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