



DECEMBER 5, 2021
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

At Trinity Church, we believe God's love is expansive and unconditional and that through Christ, God has called us to love one another as God loves us. We welcome all people regardless of gender, race, age, culture, ethnic background, sexual orientation, economic circumstances, family configuration, or difference of ability. We celebrate the worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a child of God.

Our Bishops issued updated guidance effective November 15 in response to the increasing infections due to the Delta variant. Trinity's ReGathering Committee and Vestry will incorporate Diocesan protocols into our practices. Please observe the following with patience and love as we care for one another in beloved community:

- Masks are required indoors for everyone over age 2. We wear masks to protect one another, your clergy and staff, and newcomers.
- Seat yourself in one of the designated pews and maintain 6 ft. of distance from anyone not in your family group.
- Sing! Those who are fully vaccinated and properly wearing their mask are free to join in the singing.
- Sign in, so we know you are here. Clipboards are at both Elm and Main doors.
- This service is being live-streamed. If you do not wish to appear on camera, please sit in the back 4 pews of the nave.

By attending in person today you are assuming the risk that there may be people here who are unvaccinated, have tested positive for Covid-19, have recently traveled to higher risk places in the US or around the world. We are no longer asking for attendees to attest to these matters, so you are releasing Trinity from any liability.

ADVENT is the first season of the church year. The name is derived from the Latin word for "coming." It is a season of preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ, both his coming in history to Bethlehem at Christmas and his coming in glory, his return, to which Christians look forward. This season is characterized; therefore, with expectation and hope not penitence, as its major theme. "The King shall come!" and "Rejoice" are the watchwords of these holy days. The great Advent figures who dominate the scripture reading are Isaiah, John the Baptist and the Virgin Mary.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant People of God: be glad! Your God delights in you, giving you joy for sadness and turning the dark to light. Be strong in hope therefore; for your God comes to save. You are God's children.

People **Lord, make us one in the love of Christ today and for ever. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

all stand as able

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's 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.

HYMNAL S 102

Holy God

Sung three times

Alexander Archangelski

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 First Lesson

all sit

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

recited in unison

Luke 1: 68-79

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

**To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**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.**

SECOND LESSON

Phillipians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with

knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMNAL 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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 Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Stephen Echols
 Chaplain - Hanscom AFB

THE NICENE CREED

all stand as able

People **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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in the kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father, especially those on our parish prayer list: Susie and Ellie, Edie, Barbara, Aurelie, Colby, Jane, Nigel, Christine, Ryan and Kim, Peter, Nancy, Audrey, Doug, Susan, Mary Sue and Charles, Isabella, Joan, Caroline, Margo, Jinna, Barbara, Jim, Christopher and Heidi, June, Ken, Anne, Julie, Christina, Paula, Sergio, Cameron, Russell, Jen, Irina, Alan, Bobby, Ree, Kent, Andrew, Dennis, Stan, Miriam, Vivienne, Karen, Anne, Jean-Marie, Bill, Arthur, Zoe, Mary Jane, Frank and Selma, Norah, Randy, Hagit, Vanya, Tony, Joel, the Ebbert family, Kraig, Nicholas, Alexandra, Sheila, and those whom you name now.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
People **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.**

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM

Comfort, comfort ye, my people

Claude Goudimel

*Comfort, comfort ye, my people, speak ye peace thus saith our God
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them.
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.*

*Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.*

*Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token that his word is never broken.*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

all stand as able

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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 triumph 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

People Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our Salvation.

Celebrant 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.**
People And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

INVITATION AND COMMUNION

Celebrant 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 are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist as One Body in Christ. If you are present in person, the priest will bring you the Bread. If you are at home, please eat your pre-consecrated host now, in communion with all our brothers and sisters in Christ who share in the healing of His Body. We are always ONE Body in Christ.

HYMNAL 65 Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran



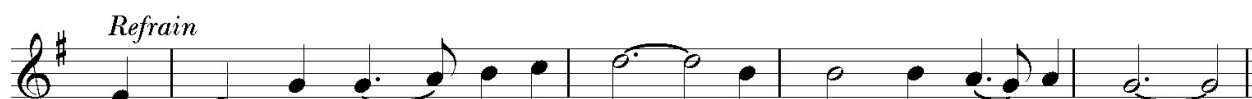
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *all stand as able*

Officiant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ADVENT BLESSING

Celebrant May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Partita on *Freu dich sehr*

Georg Böhm

Altar Guild & Flowers

Sally Sanford

Walter Birge

Molly Stone

Lector

Brian Ford

Director of Music

Robert Barney

Preacher

The Rev. Stephen Echols

Celebrant

The Rev. Christopher W. Whiteman

Special thanks to Trinity's Choirs for the musical offerings and to John Sun and Peter Keto for live stream production. Our liturgy this morning is from the *Book of Common Prayer*, the *Book of Occasional Services*, and *Common Worship* (The Church of England).

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Christmas Memorials 2021

Trinity once again is offering the opportunity for you to remember loved ones at Christmas by making a special gift to Trinity's Flower Fund. The church will be decorated for Christmas again in the beautiful ways our Altar and Flower Guilds design each year. You can see it in person or on our live stream services:

Christmas Eve

3:30 pm-Family Service with 2021 style pageant and Holy Eucharist

5:30 pm-Holy Eucharist with special music

10.30 pm-Holy Eucharist with Choirs

Christmas Day at

10 am- Holy Eucharist-a quiet and joyful morning

Please return this form with your check made out to "Trinity Church Christmas Memorial" by Dec. 15.

Your name _____

Email/phone _____

I wish to remember the following people (please PRINT legibly) . Names will be printed in the service leaflets for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

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