

Trinity Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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9:30 a.m.



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9:30a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent – Holy Eucharist

The Word of the Lord

Prelude	<i>The White Dove</i> <i>Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming</i>	<i>Hermann Schroeder</i> <i>Johannes Brahms</i>
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The Lighting of the Advent Wreath	<i>Fourth Candle - The Candle of Joy</i>
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To align with the order of readings in Year A, today we will light the pink Candle of Joy, representing Mary, Mother of Jesus.

(A person lights the Candles of Hope, Peace, and Love.)

Officiant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: *Thanks be to God*

Officiant: Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Love. We light it and the Candles of Hope and Peace again as we remember that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God's promises and bring us hope of everlasting peace and love. Today we light the Fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour." Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him. From hope, peace, and love grows joy. We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth. Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

(A person lights the Candle of Joy.)

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: *Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.*

Opening Hymn #58 (omit st. 8)	<i>O come, O come, Emmanuel</i>
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Opening Sentences

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

People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: 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.*

Trisagion S 102 - 3x sung	<i>(service music, marked with S, is found in the front of the blue hymnal)</i>
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Lessons of the Day

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15 S 185 (sung by the choir)

Magnificat

Antiphon: He that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.

1 My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

2 For he hath regarded the
lowliness of his handmaiden.

3 For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.

4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.

5 And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.

6 He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

8 He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. [Ant.]

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Romans.
 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn #267

Praise we the Lord this day

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, O Christ.*

Celebrant: Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus. The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

Nanci Gordon

The Nicene Creed *(Many stand in praise for the Nicene Creed.)*

Officiant: Please join me in saying the ancient words Nicene Creed.

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.

Intercession Prayers

source: New Zealand Prayer Book

(Some kneel, others remain standing, yet others sit during this time of prayer. Do as you are able.)

Reader: Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for our world,

People: the heavens tell of your glory;

Reader: for our land, its beauty and its resources,

People: for the rich heritage we enjoy.

Reader: We pray for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,

People: that we may use your gifts responsibly;

Reader: for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,

People: that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors and marvel at your creation;

Reader: for artists, scientists, and visionaries,

People: that through their work we may see creation afresh.

(Silence)

Reader: We thank you for giving us life; we praise you for those who have found eternal life with you in heaven, **especially Sue Zoesch who died last week, and Janet & Neil O'Brien, Bernice & Vernon Fifield, and Effie Bush & family for whom the altar flowers have been given;**

People: for all who enrich our life together.

Reader: We pray for those commended to our care: **Cam, Jim, Mary Ann, Laurie, Patricia, Nanci** and all who are sick,

People: for prisoners, refugees, and those who are deprived of fullness of life;

Reader: for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your Church, **especially The Anglican Church of Korea; Ministries of Rock Point School, C.J Spirito, Head of Rock Point School; Brookhaven School, Rocky Spino, Head of Brookhaven School.** We pray for Sarah, our priest, and all clergy and lay ministers.

People: for all who seek to bring life to others.

(Silence)

Reader: We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation. For parishioners celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: **Ruth Lampi & Jessica VanOort, Don Raymond, Alden Franzoni, Xzavier Chipp-Blair, Bill Meub, Nick Searles;**

People: Give us reverence for life in your world.

Reader: We thank you for your redeeming love;

People: may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

(Silence)

Reader: God, Creator, bring us new life.

People: Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.

Reader: Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

Celebrant: God of peace, let us your people know, that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you. Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ. *Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution

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

All: *God of all mercy, 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 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

Officiant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Announcements

Thank you for your financial commitment to the life and ministries of Trinity Church. We are also grateful for your prayerful consideration of a pledge toward our 2023 Fearless Hope Campaign. Together, we reveal God's abundant love for the world! Offering plates are located at the top of the center aisle near the altar as well as near the center exit doors.

Offertory Anthem

The White Dove

German carol, arr. Brahms

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (*Many rise in praise during this part of the liturgy.*)

Sursum Corda *S 120*

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 God 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:

Sanctus *S 124*

All: *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.*

Eucharistic Prayer B *(Many choose to kneel at this point. Others may remain standing. Do as you are able.)*

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All: 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.

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

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

All: *(Rite I version)*

*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

(Green Mountain Online Abbey version)

*Our loving God in heaven,
holy is your Name,
may your reign 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 all creation, the power,

*power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.*

*and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.*

The Fraction S 152

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: *Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: *We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold 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 property 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 we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

The Invitation

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 proceed up the center aisle and either stand or kneel along the railing to receive Communion. Gluten free wafers and/or grape juice are available upon request. Those wishing to receive a blessing instead of Communion are invited to cross their arms as a signal to the priest. Please alert an usher if you wish to receive communion in your seat.

Communion Hymn #81

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: *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.*

Blessing

source: Saint Clare

Celebrant: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessings be with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn #72

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: *Thanks Be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Postlude

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

Exiting: Your presence is a blessing! Thank you for this gift.