

# TRINITY CHURCH

*First Sunday of Advent*

*November 30, 2025*

*9:30 a.m.*



## WELCOME TO OUR TRINITY CHURCH FAMILY!

*FOLLOWING JESUS. BUILDING COMMUNITY. LOVE THROUGH SERVICE.*

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

## The Word of the Lord

Prelude

*Ecce Dominus Veniet*

*Marcel Dupré*

Opening Hymn #436

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath ~ Hope

*Inspired from Tribal African Spiritual Traditions*

Celebrant: Great Mother, womb of the universe, from whom all life is born, we open our hearts to your boundless compassion and strength. Awaken within us the sacred remembering of our essence, that we too are vessels of your light.

*While one purple candle on the Advent wreath is lit:*

Reader: To our Mother Earth, we look to you for enduring hope and stability. Though the seasons change and the world may shake, your presence is our foundation. Help us to trust your wisdom and the cycle of life, death, and rebirth, knowing that hope is ever-present in the dawn of a new day.

Celebrant: Let us pray. O Divine Mother, balance us with your nurturing and your strength. Heal our bodies and our souls from pain. May we walk this Earth in reverence, with strong backs, soft hearts, and open hands. Let our lives reflect your perfection and infinite being. *Amen.*

Gradual Hymn #66, st. 1 only

*Come, thou long expected Jesus*

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: *You come to your people and set them free.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: 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.*

Lessons of the Day

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and

shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

*People: Thanks be to God.*

*Psalm           Choir sings the Anglican Chant.*

*Psalm 122*

1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."  
2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;  
4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, \*  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.  
5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.  
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.  
7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.  
8 For the sake of my kindred and companions, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.  
9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

*Second Reading*

*Romans 13:11-14*

*Reader: A reading from the letter to the Romans.*

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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*People: Thanks be to God.*

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

People: *Glory to you, O Christ.*

Celebrant: Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner 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. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon	The Rev. Sarah Ginolfi
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The Nicene Creed (Congregation)
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Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith in the words of the 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	adapted from the New Zealand BCP Prayers of the People
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Intercessor: Nurturing God, enliven the Church for its mission

People: *that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.*

Intercessor: Breathe fresh life into your people. **We pray especially for The Anglican Church of Australia; and the Ministry of our 11th Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Shannon MacVean-Brown.** We pray for the Most Rev. Sarah Mullally, called to be Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray also for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; Thomas and Rob, our companion Bishops of Maine and New Hampshire; for Sarah, our priest; and Liz, our Deacon; and for all our lay leaders.

*People: Give us courage to reveal Christ in word and action.*

Intercessor: We pray for the world: We pray that the children under the protection of Orphan Care Volunteers Association in Uganda receive those blessings necessary to sustain their physical and spiritual well-being. Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

*People: That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.*

Intercessor: Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

*People: Teach us to care creatively and justly for its resources.*

Intercessor: We pray for the community. In our cycle of prayers celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, we pray for joyful blessings upon **Sally Sweet, Arnold Kirbach, Jr., Gary Foskett, Aaliya Patrick, Jay Bishop, David Castonguay, Rachel Cruise, Judy Hall, Janet Kirbach, Ann Clark, Katie Patrick.** God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

*People: that all may act with integrity and strength of heart.*

Intercessor: We pray for those in need **especially for Jennifer, Rhonda, Sally Jo, Molly, Carolyn, Chelsea, Sue, John, Kathi, Chris, Joseph.** God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

*People: May they know the power of your healing love.*

Intercessor: We remember those who have died and those who mourn, **especially Roger & Gretchen Pike for whom the altar flowers have been given.** O Great Divine,

*People: Into your hands we commend them.*

Intercessor: We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

*People: May their example inspire and encourage us.*

Intercessor: Lord, you have called us to serve you.

*People: Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus 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

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

People: *And also with you.*

### Announcements

*Thank you for your financial commitment to the life of Trinity Church. Your faithful stewardship helps our mission to follow Jesus, build community and love others through service. The offering plate is located at the top of the center aisle on the way to the altar. Unlabeled cash offerings go to the discretionary outreach fund. To give to the parish general fund, use the labeled envelopes in the pews and place them in the offering plate.*

### Offertory Anthem

### Song of the Advents

*Russell Schulz-Widmar*

## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer C*

Celebrant: God 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: God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: *By your will they were created and have their being.*

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: *By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### 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.*

### The Holy Communion

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People: We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.*

Celebrant: Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

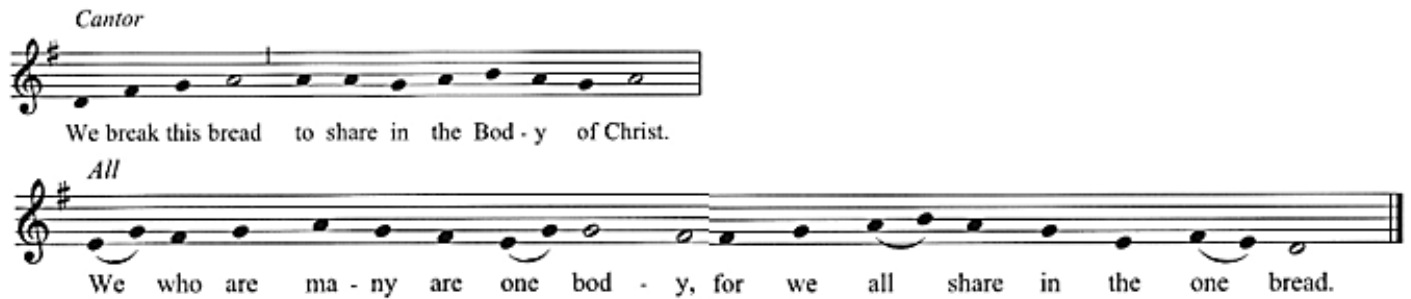
Celebrant: God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

### The Lord's Prayer

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

*All: 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, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.*

## The Fraction



## The Invitation

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Holy food for holy people.

*You are welcome at God's table! To receive, come up the center aisle to the rail and return via the side aisles. If mobility is a concern, ask an usher for Communion at your seat. Receive wine by drinking from the common cup or by intinction (dipping the wafer) into the Communion Bowl—not the cup. A grape juice bowl (lighter colored liquid) is offered and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. To receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest to signal that to the priest.*

## 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

from *Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant: May the blessing of the God of Sarah and Abraham, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## Closing Hymn #57

*Lo, he comes with clouds descending*

*Helmsley*

## Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks Be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Postlude

*Wake, awake! The night is flying*

*Paul Manz*

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