

Trinity Church

First Sunday of Advent

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9:30 a.m.



Welcome to our Trinity Church family!

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*We are a dynamic Episcopal family united in following Christ.
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9:30a.m. First Sunday of Advent – Holy Eucharist

The Word of the Lord

Prelude	<i>Sleepers, wake! A voice is calling</i>	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
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Opening Hymn #59	<i>Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding</i>
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The Lighting of the Advent Wreath	<i>First Candle - the Candle of Hope</i>
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Advent wreath with 1 candle lit representing the Patriarchs, Abraham, and the Old Testament Ancestors of Jesus

Officiant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Officiant: Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth. Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ. *(A person lights the First Candle, the Candle of Hope)*

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

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. 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 plowshares, 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

Psalm 122

Priest: Please join me in reciting Psalm 122, responding with the italicized verses.

1 I was glad when they said to me, *

"Let us go to the house of God."

*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 God, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of God.*

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 my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.*

9 Because of the house of 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.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #66

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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

The Nicene Creed (Congregation)

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

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 Wanda Brodacki and her 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: **Laurie, Sue, Elaine and Gary, 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 Episcopal Church in Japan, and the Ministry of our 11th Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Shannon MacVean-Brown. 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: **Elizabeth Dion, Carolyn Meub, Fern Fryer, Sally Sweet, Sue Zoesch, Alyssa Tarrant, Arnold Kirbach, Gary Foskett, Aaliyah Patrick, Jay Bishop, David Castonguay;**
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

Song of the Advents

Russell Schulz-Widmar

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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

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

(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,
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 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 Anthem

Song of Zechariah

Hal H. Hopson

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 #57

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks Be to God!

Postlude

Sleepers, wake! A voice is calling

Johann Gottfried Walther

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