

TRINITY CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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. Second Sunday of Advent – Holy Eucharist

The Word of the Lord

Prelude	Two Short Preludes	Ernest Bloch
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Opening Hymn #76	<i>On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry</i>	<i>Winchester New</i>
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The Lighting of the Advent Wreath ~ Peace

- 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.
- Reader: Spirit of God, Mother of Living Waters, whose grace flows like a river and whose peace is deeper than the sea: wash us free from fear and resentment. Draw us into the gentle current of Christ's peace, that harmony may take root in our homes and communities.
- 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 about your creation in reverence, with strong backs, soft hearts, and open hands. Let our lives reflect your perfection and infinite being. *Amen.*

Gradual Hymn #66, sts. 1-2 only	<i>Come, thou long expected Jesus</i>
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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. 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.*

Lessons of the Day

- First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10
- Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.
- A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young

shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm *Choir sings the Anglican Chant.*

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

1 Give the Ruler your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the Ruler's heir;
2 That they may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice.
3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
4 They shall defend the needy among the people; *
they shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
5 They shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
6 They shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
7 In their time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
18 Blessed be the Sovereign God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
19 And blessed be God's glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with their glory. Amen, Amen.

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

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

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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

People: *Glory to you, O Christ.*

Deacon: In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'"

The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Sarah Ginolfi

The Nicene Creed (Congregation)

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

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 Church of Bangladesh; Ministry of our Assisting Bishops, the Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld and the Rt. Rev. Thomas J.**

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; 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 **Keanna Chadburn, Shania Reed, Mary Reitz, Becky Congdon.** 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 Ruth & Gus Crowell 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

Deacon: 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

Rejoice in the Lord always

anon. 16th cent. English

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.*

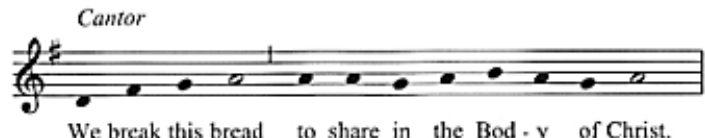
The Lord’s Prayer

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.

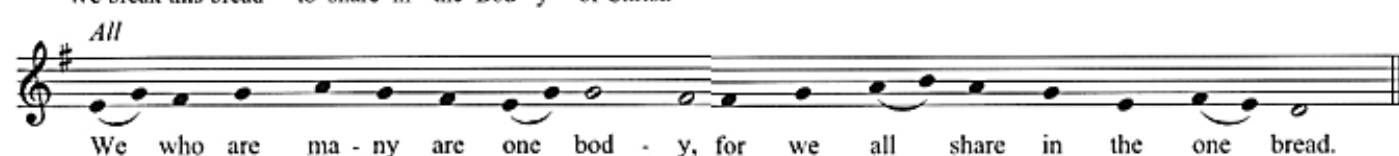
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Cantor



We break this bread to share in the Bod - y of Christ.

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We who are ma - ny are one bod - y, for we all share in the one bread.

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.

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.*

Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers
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Deacon: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: *We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.*

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 #65

Prepare the way, O Zion

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Dismissal

Deacon: Dismissal

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

Postlude

Prepare the way, O Zion

Wilbur Held

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