



HOLY TRINITY
A N G L I C A N C H U R C H

Proclaim. Exalt. Serve.

The First Sunday in Advent
November 28, 2021
Holy Communion

WELCOME

Welcome!

We're so glad you've joined us this morning. Whether you've been following Christ for years or are investigating the Christian faith for the first time you are welcome at Holy Trinity.

While we no longer require the wearing of masks on Sunday mornings, we continue to recommend them. We have plenty of masks available in the lobby area if you would like one.

As an Anglican church our time together in worship is shaped by ancient liturgies accompanied by old hymns, new choruses and the preaching of God's word. On most Sunday mornings we share Holy Communion together, but on the final Sunday of each month we worship following the service of Morning Prayer. Our services come from the Anglican Church in North America's 2019 Book of Common Prayer. Everything you need to know for our service—like when to sit or stand, song lyrics, corporate prayers and readings can be found here in your bulletin.

Our nursery is open during every service for children up to 5 years old, and is staffed by wonderful folks who will love your kids well! All nursery workers will continue to wear masks during this season. Kids grades K-5 will be invited to their own time of Bible teaching before the sermon.

Want to know more about us? Stop by the Connections Desk outside the sanctuary, complete one of the welcome cards in your seat, or speak with a member of our clergy in the lobby after worship. Thanks again for visiting with us this morning. I look forward to meeting you!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial 'J'.

Rev. Dr. John Yates III

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE

The King shall come when morning dawns

*The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes*

*Not, as of old, a little child, to bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.*

*Oh, brighter than the rising morn when Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death, despite the rage of foes*

*Oh, brighter than that glorious morn shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes and we shall see his face.*

*The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: come quickly, King of kings.*

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

Savior of the nations, come

*Savior of the nations, come! Virgin's Son, make here Thy home.
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth,*

*Not by human flesh and blood, by the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh woman's offspring, pure and fresh.*

OPENING HYMN

Come ye thankful people, come

**Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.**

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, to thy final harvest home;
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
There, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
Come, with all thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Officiant Blessed be the Lord God of Israel.
People For he has visited and redeemed his people.
Officiant Surely the Lord is coming soon.
People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *(prayed together)*

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.

HYMN *(all sing)*

O come, O come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emman—uel, and ransom captive Is—rael,
that mourns in lonely ex—ile here until the Son of God— appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emman—uel . . . shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from— on high, who ord’rest all things might—ily;
To us the path of know—ledge show, and teach us in her ways— to go. *Refrain*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant 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.**

THE LESSONS *(please sit)*

The Old Testament: Zechariah 14:1-9

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Red Bible, page 799

People: Thanks be to God.

The New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Red Bible, page 987

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Worship

Children grades K-5 are invited to join the teachers and follow the cross at the front of the sanctuary for their own time of kid's worship. They will return to the sanctuary during the announcements.

THE GOSPEL SONG

Come, behold the wondrous mystery

**Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us**

**Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law in Him we stand**

**Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured love untold**

**Come behold the wondrous myst'ry slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes *(repeat last two lines)***

THE GOSPEL

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John .

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 21:25-33

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Red Bible, page 881

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Caleb Burr

THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(all are invited to sit or kneel)*

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.” In the silence after each invitation, please add your own prayers and petitions.

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Stephen, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially Lydia Aldridge; Teena Anderson; Diana Barnhart; The Brickley Family; June Brown; Elaine Buck; Sandy Case; Barbara Cooley; Rob Dickinson; Martha Epperson;

Mabel Geoghegan; Thomas Golson; Liz Holzner; Susan Steele Grady; Ira Hardy; Sterling Kane; William Kane; Ted Keller; Hilda Leigh; Evie Lovas; Holland McPeake; Victoria Paschaloudis; Mary B. Raiford; Chloe Renken; Anne Roux; Lindsay Roux; Gabrielle Rowe; George Sherman; Eloise Van Horn; Wendy Shull; Joe Turner; Ed Weems; Earl Whipple and Sally Whitt.

We pray for all those expecting the birth of a child, especially Christina and Joe Ananias; Arrington and John Caison; Margo and Patrick Dunnigan; Amy Auth and Jerry Hwang; and Scottie and Eddie O’Herron . Grant comfort and peace to all who desire to conceive, or adopt, and in your time, we pray, give them the joy of children.

We pray for our loved ones serving in the military, especially Chase Duncan — keep them safe, enfold them with your protection and fill them with courage each day.

Please add your own petitions or thanksgivings silently.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

(Congregation begins with a moment of silent confession)

**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.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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 him thanks and praise.

(The people remain standing.)

Heavenly Father, we lift our hearts to you as we gather at your table. You are worthy at all times and in all places to receive glory, honor, thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord: For He is Your living Word from before time and for all ages; by Him you created all things, and by Him you make all things new.

When we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death you, in your tender mercy, gave Your Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, offered once and for all time, for the sins of the whole world. By His death He reconciled us to you, satisfying your just demands. By His rising to new life He has secured eternal deliverance for His people.

We thank You Father, that on the night before He died, Jesus took bread; and when He had given You thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After the meal, He took the cup, and again giving You thanks He gave it to His disciples, saying, "Drink from 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore Father, we thank You for these gifts of bread and wine. By the power of your Holy Spirit we pray that all who eat and drink them, believing our Savior's word, may share His body and blood. **Amen.**

(please kneel)

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

**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 PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS *(prayed by all)*

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant 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 character 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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Friends, at just the right time, when we were weak and unable to help ourselves Christ Jesus died for the ungodly. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Jesus Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Receiving Communion: The ushers will guide your row either to the front of the church or to the rear via the center aisle. Please extend your hands to receive the wafer which has been dipped in wine by the priest. Once you have received Holy Communion, please return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available.

During Communion two prayer ministers will be available to pray with anyone who would like prayer for any reason. They will be stationed in the Prayer Corner, which is in the left transept.

COMMUNION MUSIC

CHOIR *Zion hears the watchmen singing, Johann Walther*

*Zion hears the watchmen singing, and all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom: For her Lord comes down all glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious. Her star is risen, her light is come.*

*Ah come, thou blessed one, God's own beloved Son: Alleluia!
We follow till the halls we see, where thou has bid us sup with thee.*

ORGAN *Wachet auf! Ruft uns die Stimme, J.S. Bach*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have
given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

**Lo! he comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.**

**Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.**

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the good news of Christ!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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