



HOLY TRINITY
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Proclaim. Exalt. Serve.

The Second Sunday in Advent
December 10, 2023
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.

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! During the service, kids grades K-5 will be invited to their own time of bible teaching before the sermon.

Want to know more about us? Please complete one of the welcome cards that can be found in the lobby, scan the QR code found in Trinity News, 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,



Rev. Dr. John Yates III

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

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 —*

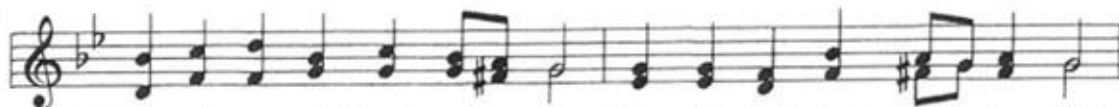
*not as of old, a little child, to bear and fight and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky*

OPENING HYMN

Savior of the nations, come



1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make here Thy home!
2. Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it of our God,
3. Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the vir - gin un - de - filed!
4. From the Fa - ther forth He came And re - turn - eth to the same,
5. Thou, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, Hast o'er sin the vic - t'ry won.



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
Was the Word of God made flesh— Wom - an's Off - spring, pure and fresh.
Tho' by all the world dis - owned, Still to be in heav'n en - throned.
Cap - tive lead - ing death and hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!
Bound - less shall Thy king - dom be; When shall we its glo - ries see?

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, thou Lord— of might, who to thy tribes on Si—nai’s height
In ancient times didst give— the law, in cloud, and majesty—, and awe.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emma—nuel . . . shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Branch of Jes—se’s tree, free them from Satan’s ty—ranny
That trust thy mighty pow’r— to save, and give them vict’ry o’er— the grave.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS *(please sit)*

The Old Testament: Genesis 14:14-20

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Red Bible, page 10

People: Thanks be to God.

The New Testament: Hebrews 6:19-7:3, 7:23-8:1

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Red Bible, page 1004

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

All my boast

What wonder of wonders what love is this,
That Christ would die for me?
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness,
This sinner's only plea.
O foolish pride, be crucified,
The work is finished.

*Chorus: All my boast is in Jesus, All my hope is His love,
And I will glory forever in what the cross has done.*

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled with graces undeserved.
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill,
Let praises now return!
Rise up my soul and bless the Lord!
Who else is worthy? *Chorus*

O praise the One forever blessed!
Him alone my heart adores.
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ my Lord. (Repeat)

I boast not in riches, in strength or might,
But in the grace of God.
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ,
In plenty or in want.
That I may know that all may see
His pow'r within me. *Chorus*

Now I stand in His freedom,
Ransomed clean in His sight,
And I cannot be ashamed, for
My boast is Jesus Christ,
My boast is Jesus Christ,
Forever my boast is Jesus Christ.

THE GOSPEL

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

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

Matthew 27: 45-54

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Red Bible, page 834

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. John W. Yates II

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.”

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

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

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

Silence

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.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

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

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

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

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty and most merciful God, you have told us not to think of ourselves only, but to remember the needs of others. We pray for all in want or need, for all who have strayed from your way, for the sick in body or mind, for the poor and lonely, for those in distress and despair or any other adversity especially Anne Adams; Lydia Aldridge; Larry Crumpler; Joyce Ann Deihl, Gay Eatman; Woody Eatman; Mabel Geoghegan; Liz Holzner; Ann Johnson; Jarrett Leslie; Evie Lovas; Kay McCorquodale; Holland McPeake; Victoria Paschaloudis; Mary B. Raiford; Chloe Renken; Paige Stephens; Tana Weber; Mike Weddington; Ed Weems; Warren Williamson and Sally Whitt.

Heavenly Father, we pray for all those expecting the birth of a child, especially Scottie and Eddie O'Herron; Michelle and Kevin Norris; Molly and Matthew Schanz; and Daniella and Carlin Shaw. 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 Samuel Bedor, Chase Duncan and Brennan Hodges — 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.**

THE PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Psalm 96:8

Officiant: Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Zion hears the watchman singing,
J.S. Bach*

*Zion hears the watchman 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 ris'n; her Light is come.*

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

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND GIFTS (*Doxology*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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 you will then dip in the chalice. 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

To you, O Lord, I lift up my Soul

*Refrain: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
Come, O Lord, and rescue me,
to you I have fled for refuge my God.*

*In you I hope all day long because of your goodness, O Lord,
Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
Refrain*

All the poor and powerless (sung by all)

**All the poor and powerless, and all the lost and lonely,
And all the thieves will come confess, and know that You are holy,
And know that You are holy.**

*Chorus: And all will sing out, "Hallelujah!"
And we will cry out, "Hallelujah!"*

**All the hearts who are content,
And all who feel unworthy,
And all who hurt with nothing left,
Will know that You are holy. Chorus**

**Shout it, Go on and scream it from the mountains,
Go on and tell it to the masses
That He is God. (repeat)**

Chorus

**Shout it, Go on and scream it from the mountains,
Go on and tell it to the masses
That He is God.**

Hail to the Lord's anointed (sung by all)

**Chorus: Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun,
His reign on earth begun.**

**He comes to break oppression, to set the captives free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.
He comes to break oppression, to set the captives free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity. *Chorus***

**He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy and bid the weak be strong,
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls condemned and dying are precious in His sight. *Chorus***

**He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth.
Love, joy and hope like flowers spring in His path to birth.
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove.
His Name shall stand forever, that Name to us is Love. *Chorus***

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.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Behold, the bridegroom comes

Behold, the Bridegroom comes, the King whom we adore,
To break the pow'r of sin and death forevermore!

*Refrain: Stand up and sing! Fling wide the gates!
Look, he awaits, our Bridegroom King!*

Behold, the Bridegroom comes, the keys are in his hand,
To make of Earth a holy place, his promised land. *Refrain*

Behold, the Bridegroom comes, His kingdom shall not fail,
He pays the ransom for his bride through thorn and nail. *Refrain*

Behold, the Bridegroom comes, the King of power and might,
And all our darkness sees the dawn of Holy Light. *Refrain*

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

*Immediately following the service we invite any who
desire confidential prayer for any reason to come to the left transept area
to pray with a member of our healing prayer team.*

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