

# HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

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The First Sunday in Advent
December 1, 2024
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 the whole service for children up to 5 years old. There is a "Little Sanctuary" for nursing moms and young children in between the exit doors on the side closest to the nursery. Kids grades K-5 will be invited to their own time of bible teaching before the sermon. All leaders are vetted and trained folks who will love your kids well! Please make sure you have checked in your son or daughter at the check-in station near the young children's wing.

Want to know more about us? Please complete one of the welcome cards located on the large table in the Courtyard Lobby, or speak with a member of our clergy 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** 

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
Dallas Blair

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: Isaiah 40:1-5 Red Bible, page 599

Reader: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God.

The New Testament: Romans 8:18-25 Red Bible, page 944

Reader: The Word of the Lord **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.

#### Christus Victor

#### THE GOSPEL SONG

O Most High, King of the ages, Great I AM, God of wonders, By the blood You have redeemed us, Led us through mighty waters. Our strength, our song, our sure salvation.

Chorus: Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won, Hallelujah, Amen.
With every tribe and every tongue,
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son, Hallelujah, Amen.

O Most High, dwelling among us, Son of man, sent for sinners, By Your blood You have redeemed us, Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior, Who lived, who died, who rose victorious. *Chorus* 

O Most High King, of the nations, Robed in praise, crowned with splendor. On that day, who will not tremble When You stand, Christ the Victor, Who was, and is and is forever. *Chorus* 

A-men, a-men, a- - - - a- men (repeat 4x)

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#### THE GOSPEL

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 1:1-5, 14 *Red Bible, page 886* 

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE SERMON

#### 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 Steve, our Archbishop and Bishop, and Terrell, our Area 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 ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

In silence, please pray for those listed below, and others who are known to you.

JP Archer; Paul Bock; Denis Brickley; Larry Crumpler; Woody Eatman; George Edwards on the death of his father, George Sadler Edwards, Sr.; Darrell Gordon; Chuck Hodges; Liz Holzner; Amy Jo Horne; Ann Johnson; Holland McPeake; Mary B. Raiford; Robert & Wren Rehm on the death of their son, Grayson; Brittany Swanger; Ed Weems; Warren Williamson and Sally Whitt.

For all those expecting the birth of a child, especially Donna Lynn and Justin Barfield; Erin and Jack Carson; Lane and William Dixon; Duncan and Daniel Flynn; Breanna and Micah Linn; Ida and Hunter Winstead; Taylor and Bennett Younts; and Sharon and Eric Butler as they await an adoption.

Those serving in the military, especially Jeb Baker, Samuel Bedor, Chase Duncan, Derek Eason and Brennan Hodges.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in the name of your Son: Mercifully incline your ear to us as we make our prayers and supplications to you; and grant that what we ask faithfully, according to your will, we may obtain effectually, for the relief of our necessities and the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28 God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

#### THE PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE OFFERTORY

2 Corinthians 8:9

Officiant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

#### OFFERTORY MUSIC

Hark the glad sound, David Thorne (b. 1950)

Hark, the glad sound! the Saviour comes, The Saviour promised long! Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne, And ev'ry voice a song. He come the pris'ner to release, In Satan's bondage held, The gates of brass before him burst, The iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind, The wounded soul to cure; And with the treasures of his grace Enrich the humble poor. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim; And heav'ns eternal arches ring With thy beloved name.

Hark, the glad sound! Saviour comes, The Saviour promised long! Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne, And ev'ry voice a song. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim; And heav'ns eternal arches ring With thy beloved name. Amen!

# 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 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**

The King shall come when morning dawns (sung by choir)

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.

Here I am to worship (sung by all)

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes let me see Beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus: So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, Oh, so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above, Humbly You came to the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor. *Chorus* And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross (Repeat)

#### Chorus

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King of Kings (sung by all)

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light, Till from Heaven You came running; there was mercy in Your eyes. To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word, From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus: Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in One. God of Glory, Majesty! Praise forever to the King of kings! To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost, To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross. For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side, Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. *Chorus* 

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath,
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.
And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame,
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom, I am free!
For the love of Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected me! Chorus

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## 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.** 

# Lo, he comes with clouds descending

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

Lo! he comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain; Thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train: 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! 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** 

Trumpet Tune, Jeremy Bankson

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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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