



HOLY TRINITY
ANGLICAN CHURCH

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The Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 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

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

Savior of the nations, come

*Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child Of the virgin undefiled!
Tho' by all the world disowned, Still to be in heav'n enthroned.*

*From the Father forth He came And returneth to the same,
Captive leading death and hell— High the song of triumph swell!*

OPENING HYMN

Come thou long-expected Jesus

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art:
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.**

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: Isaiah 9:1-7

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Red Bible, page

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

Hail to the Lord’s anointed

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 captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.**

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive 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*

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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 14:25-31

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Red Bible, page

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jason Palacio

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

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 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 & VESTRY ELECTIONS

THE OFFERTORY

2 Corinthians 8:9

Officiant: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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 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 the old, a little child, to bear and fight and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.*

***Sung by all: 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.

Here is love (sung by all)

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
Lovingkindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten,
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me, all Your love accepting,
Love You, ever, all my days;
Let me seek Your kingdom only
And my life be to Your praise;
You alone will be my glory,
Nothing in the world I see.
You have paid the ransom for me,
You Yourself have set me free.

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Only a Holy God (sung by all)

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?

Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God.

*Chorus: Come and behold Him, the One and the Only,
Cry out, sing, "Holy! Forever a Holy God!
Come and worship the Holy God!"*

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God. *Chorus*

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God. *Chorus x 2*

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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

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 craft 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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