

First Sunday in Advent

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

December 1, 2024

The Word of God

Opening Hymn

No. 66

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 forever, 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.

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: *Stuttgart*, adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal

A Penitential Order: Rite One

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen

The Decalogue

The Celebrant says

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of
bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
 let me not be humiliated,
 nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
 and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
 for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
 for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
 remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
 therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
 and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
 to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Epistle

Thessalonians 3:9-13

A Reading from the Letter to the Thessalonians

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to

face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

No. 73

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.

The King shall come when morning dawns and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;

and let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold,
when right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.

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

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie

Music: St. Stephen, William Jones

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory be to thee, O Lord

Jesus said "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for

yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Martin Gutwein

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

My brothers and sisters, may God strengthen your hearts in holiness. Trusting in God, let us pray, “O come, o come, Emmanuel; be our hope and our salvation.”

God our hope, make us increase and abound in love for one another. Keep your Church on the paths of love and faithfulness.

O come, o come, Emmanuel;
People: Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. May all the world know your peace and safety

O come, o come, Emmanuel;
People: Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. Give us the eyes to see, the wisdom to prepare, and the faith to trust in you.

O come, o come, Emmanuel;
People: Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored: bring the people of this region—from city, village and town—together in a spirit of love and respect.

O come, o come, Emmanuel;
People: Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving.

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

People: Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. May we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with all your saints.

O come, o come, Emmanuel;

People: Be our hope and our salvation.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Celebrant says

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

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn

Insert (WLP 721)

Signs of ending all around us, dark and death and winter days,
shroud our lives with fear and sadness, numbing mouths that long to praise.
Come O Christ and dwell among us, hear our cries, come set us free.
Give us hope and faith and gladness. Show us what there yet can be.

Can it be that from our ending, new beginnings you create?
Life from death, and from our rendings, realms of wholeness generate?
Take our fears then, Lord, and turn them into hopes for life anew:
Fading light and dying season sing their glorias to you.

Speak, O God, your Word among us. Barren lives your presence fill.
Swell our hearts with songs of gladness, terrors calm, forebodings still.
Let your promised realm of justice blossom now throughout the earth.
Your dominion bring now near us – we await the saving birth.

Words, Dean Nelson

Music, *Ton-y-Botel*, Thomas John William

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Eucharistic Prayer II

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

The Celebrant then continues

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

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 Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 332

O God, unseen yet ever near, thy presence may we feel;
and thus inspired with holy fear, before thine altar kneel.

Here may thy faithful people know the blessings of thy love,
the streams that through the desert flow, the manna from above.

We come, obedient to thy word, to feast on heavenly food;
our meat the Body of the Lord, our drink his precious Blood.

Thus may we all thy word obey, for we, O God, are thine;
and go rejoicing on our way, renewed with strength divine.

Words: Edward Osler
Music: St. Flavian

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together say

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 57

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.

Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers;
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!

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.

Words: Charles Wesley; Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Notes and Announcements

December 1, 2024

PRAYER LIST

Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan...

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for The Revs: Dr. Shawn A. Armington, William Boatwright, Thomas B. Conway, J. Rodney Croes, Herbert G. Draesel, Jr. Dr. James A. Fisher, Suzanne L. Harris, Walter F. Hartt, Muriel S. Hubert deBussy, John W. Inman, Kathryn L. King, Martin Lavengood, Dwight L. Neglia, Ronald W. Parker, Joseph R. Parrish, Jr., John E. Troncale, Bruce Webber...

Parish Calendar of Prayer for those who will help decorate the Church for this coming Christmas season...

For Our sons and daughters in the military Nathan, Kenney, Zach, Jack, Garrett, Willie, Charley, Erin...

For those Celebrating Birthdays this week Heather Hoffner 12-05...

For the Sick, Suffering & Infirm Denise, Dan Sr., Stephen, Matt, Mark, Tanya, Joseph, Julia, Olivia, Lisa, Amanda, John, Sue, Bob, Dennis, Alex, Lisa, Ben, McKensie, Margie, David R, Bill, Virginia, Brigid, Sharon C, Kate, Louise, Megan, Lisa & Frank, Mindy, Carol, Michael, Douglas, Lois M, Christine, Al, Barbara, Maureen, Lin, Anna, Ella, Erin, Drew, Alec, Greg, Jermyn, Peggy...

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WELCOME The Rev. Martin Gutwein whose ongoing care of our Holy Trinity family is deeply appreciated.

LITURGICAL NOTES FOR THE ADVENT SEASON - Today we begin a new Church year. The lectionary will be Year C. The 9:00 a.m. Mass is Rite I and will include the great hymns of Advent. The Gloria in Excelsis and Alleluias are omitted. The Decalogue and Penitential Order will be used. This four-week season is a time of preparation, watching and hope. The color is blue (purple in some churches). The great figures of Advent are Isaiah, John the Baptist, Archangel Gabriel, and St. Mary the Virgin. Each week one more candle will be lighted on the Advent wreath. We look to Christ who came at Bethlehem, will come again in glory and who comes to us in our daily journey.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- TODAY - Outreach Committee Meeting at Coffee Hour
- TODAY - Sunday School and Youth Fellowship, 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 3 - Finance Meeting
- Saturday, December 7 - Outdoor Decorating Day beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Rain Date, December 8- 1:00p.m.
- Sunday, December 8 - Nominating Meeting after Coffee Hour
- Saturday, December 14 - 10th Annual Manger Mania and Christmas Mart
11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with Tree Lighting at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 15 - Manger Mania Candlelight Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

Be sure to start checking the signup sheets at the back of the church to let us know you'll be attending these events.

CHRISTMAS SEASON OUTREACH – Here are some great ways you can help people in need right here in our community. All donations must be brought to church by Sunday, December 15.

- **Angel Tree** – As usual, we'll be collecting gift cards for high school students in need. Just purchase a \$25 gift card at Target, Walmart, or another local store and bring or send it to church. They'll be given to Collingswood Special Services for older kids who might not be receiving any gifts this Christmas. Please place them in the box at the back of the church.



- **Scarves, Mittens, Hats and Warm Socks**—Chilly weather is here, and, our collection of mittens, hats, gloves and warm socks has started. They will be given to a community organization for distribution to folks in our area who need them as winter sets in.

MANGER MANIA, CHRISTMAS MART, TREE LIGHTING, AND CAROLING – Be sure to join in on December 14th and 15th, for our annual Manger Mania celebration. Our usual display of cherished crèche scenes will adorn our Parish Hall. And this year, we'll be expanding the sale table into a Christmas Mart! Please plan to include your home manger scene in this year's display and invite friends and family to attend the event! (See event times under Upcoming Events above.) Help will be needed setting up this week and during the event next weekend. Please see sign-up sheets at the back of the Church. This has become a popular community event. This is a great chance to invite a friend to Holy Trinity. Please help continue this tradition!



CANDLELIGHT DINNER - Help us close out our Manger Mania Weekend with a very special Christmas candlelight dinner on Sunday December 15th at 6:00 p.m. We'll celebrate the season amidst the lights and decorations of our beautiful Manger Mania display. **Advance reservations are required.** We're asking a \$15 per person donation to cover the cost of the glazed ham dinner. Please call or email the church (856-858-0491 or holytrinity1@verizon.net) by Wednesday, December 6th to reserve your seat.

Christmas Services at Holy Trinity

- **Sunday, December 22- Last Sunday in Advent**–
 - 9:00AM service and final decorating at 1:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, December 24- Christmas Eve**–
 - 5:00PM – Creche Service and Family Mass
 - 11:00PM – Festival Midnight Mass of the Nativity
- **Wednesday, December 25- Christmas Day**
 - 9:00AM – Holy Eucharist with Carols




SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will meet today, Sunday December 1st at 4:00 p.m. We generally meet the first and third Sundays of each month, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., however, we will not meet on December 15. Instead, our Sunday School families will join us on Saturday, December 14 for our tree lighting and caroling

UPCYCLING GREETING CARD PROGRAM – Please bring in no longer wanted greeting cards. They will be given to St. John of God Community Services in Westville. The Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Services group will remove the front of each card to create a new greeting. You may leave your cards in the box at the back of the Church. For more information call Craig Burgess at 856-667-2003.

ONLINE GIVING– To make it easier for folks to make their weekly offering, just follow the link on the Holy Trinity website and send your contribution electronically through Vanco. (You are still welcome to mail your weekly offering if it is easier for you.) Thank you all for your continued faithful giving.

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