

Second Sunday in Advent

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

December 8, 2024

The Word of God

Opening Hymn

No. 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within,
and let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

Words: Charles Coffin, tr. Charles Winfred Douglas after John Chandler

Music: *Winchester*, harm. William Henry Monk

A Penitential Order: Rite One

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

People And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Baruch

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For your name will for ever be called by God, "Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went forth from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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

Canticle 4

1. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
 for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
2. And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
 in the house of his servant David,
3. As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
 which have been since the world began:
4. That we should be saved from our enemies, *
 and from the hand of all that hate us;
5. To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
 and to remember his holy covenant;
6. To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, *
 that he would give us,
7. That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
 might serve him without fear,
8. In holiness and righteousness before him, *
 all the days of our life.
9. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
 for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

10. To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,
11. Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
12. To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Epistle

Philippians 1:3-11

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel thus about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal 65

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level place appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion, he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding. (*Refrain*)

Fling wide your gates, O Zion, your Savior's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him. (*Refrain*)

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People Glory be to thee, O Lord

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, in the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness; and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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

All remain standing.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Prepare your hearts for his arrival, praying, "Fill the valleys, make low the hills; come, great Redeemer, come."

Merciful God, increase our love to overflowing. Make your Church pure and blameless that we may greet with joy the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;
People: Come, great Redeemer, come.

Merciful God, we long for the light of hope to break into our world, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide us into the way of peace.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;
People: Come, great Redeemer, come.

Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of those calling us to be better stewards of your creation. We thank you for all you have made, especially those things that sustain and better our lives.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;
People: Come, great Redeemer, come.

Merciful God, you lead us with joy; you delight in our joy. You clothe us in beauty.
We give thanks for your tender care.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

People: Come, great Redeemer, come.

Merciful God, you remember your children. You do not leave us in sorrow or
affliction. Crown your children with glory; clothe them with
righteousness.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

People: Come, great Redeemer, come.

Merciful God, you have raised up for us salvation through your Son. Keep us, with all
your saints, in the eternal life of Christ.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

People: Come, great Redeemer, come.

Celebrant adds a concluding collect

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

Hymnal 613

Thy kingdom come, O God! Thy rule, O Christ, begin!
Break with thine iron rod the tyrannies of sin!

Where is thy reign of peace, and purity, and love?
When shall all hatred cease, as in the realms above?

When comes the promised time that war shall be no more,
oppression, lust, and crime shall flee thy face before?

We pray thee, Lord, arise, and come in thy great might;
revive our longing eyes, which languish for thy sight.

Wherever near or far thick darkness broodeth yet:
arise, O Morning Star, arise, and never set!

Words: Lewis Hensley Music: St. Cecilia, Leighton George Hayne

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 309

O food to pilgrims given, O bread of life from heaven,
O manna from on high! We hunger; Lord, supply us,
nor thy delights deny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.

O stream of love past telling, O purest fountain, welling
from out the Savior's side! We faint with thirst; revive us,
of thine abundance give us, and all we need provide.

O Jesus, by thee bidden, we here adore thee, hidden
in forms of bread and wine. Grant when the veil is risen,
we may behold, in heaven, thy countenance divine.

Words: tr. John Athelstan Lurie Riley

Music: *O Welt, Ich Muss Dich*, Heinrich Isaac, harm. J.S. Bach

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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 640

Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height, see that glory-beaming star.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray aught of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, darkness takes its flight, doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease; hie thee to thy quiet home.
Traveler, lo! the Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

Words: John Bowring
Music: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Notes and Announcements

December 8, 2024

PRAYER LIST

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

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for The Revs: Edward Lowe, Dr. William K. Ndishabandi, Robin Pierre...

Parish Calendar of Prayer for the Property Committee...

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

For those Celebrating Birthdays this week Chaz Burnham 12/09; Lindsay Anderson 12/13...

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Saturday, December 7 – Outdoor Decorating Day beginning at 9:00 a.m.
 Rain Date, December 8- 1:00 p.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.
- Tuesday, December 17 – Vestry Meeting 7:30 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



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**– 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.




SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP 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. Look for our January dates coming soon.

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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or place in the offering plate no later than
Sunday, December 15th*

Join us for Holy Trinity's 10th Annual...



**Manger Mania &
Christmas Mart**

On Saturday, December 14
From 11am to 8pm

Bring your family to see Nativity scenes of all types from the traditional to the whimsical on loan from the families of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and do a little holiday shopping at our beautiful Christmas Mart.

Nativity or Crèche scenes have been a part of the Christmas season for centuries having their origin with St. Francis of Assisi. The Nativity scenes to be on display at Holy Trinity have been collected from all over the world and represent international, regional, and local culture.



And don't miss the
Christmas Tree Lighting!!!



The event will conclude with the blessing of the outdoor crèche and lighting of the Christmas tree with caroling at 7:00 p.m. Featuring special Ukulele music provided by our good friends Ukies n Brews!

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