



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025

10:00AM

Welcome to a life of grace, forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

LET'S CONNECT

Thank you for worshipping with us!

If you are new to Trinity please scan the QR code, or text CONNECT to 904-966-4717. Be sure to stop at our coffee cart in the lobby to receive a gift!



For more information about our nursery, children, and youth, contact Fr. Caleb Jones — caleb@trinitysta.org

ABOUT ADVENT

Advent is the season of Christian year for anticipation and preparation - we *anticipate* the coming of Jesus at Christmas by *preparing* for his second coming - the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming."

"Advent begins in the dark and moves toward the light - but the season should not move too quickly or too glibly, lest we fail to acknowledge the depth of the darkness...Advent bids us take a fearless inventory of the darkness" as we move toward the Light of Christ."

— From Fleming Rutledge, *Advent*

ADVENT SERMON SERIES



10:00 HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II (BCP, p. 355)

HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Standing



1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free.
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a Child and yet a King,



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it, Rule in all our hearts a - lonel



Dear De - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

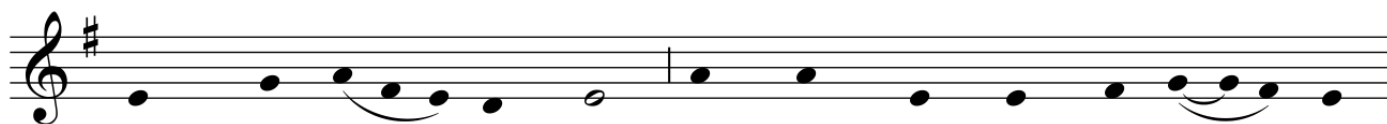
Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN 56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2. O come, thou Wis - dom from _____ on high, who or - der - est
3. O come, O come, thou Lord _____ of might, who to thy
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give _____ the
hearts of all _____ man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions



here un - til the Son of God _____ ap - pear.
show, and teach us in her way _____ to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!
law, in cloud, and ma - jest - ty, _____ and awe.
cease, and be thy - self our King _____ of Peace.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

People: Amen.



OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 35:1-10*

The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.

Like the crocus, ² it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the Lord,
the splendor of our God.

³ Strengthen the feeble hands,
steady the knees that give way;

⁴ say to those with fearful hearts,
"Be strong, do not fear; your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution he will come to save you."

⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.

⁷ The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.
In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

⁸ And a highway will be there;
it will be called the Way of Holiness;
it will be for those who walk on that Way.

The unclean will not journey on it;
wicked fools will not go about on it.

⁹ No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast;
they will not be found there.

But only the redeemed will walk there,

¹⁰ and those the Lord has rescued will return.

They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.
Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 146:4-9*

- ⁴ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- ⁵ **Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; ***
who keeps his promise for ever;
- ⁶ Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- ⁷ **The Lord sets the prisoners free;**
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- ⁸ The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- ⁹ **The Lord shall reign for ever, ***
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

NEW TESTAMENT *James 5:7-10*

- ⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!
- ¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



HYMN 518 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

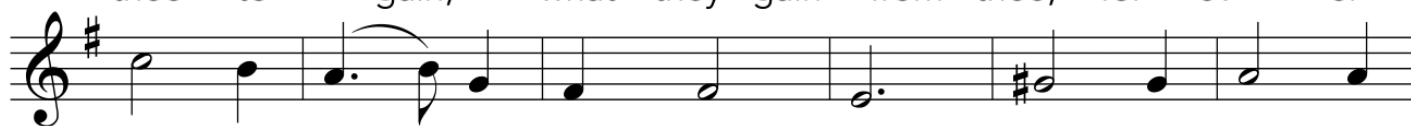
Standing



1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
3. To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4. Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask — of



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er



bind - ing all — the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 11:2-11*

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

² When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³ to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" ⁴ Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me." ⁷ As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ⁸ If not, what did you go out to see? A man



dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. ⁹ Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Curt Benham

Seated

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Standing

**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 \pm of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Form I*

Intercessor: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the
Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church
of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the
Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray
to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in
authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For this city, for every city and community, and for those who
live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the
wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and
for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People: To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**People: 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.**



The Celebrant declares God's pardon and absolution.

PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The people extend God's peace to one another.

OFFERING *God's Highway*

Seated

My feet are strong, my eyes are clear
I cannot see the way from here
But on we go, He knows the way
And in His arms, He keeps me safe

*Fear not, keep on, watch and pray
Walk in the light of God's highway*

The shadows flee, the valley is deep
But evil cannot conquer me
Your rod and Your staff, they protect me
You give me rest, You gave me peace

I see the shore from these troubled seas
This tiny ship that carries me
It is not yet, but it will be
So heaven come, it's you we need

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

2026 Goal: \$1,505,280

Pledges so far: 287 totaling \$1,245,964

Still needed: \$259,316

Last year at this time we had 250 pledges at \$961,389. Thank you for your faithful and growing support of our Lord's work through our church.

HOW TO GIVE

As the altar is prepared for Communion,
please scan the QR code to give electronically or
place your offering in the collection plate.

Thank you for your generosity.



DOXOLOGY

Standing



THE HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367*

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.**

SANCTUS

Celebrant: ...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your



1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
2. Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name, the



God of pow - er and might,
Name of the Lord,
Name:



Heav - en and Earth are full, oh, Lord, full of Your glo - ry.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name, the Name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -



san - na in the high - est!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: ...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

GREAT AMEN

Celebrant: ...all glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: AMEN.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**All: 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

INVITATION

Seated

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive holy communion.

Please let an usher know if you need to have communion brought to you.

Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

All are invited into baptism and life in the body of Christ.

If you find yourself drawn to life in Christ, we would be honored to answer any questions and have a conversation with you about baptism.

HYMN *Magnificat*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

HYMN 324 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep___ si - lence, and with fear and
2. King of kings, yet born of___ Ma - ry, as of old on
3. Rank on rank the host of___ hea - ven spreads its van - guard
4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth he___ stood, Lord of lords in hu - man - ves - ture,
 on the___ way, as the Light of Light de - scend - eth
 sleep - less___ eye, veil their fa - ces to the___ Pres - ence,



for with bless - ing in his___ hand Christ our God to
 in the Bo - dy and the___ Blood he will give to
 from the realms of end - less day, that the powers of
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia,



earth de - scend - eth, our full hom-age to de - mand.
 all the faith - ful his own self for heaven-ly___ food.
 hell may va - nish as the dark-ness clears a - way.
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

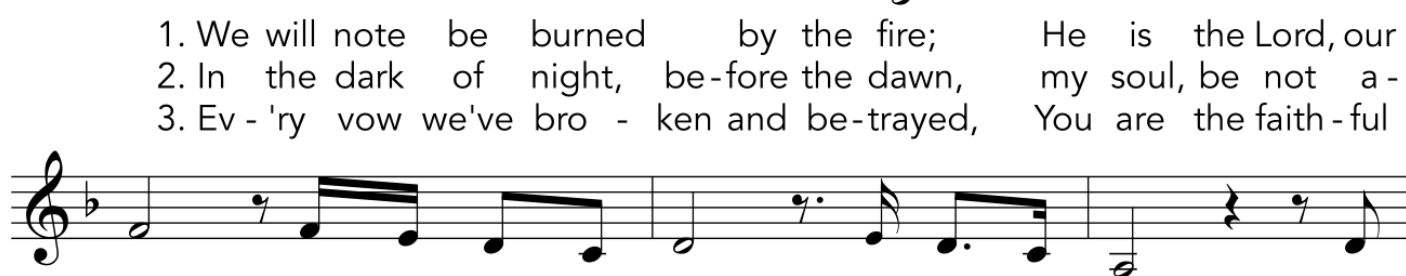
Standing

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN *We Will Feast in the House of Zion*



DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

