



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025

7:30AM

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



THE WORD OF GOD *BCP, p. 323*

ACCLAMATION

Standing

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

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 7:10-14*

Seated

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ "Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights."

¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test."

¹³ Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18*

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

³ **Restore us, O God of hosts; ***

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

⁴ O Lord God of hosts, *

how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears; *

you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶ You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

⁷ **Restore us, O God of hosts; ***

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

¹⁶ Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *

the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

¹⁷ And so will we never turn away from you; *

give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

¹⁸ **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; ***

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

NEW TESTAMENT *Romans 1:1-7*

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— ² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³ regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵ Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. ⁶ And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. ⁷ To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



THE GOSPEL *Matthew 1:18-25*

Standing

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Curt Benham

Seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

2026 Goal: \$1,505,280

Pledges so far: 298 totaling \$1,291,033

Still needed: \$214,247

Last year at this time we had 260 pledges at \$997,929. 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.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

BCP p. 340



HYMN 56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



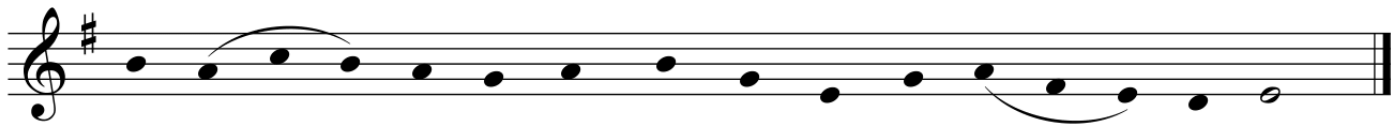
1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2. O come, thou Wis - dom from _____ on high, who or - der - est
3. O come, O come, thou Lord _____ of might, who to thy
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the



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!

