



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025

9:00AM

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



9:00AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II (BCP, p. 355)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN 56 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Standing



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2. O come, thou Wis - dom from _____ on high, who or - derest
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!

ADVENT WREATH

Seated

Prayer: Thank you, LORD, for the gift of your Son's love. Stir up in us a new love for you as we await our Savior. Help us, we ask you, in the name of the one who is the Son of the Most High, Jesus, the Christ appointed for us. Amen.

ACCLAMATION

Standing

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.

TRISAGION



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Seated. The children are invited to Children's Chapel.

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 7:10-14*

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.**

HYMN CH244 *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.

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 1:18-25*

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Curt Benham

Seated

NICENE CREED

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*

Kneeling

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.

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

Standing

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 *Gabriel's Message Does Away* by Roland Martin

Seated

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.



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
Name:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav - evn and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Kneeling

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.

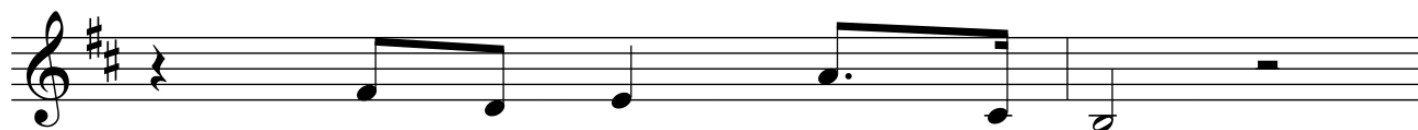
All are invited into baptism and life in the body of Christ.

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.

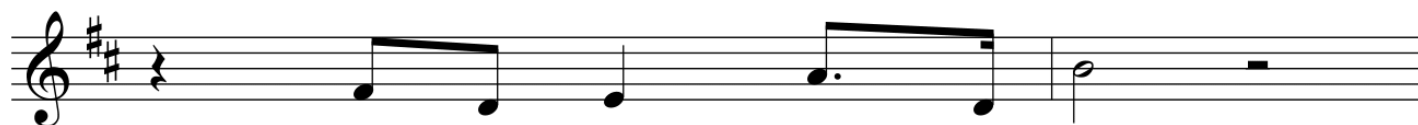
Prayer ministers are available in the chapel during Communion.



HYMN *Jesus Come, Quickly Come*



1. Prom - ised One long fore - told,
2. So we cast all our cares;
3. Yet how long, Lord, how long?
4. Je - sus, come, quick - ly come.



May our eyes soon be - hold.
through the night hear our prayers.
'Til our tears turn to song?
Shine in pow'r like the sun.



Come re - deem all this bro - ken world.
Come, O Day - spring, our Morn - ing Star.
Don't for - sake us, Im - man - u - el.
Rule in jus - tice and right - eous - ness.



For at last make us whole.
For that dawn we pre - pare.
Come make right all that's wrong.
Je - sus, come, quick - ly come.

HYMN *God With Us*



1. Oh, You've come _____ to bring peace, _____ to be Love,
 2. Oh, You've come _____ to be Hope _____ to this world,



_____ to be near - er to us. You've come to bring life,
 _____ for Your hon - or and name. You've come to take sin,



_____ to be _____ Light, _____ to shine bright - er in us. _____
 _____ to bear shame, _____ and to con - quer the grave.



Oh, Em - man - u - el, God with _____ us.
 Oh, Em - man - u - el, God with _____ us.



Our De-liv-er-er, You are Sav-ior. In Your pres-ence, we



find our strength o-ver ev-'ry thing, our Re-demp-tion



God with _____ us. You are God with _____ us.



You are here. You are ho-ly. We are stand-ing in Your glo-ry.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Kneeling

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.

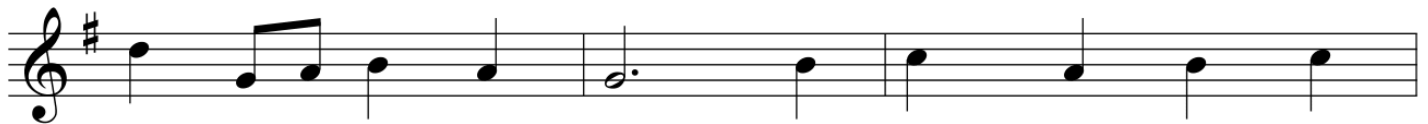
BLESSING

HYMN 73 *The King Shall Come*

Standing



1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and__
2. Not, as of old, a__ lit - tle child, to__
5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and__



light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy



east - ern__ hills and life to__ joy a - wakes.
like the__ sun that lights the__ morn - ing sky.
peo - ple__ pray, come quick - ly,__ King of kings.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

