



The First Sunday of Advent Year C

Sunday, November 28, 2021 9:30 a.m.

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Trinity in-person and virtually today! If this is your first time to worship with Trinity, we are especially glad you joined us. We hope you will join in again! Please know, whatever your tradition, that there is a place for you here. We want you to make yourself at home and participate in the service as you feel comfortable.

In this worship booklet, the congregation responds with the words in bold print. Please stand as you are able (indicated by the *).

Call to Worship

Organ Voluntary

***Processional Hymn 73 The King shall come when morning dawns St. Stephen**

*Acclamation for Advent

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

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. **Amen.**

*Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hope, ___ hope, ___ hope - The light of ___ Christ is ___ hope. In

5 all our ___ dark - ness Christ is ___ shin - ing, Lead - ing ___ up - ward, faith re - fin - ing.

9 Hope, ___ hope, ___ hope - The light of ___ Christ is ___ hope.

****The Collect of the Day***

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

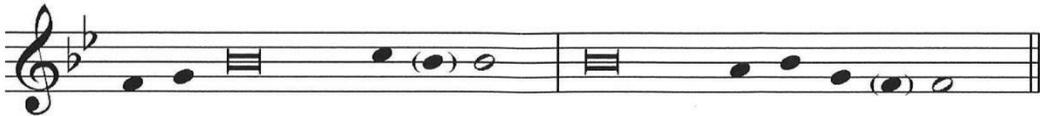
A Reading from Jeremiah.

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." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

Sung by the Congregation & Choir to plainsong tone 8.1

Ad te, Domine, levavi



- 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 disa-/ ppointed 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 trans-/ gressions; *
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 cove-/ nant and his testimonies.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A reading from 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

****Sequence Hymn 54 (Vs 1) Savior of the nations come Nun Komm der Heiden Heilan***

Savior of the nations, come! Virgin's Son, make here your home. Marvel now, both heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

****The Holy Gospel***

Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**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.

**Prayers of the People*

Intercessor: As we anticipate the glorious birth of the Messiah, let us gather our prayers and thanksgivings as an offering of faith, responding, O come, O come, Emmanuel.

For peace throughout the world, that weapons of destruction may become tools for peace, and spears of war the word that pierces every heart with light and hope; let us pray.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Free us from division that separates nations and people and fill the leaders of the world with a passion for peace; let us pray.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

For the grace to choose the path that leads to eternal life, generously giving toward the relief of poverty and despair, homelessness and fear, so that through our actions the saving love of Christ may be revealed; let us pray.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

That we be given the faith to go into the wilderness of our time and culture, giving voice to the promises of Christ and the glory of God's reign, let us pray.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

That we may hunger for the teachings of Jesus, seeking opportunities for prayer, bible study, and fellowship with those who follow the way of Jesus; let us pray.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

That those who care for the sick may be given the strength to endure and the patience to carry on amid trials, and that those who have died may rest in peace; let us pray.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

O Dayspring from on high, fill us with thanksgiving at the beginning of the day, and when night falls places within us a heart of gratitude; let us pray.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

As a people ever-watchful for the coming of the Messiah, let us continue our intercessions remembering these who have asked for our prayers for healing We pray for Arlene, Maureen, Bode, Janet, Rick, Randy, Linda, Jennifer, Marie, Joyce, Peg, Tim, Beth, Joanne, the Gillespie family, Peg, Karen, Julieta, Kathy, Jackie, David.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold the Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Please kneel as you are able.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

****The Peace***

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

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

Offertory

We come now to the part of worship where we offer our financial gifts to God. As a means of faithful stewardship, please continue to give generously on-line through Vanco, there's a link on our website, or by mailing a check to Trinity in support of the ongoing work of God in and through us.

Offertory Motet

Truth Truth Sent From Above **Ralph Vaughan Williams**
Choir of Men & Women

***Presentation of the Gifts**

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of money to the celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented.

***Presentation Hymn 56 (Vs 1) O come, O come, Emmanuel Veni, veni Emmanuel**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

***The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues:

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Sanctus 124

David Hurd

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Agnus Dei S161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Behold what you are.

May we become what we receive.

Communion

If you prefer not to receive communion and would like a blessing, please come to the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest. If you need communion brought to your seat, please tell an usher. Please indicate at the rail if you require a gluten-free wafer. Please cup your hands to receive the bread. If you prefer, we invite you to pray in spiritual communion.

Communion Hymn 60

Creator of the stars of night

Conditor alme siderum

****Postcommunion Prayer***

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

****Blessing***

****Recessional Hymn 68***

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

As the cross passes your pew, please turn to face the back of the church as we are sent out into the world to love and serve.

****Dismissal***

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Organ Postlude

Our service of worship is now over. Our worship through service now begins.

ADVENT

at Trinity Episcopal Church



Advent Candlelight Service of Evening Prayer – Tuesday, November 30 @6:30 PM

Let us enter the season of Advent together, in quiet expectation. We begin a Tuesday Evening series of offerings on November 30th at 6:30 PM with an *Advent Candlelight Service of Evening Prayer*. Healing prayer and anointing are offered to anyone desiring it. Our Cantor will lead us in simple chant.

Let's gather in a circle in the Glover Community Room (the undercroft beneath the Sanctuary – newcomers: enter through the glass doors at the rear of church and walk down hallway of Trinity Day School, or enter the red doors at front of church and go down the stairs in hallway outside of Sanctuary).

Children and newcomers are invited and welcome!

WINTER SOLSTICE

MUSIC IN GREAT SPACES SERIES
Dec. 10, 11 & 12 2021

All tickets: \$30

Lift your spirits during winter's darkest days with a festival of light and joy! Staged in three of NW Connecticut's iconic churches, these concerts feature vocalist Maria Wirries, organist William Trafka and the WSO's Brass and Percussion Ensemble.

Select the date and location:

December 10, 2021, 7 pm
St. Michael's, Litchfield

December 11, 2021, 7 pm
Trinity Episcopal, Newtown

December 12, 2021, 3 pm
St. John's, Waterbury



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**Newtown Youth &
Family Services**

Today at Trinity

Presider:	Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt
Crucifer:	Brady Dunn
Lector:	Gordon Strother
Intercessor:	Glenda Strother
Ushers:	Barbara Chamberlain, Gordon Dunn
Tech Guild:	Marcia DeBrock, Chuck Wyatt
Altar Guild:	Ruth Garrett, Linda Markin
Choir:	Choir of Men & Women

Staff and Leadership

Presiding Bishop:	The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Bishops of Connecticut:	The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Bishop Diocesan The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragen
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Director of Music Ministry:	Donald Wismann
Communications & Membership Manager:	Kim Merrill
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Sexton:	Jack Qubick
Wardens:	Sue Roman, Forry Weatherby
Clerk:	Dorothy Schmidt
Treasurer:	Noel Bellesheim
Vestry:	Cindy Anderau, Patrick DeBrock, Gordon Dunn, Cathy Filiato

For those requesting our prayers: Arlene Coleman, Maureen Trotto, Bode Kloos, Janet LaBati, Rick, Randy Lewis, Linda Markin, Marie Karvelis, Jennifer Chamberlain Singer, Joyce Webster, Peg Gillies, Tim Wilson, Beth, Joanne Sapienza, the Gillespie family, Karen, Julieta Borja, Kathy, Jackie, David Deliard

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

Julie Dunn, Rick Irving, Harlan Simes, Joan Fuest, Tom McMorran, Connie Symes

For those celebrating an anniversary this week: Jean-Maurice & Anne Calmels