

# The First Sunday of Advent

*November 27, 2022  
8:00 am*



*The Holy Eucharist, Rite One  
Trinity Church, Swarthmore*

Welcome! Wherever we are as we prepare to worship this morning, we seek to be as one Body enlivened by the one Spirit in our worship, relationships, and loving service.

*...they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*

~ Isaiah 2:4

*Our worship in this service follows Rite One of the Holy Eucharist in the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP), beginning on page 323. This service is broadcast live and is being recorded on our [Trinity YouTube channel](#).*

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Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 323

*The people standing, the Presider says*

*Presider*      Blessed be God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,

*People*        **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Presider says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
*People*        **Have mercy upon us.**

### **Liturgy of the Word**

*Scriptural excerpts are from the NRSV translation, with the psalm as in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.*

The Collect of the Day

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider*      Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

    the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
    and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

    Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
    to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways

    and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
    and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,  
    and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
    and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
    neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

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

Psalm of the Day  
*The Congregation recites the half-verse printed in bold.*

Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum*

1. I was glad when they said to me, \*  
**"Let us go to the house of the Lord."**
2. Now our feet are standing \*  
**within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
3. Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
**that is at unity with itself;**
4. To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord, \*  
**the assembly of Israel,**  
**to praise the Name of the Lord.**
5. For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
**the thrones of the house of David.**
6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
**"May they prosper who love you.**
7. Peace be within your walls \*  
**and quietness within your towers.**
8. For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
**I pray for your prosperity.**
9. Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*  
**I will seek to do you good."**

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

*Lector*      A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

*Gospeller*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*     **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming,

he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

*BCP* p. 326

**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

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*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Daniel, for . . . ; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

Confession of Sin and Absolution

*BCP p. 331*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**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 Presider concludes with an absolution.*

Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace

*Presider*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        And with thy spirit.

*Announcements follow, after which offerings of bread, wine and gifts for the work of the Church are brought to the table for consecration.*

### **Liturgy of the Table: Holy Communion**

*All are welcome to come to the altar rail. All who are drawn to God in the way of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Trinity Church. Instructions for receiving sacramental Communion follow after the Great Thanksgiving.*

*The People rise or remain seated in reverence, as the Spirit enables. The Presider, faces them and says*

The Lord be with you.

**People And with thy spirit.**

**Presider Lift up your hearts.**

**People We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.**

**People It is meet and right so to do.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds*

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Presider 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.**

**Presider Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**People Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then the Presider continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy

Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People*      **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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,  
                  forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and says*

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**  
*Presider*      Let us pray.

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**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.**

*Presider*      The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*On receiving Communion:*

*If you wish to receive, please come up the center aisle and stretch out your arms at full length, both hands palm up. Wine-host is available but not required for full Communion. The lay eucharistic minister will offer the tray of cups and the words of reception. Please choose a cup close to you. After receiving, place the empty cup on one of the trays against either side wall, returning down a side aisle. To receive instead a spoken blessing, simply fold your hands across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available from the priest upon request.*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**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 priest, or bishop if present, may bless the congregation before the dismissal*

Dismissal

*BCP p. 340*

Clergy

Let us bless the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

*Following worship, all are welcome to join in fellowship over coffee, tea and snacks in the Sherwood Room.*

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