

The First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

9:15 am



An Order for Holy Eucharist **Trinity Church, Swarthmore**

Welcome! 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

Welcome! This service is meant to be especially suitable for children and their friends, of any age. There is room in it for interaction and play, as well as unplanned sounds and events! Upon entering, children are invited to **take a plain "Prayer Card" and write or draw a prayer or thanksgiving**, which will be shared with all by the priest during the service. We encourage older persons to help younger persons with **reading (or memorizing) the words in bold**.

The form for worship for this season has been adapted from the "Thanksgiving of the People of God," A New Zealand Prayer Book, pp. 404-429. This service **is not** livestreamed or recorded.

The Ministry of Word and Prayer

The People Gather

We greet one another informally. Children are invited to take a Prayer Card and packet of markers (crayons or pencils) to their pews, to draw or write a prayer for sharing in the service. We warm up our voices and spirits by practicing one or two of the day's songs.

All standing, the presiding priest or minister then says

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator
and our Savior Jesus Christ.

God fill you with truth and joy.

Let us draw near to the light
which has drawn near to us.

We're Marching to Zion"

Hymnal 1982 #490

1. **Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.**
Refrain (*next page*)

**But children of the heav'nly King,
May speak their joys abroad,
May speak their joys abroad. Refrain**

Refrain:

**We're marching to Zion,
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion,
The beautiful city of God.**

3. **The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Or walk the golden streets,
Or walk the golden streets. Refrain**

2. **Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heav'nly King,**

4. **Then let our songs abound,
And ev'ry tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high,
To fairer worlds on high. Refrain**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace that we may throw off anything unworthy of being your children, and put on instead the armor of light, that when Jesus comes again in glory to judge both the living and the dead, he may find us worthy to be with him eternally; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

The Proclamation

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!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Bringing

"Alleluia"

James Smith

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

Matthew 24:36-44

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.”

The Word of God.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

Homily

Children are invited forward for a children’s homily. Children are then asked to return to their seats to continue working on their Prayer Cards.

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,

is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Allowing silence between biddings, the presiding priest or minister says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world... In your loving-kindness, O Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good... In your loving-kindness, O Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory... In your loving-kindness, O Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us... In your loving-kindness, O Lord,
Hear our prayer.

At this time, Prayer Cards are shown and described to the congregation. After intercessions or thanksgivings, the following may be used.

<p>AFTER THANKSGIVING For your love and goodness we give you thanks, O God.</p>	<p>AFTER INTERCESSION God of love grant our prayer.</p>
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Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation... In your loving-kindness, O Lord,
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom... In your loving-kindness, O Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Confession and Forgiveness

God has promised forgiveness to all who confess their own sins and forgive others. That we may walk in newness of life, let us now confess our sins.

**Merciful God,
we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Savior Christ’s sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The priest offers God’s absolution of sin for all who truly repent.

We Share in Christ’s Peace

The peace of Christ be with you;
And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of Christ’s peace with one another. Announcements may be offered. As we sing the following song, bread and wine for Holy Communion and financial gifts for the work of the church are brought to the altar. We encourage families to allow children to put in small coins as a lesson in giving to the church for our shared ministries.

Song of Offering

“Come, thou long-expected Jesus”

LEVAS #180

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| <p>1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.</p> | <p>3. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.</p> |
| <p>2. Israel’s strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.</p> | <p>4. By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.</p> |

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The offerings of the people are presented. Bread and wine for communion are placed on the table.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

The presider tells of God's purpose and work in creation through the gift of Christ, ending

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying/singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

And these words may be added

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The presider then recounts the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;
on the night before he died
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this as often as you drink it,
to remember me.

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Glory to you, Lord Christ:

We remember your death;

We proclaim your resurrection;

We await your coming in glory.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honor and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Silence may be kept.

As Christ teaches us we now pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says

The bread we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.
**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

Bread and wine; the gifts of God
for the people of God.
**May we who share these gifts
be found in Christ and Christ in us**

The presiding priest and people then share in receiving communion.

Songs during Communion

Taizé

“Wait for the Lord”

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart!

"In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful"

In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful I will rejoice
Look to god, do not be afraid
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near

Prayer After Communion

The priest says
Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living,
he declared your love,
gave us grace
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup

bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.

**Keep us firm in the hope
you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

*A blessing may be given. The congregation is sent out
with these words.*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

“O Come, O come Emmanuel”

stanzas 1&2

1. **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!**

2. **O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!**

*All are invited to join the various programs and discussions outlined in the announcements. Coffee is available at the
kitchen window in the Shero Room, through the interior double doors of our worship space.*

Assisting this morning:

Family of the Week

Altar Guild

Verger

Chalice bearers

Guitar

The Elliott family (Shannon, Brent, Kylie, Lucas)

AnnMarie Stanton, Rich Englebach

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Nathan Hill

Rev. Maggie Ainslie, preaching; The Rev. Edward ("Ted") Thompson, presiding



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