

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Trinity

Prelude *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 140* JS Bach

Welcome

Service begins in the red Book of Common Prayer BCP, p. 355

A Moment of Silent Prayer *(please kneel, as able)*

Processional Hymn *(please stand, as able)*

Hail To the Lord's Anointed Hymn 616

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People ***His mercy endures for ever.***

The Confession of Sin *(please kneel, as 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

Absolution

Trisagion Hymn S99

***Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have Mercy upon us. (x3)***

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant 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.**

Children's Chapel: Children ages 3-8 come to the front of the church, follow the leader to Children's Worship (located in the Children's Ministry Building) and return at the Peace.

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah (33:14-16)

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

People ***Thanks be to God***

Psalm 25:1-9

S 417 Thomas Dupuis
(1733-1796)



- 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 disap- / pointed / 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 com- / passion and / love, *
 for they / are from / ever- / lasting.
- 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 / covenant / and his / testimonies.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (3:9-13)

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

People ***Thanks be to God***

Sequence (*please stand, as able*)

O Day Of God, Draw Nigh

Hymn 601

The Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People ***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

People ***Praise to you Lord Christ***

The Sermon

The Rev. Joanna Unangst

The Nicene Creed *(please stand, as able)*

BCP, p. 358

Prayers of the People, Form IV

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the appointment of the next Archbishop of Canterbury, for our Presiding Bishop Sean, for our Bishops Andrew, Brian, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, and for all bishops, priests and deacons.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us also pray together for those on our parish prayer list.

Barry, Bob, Carol, Curt, Deirin, Donna, Joseph, Lindsey, Oliver, Sheila W.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Deacon and Celebrant may insert their own petitions.

Collect

The Peace *(please stand, as able)*

Announcements

Brotherhood of St. Andrew Blessing

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

By your Baptism you are welcome to receive communion with us. Gluten free wafers and wine are available at the Altar Rail on the Gospel side (left side as you face the Altar). These wafers and the wine are separate from the wafers made of wheat. Please let the priest know you wish gluten free by putting your palms face down. . If you have mobility concerns and need to stay in your seat but would like to receive communion, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

As the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar, please stand.

Prayers at Offertory

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven.

People ***Blessed be God forever.***

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation.

People ***Blessed be God forever.***

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your people for the work of your Church.

People ***Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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

Hymn S124

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Agnus Dei

Hymn S161

Fraction Anthem

Hymn S167

Communion Song

Advent Hymn

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Communion Hymns

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Hymn 73

The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow

Hymn 462

Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending

Hymn 57

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn
Hark! The Glad Sound

Hymn 72

The Dismissal

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

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia.***

Postlude *Lift Up Your Heads*

Alexandre Guilmant

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Trinity

We are so happy that you chose to worship with us today. Trinity is a wonderful place to be! Please fill out the Guests Card you see in the pews. It's so simple! You can scan the QR code and it will contact Jennifer Davenport for membership information or any questions. We are glad you are here!

TOY DRIVE

Trinity's Youth Community will be collecting toys for our neighboring families in need please place newly purchased toys in the receptacles in the Narthex and Butler Hall before December 8th. Contact Jennifer Davenport (JDavenport@TrinityWoodlands.org); Sandy Soghikian (Outreach@TrinityWoodlands.org).

18TH ANNUAL GIFT MARKET

Trinity's Angel Gift Market will be held Sunday, December 8th from 8:30AM - 1 PM. It is Trinity's annual event to raise funds for Trinity's Outreach Ministries. We invite you to join us in Butler Hall after services to explore what wonderful outreach ministries Trinity has to offer. Your generous donations will help fund these ministries for the next year. Please consider donating to your favorite Ministry/Ministries and purchase yummy baked goods and unique crafts as well for gifts to friends/neighbors or for yourself. The Holy Smokers will provide breakfast for purchase. There will be an Angel Wing photo op, St Nicholas photo op, a huge bake sale, a kids activity table, a holiday craft table with homemade gifts to purchase and music provided by Trinity's Bell Ringers.

WALL OF GENEROSITY

Trinity's Prime Time Guys are sponsoring an Advent Wall of Generosity food drive. Please pick up an empty box from the Narthex or the stage in Butler Fellowship Hall, fill it with donated items from the list attached to the box, and return it to Butler Hall by Sunday, December 8th. If boxes are hard to carry, you can bring bags of groceries. Charlie Brown at charliebrown17@me.com with questions.

ADVENT GROUP BY FATHER FRANK

Living Well Through Advent 2024: Practicing Peace with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind:

Living Compass provides a wonderful devotional journey through Advent. Join Father Frank as he facilitates a group discussion via Zoom. It provides a foundation for seeking a deeper experience of Advent, an experience that will help prepare us for the true meaning of Christmas. The group will meet the four Sundays of Advent from 3-4pm. Please sign up in the narthex or let Fr. Frank know if you wish to join. There will be some books available in the narthex or you can order one at www.livingcompass.org/advent. (the PDF version is free online)

POINSETTIA DONATIONS

The Flower Guild will be placing poinsettias on the altar and in the church narthex. If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory or thanksgiving for a loved one, please fill out the donation form, attach the \$15 suggested donation and place it in the collection basket. Forms are due to Liz Linger by December 16.

THE COMMON TABLE

Please Join us for our Christmas Gathering on Tuesday, December 10, from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 3801 South Panther Creek Drive, The Woodlands, Texas 77381. Please bring your favorite Christmas dish. RSVP appreciated. For more details contact Helen Geiger at hgeiger100@gmail.com or Arlyne.Nickell at Nickarly975@gmail.com. Feel free to wear Christmas outfits!

NAMI FAMILY AND FRIENDS SEMINAR

Join NAMI Greater Houston and Trinity Episcopal Church for the NAMI Family and Friends seminar. NAMI Family and Friends informs individuals who have loved ones with a mental health condition how to best support them. It's also an opportunity to meet other individuals and families in similar situations and gain community support. The seminar is led by facilitators with lived experience of supporting a family member with a mental health condition. They will walk you through the following topics: Understanding diagnoses, treatment, and recovery, effective communication strategies, the importance of self-care, crisis preparation strategies, NAMI and community resources. Join us by registering at register@namigreaterhouston.org. The seminar is set for Saturday, January 11, 2025, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Butler Fellowship Hall.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

By our baptism, we are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If your child has never received communion and you and they sense a desire to participate in receiving communion, we are offering First Holy Communion Class Sunday, December 22nd for children and their parents. We will meet at the front of the sanctuary after the 10am service. Please contact Rev. Joanna Unangst with any questions.

YOUTH COMMUNITY

Calling all 7th-12th graders! Youth Community every Sunday from 6-8 p.m.! We will meet in Butler Hall for dinner and games, and then move to the Youth Community Building (YCB) for small group Bible study. Bring a friend! Follow us on Instagram @trinity.youth.community, and join our band on the Band App!

CHILDREN'S NURSERY & CHAPEL

During the 10AM service children ages 3-8 are invited to Children's Chapel for their own Liturgy of the Word. We sing songs, say kid versions of the prayers their adults are saying in Big Church, read the same scripture from Big Church from a children's Bible, have a mini children's sermon, and sing some more Bible songs. They return to their adults in the Big Church at the Peace. Mrs. Jen, Mrs. Holly, Mtr. Joanna, and Fr. Frank takes turns leading Children's Chapel and would love to see your kiddos! The Trinity Nursery is available for children ages 0-3 for the entire service.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate the flowers on the altar in thanksgiving for or in memory of a loved one, you can sign up in the narthex. A suggested donation of \$75.00 is requested to help cover the cost. To have your dedication included in the Sunday bulletin, please email Liz Linger at llinger@trinitywoodlands.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing: Violet, Virlen W., Lindsey S., Curt H., Sarah K., Matt H., Andy H., Anthony N., Alan M., Scott C., Bonnie, Marta A., Amanda A., Curt G., Barry B., Polly P. and Sheila W.

Thanksgiving: Fr. Gerry Sevick

Guidance: Chris and Scott

Births: Grant William McKenzie



Rector - The Rev. Dr. Gerald Sevick
Associate Rector - The Rev. Frank Samuelson
Associate Rector - The Rev. Joanna Unangst
Deacon - The Rev. Russ Oechsel
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Music Associate and Principal Organist - Jack Balog
Coordinating Verger – Richard Bosley

Deacon - The Rev. John Vancamp (Retired)