The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026
10:00 a.m.

Worship begins in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) on page 355.
All hymns and service music may be found in the blue 1982 Hymnal.

Prelude *Wachet Auf* J.S Bach

The Word of God

Processional Hymn

56 *O come, O come Emmanuel (vs. 1-3)* *Veni Emmanuel*
Please stand, as able.

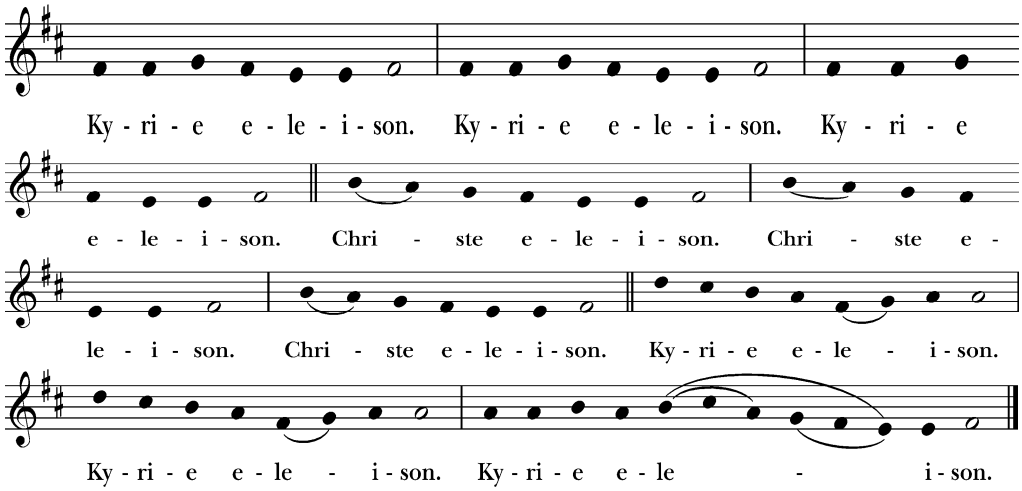
The Opening Acclamations

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins
People ***His mercy endures forever.***

The 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.
All ***Amen.***

The Kyrie *Sung S86* David Hurd



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.

All ***Amen.***

The people may be seated, as the congregation sings the gathering song for Children's Chapel. Children ages 3-8 come to the front of the church and follow the leader to Children's Worship (located in the Children's Ministry Building). They will return at the Peace.

First Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector The Word of the Lord
People ***Thanks be to God***

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 (sung by choir)

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord
People ***Thanks be to God***

Sequence Hymn

58 *Lo! He comes with clouds* *St. Thomas*
Please stand, as able.

The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great

power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Susan Gerding, *Assisting Priest (Retired)*

All may be seated at the preacher's bidding.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand, as able.

All ***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, Form II

Please kneel or remain standing, as able.

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and the world.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Andrew, Brian, Jeff, Kai, and Hector; for this gathering; and fall 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 mercy, justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, the imprisoned, the sick, and all those in need of healing, especially those added to our parish prayer list this week [_____]. 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 [, especially _____]. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all the blessings of this life. Pray for grateful hearts.

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.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Confession of Sin

Deacon 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.***

Celebrant 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.

People ***Amen.***

The Peace

Please stand, as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Announcements and Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

If you are visiting with us, please fill out a Guest Card located in the pew rack in front of you, so we can share with you what God is doing here at Trinity and how you can be a part of it.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Anthem *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood That we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; Sing holy, holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, For Christ is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

Revelation 22, adapted by Ruth Manz

Presentation of the Gifts *old 100th*

All ***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. Amen.

Please stand as the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord***.***

People ***And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

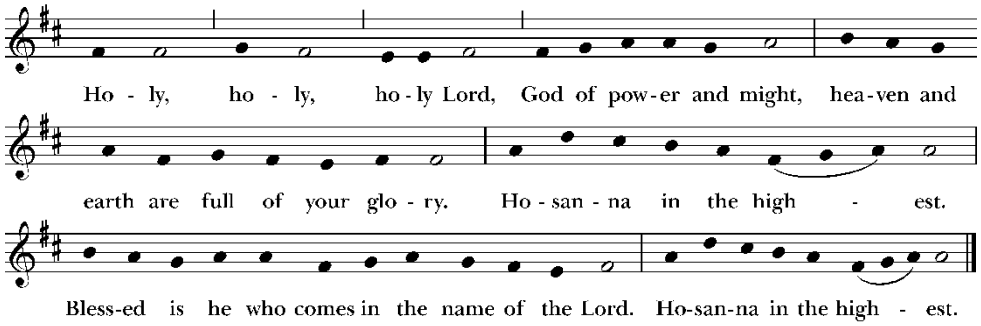
People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth…

The Celebrant praises God according to the occasion.

…Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus et Benedictus (S124 Sung) David Hurd



Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself…

The Celebrant gives thanks for God's steadfast love and saving acts through Christ.

…Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All ***Christ has died.***
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father…

The Celebrant asks God's blessing on this celebration and the gathered community.

…By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All ***AMEN***.

The Lord's Prayer

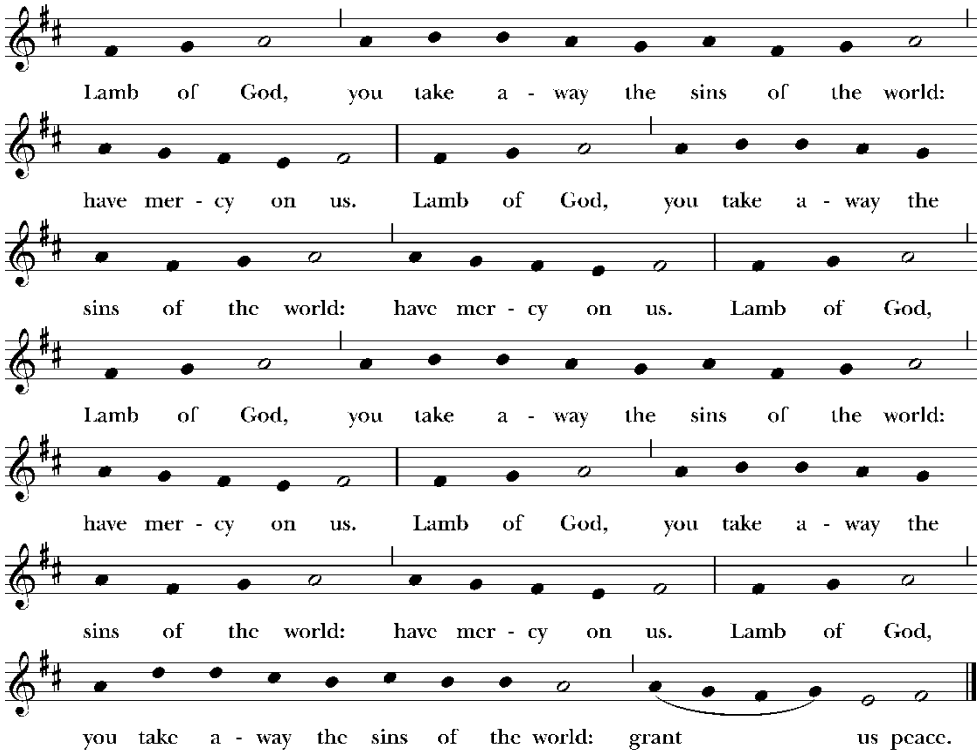
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.***

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei (S161 Sung) David Hurd



The Invitation & The Communion of the People

The Celebrant gives the invitation to Holy Communion.

By your Baptism you are welcome to receive communion with us. Gluten free wafers and wine are available at the far end of the Altar Rail on the Gospel side (left side as you face the Altar). If you do not wish to receive communion, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from a priest. If you would like Communion brought to you in your pew, please inform an usher.

Communion Hymns

454 *Jesus came, adored by angels* *Lowry*

640 *Watchman, tell us of the night* *Aberystwyth*

61 *Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us* *Wachet auf*

On occasions when the Eucharist is to be sent out, the following commendation is prayed.

The Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

All ***We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.***

The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All ***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Blessing

The Celebrant gives the blessing.

All ***Amen****.*

Recessional Hymn

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

Please stand, as able.

The Dismissal

The Deacon gives the dismissal.

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

Postlude *Lift Up Your Heads March* A. Guilmant

Rector - The Rev. Christine Mendoza
Associate Rector - The Rev. Frank Samuelson
Deacon - The Rev. Russ Oechsel
Director of Music - Micki Balog
Music Associate and Principal Organist - Jack Balog
Coordinating Verger – Martha Martz

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!

Advent Special Events

Season of Anticipation



Advent Wreath Making & Potluck Lunch
Sunday, November 29, at 11:30 a.m.

Advent Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 6, at 10:00 a.m.

Angel Gift Market & Feast of St. Nicholas
Sunday, December 6, at 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Longest Night Healing Eucharist
Sunday, December 13, at 5:00 p.m.

ADVENT CONCERT SERIES 2026

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2 SANCTUARY	WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9 BUTLER HALL	WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16 SANCTUARY	WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 23 SANCTUARY
The Nutcracker Nutcracker Suite for Four Hand Organ and Bell Tree	*A Jazzy Sing-Along*	*The Woodlands Symphony Brass Quintet* Featuring Daryl Bayer	*Trinity Orchestra and Youth*

EACH CONCERT STARTS AT 11:00 A.M.
RECEPTION FOLLOWING EACH CONCERT

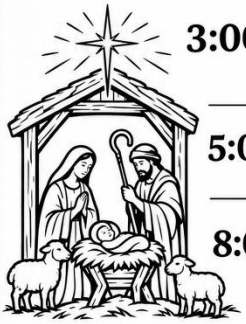
ATTENDANCE IS FREE
LOVE OFFERING GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

All Are Welcome!

NEW TIMES!

Christmas at Trinity

DECEMBER 24TH – CHRISTMAS EVE



3:00 PM | **Christmas Pageant & Candlelit Holy Eucharist**
Children's No-Rehearsal Pageant with Trinity Choristers

5:00 PM | **Christmas Choral & Candlelit Holy Eucharist**
Trinity Choir with Festal Music

8:00 PM | **Christmas Choral & Candlelit Holy Eucharist (+ Livestream)**
Trinity Choir with Festal Music & Incense

DECEMBER 25TH – CHRISTMAS DAY

ONE SERVICE ONLY

10:00 AM | **Holy Eucharist**

POINSETTIA DONATION

The Flower Guild will adorn the altar and narthex with beautiful poinsettias for Christmas. You are invited to donate a poinsettia in memory or in thanksgiving of someone special. The cost is $20 per plant. To participate, complete a donation form available in the narthex and include your payment. Or complete your donation online at www.trinitywoodlands.org. Please place your form and payment in the offering plate or deliver them to Liz Linger in the church office by Monday, December 14, 2026. Memorial and thanksgiving names will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Poinsettias may be taken home following the service on Sunday, December 27. Thank you for helping make our church beautiful this Christmas!

WALL OF GENEROSITY

Small Acts of Kindness, Big Impact! Trinity Episcopal Church and Trinity Episcopal Day School are joining together to support Interfaith of The Woodlands through its annual Day of Caring Food Drive! Now through December 13, we invite our church and school families to help fill boxes with nonperishable food items for our neighbors in need. Cardboard boxes will be provided. Together, let's make a difference in our community, one box at a time!

ANGEL GIFT MARKET

Mark your calendars! The AGM is happening Sunday, December 6, from 8:30 am to 1 pm in Butler Hall. It's Trinity's annual event to raise funds for Trinity's Outreach Ministries. Your generous donations will help fund these ministries for the next year. Please join us and donate to your favorite ministry. New this year, we'll be adding prepared casseroles to the Bake Sale. Come pick out goodies from our bake sale or homemade gift items for family, friends, and neighbors at our new Artisans table. There will be photo ops with St. Nicholas and Angel Wings. Let the kids decorate cookies and make Christmas cards while you browse and enjoy piped holiday music. Holy Smokers will provide a snack for donations.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Come One, Come All to the Greening of the Church! Wednesday, December 23, at 11:45 a.m.

Immediately following the Advent Concert. Help us transform our worship spaces for the celebration of Christmas! Join us for a joyful time of fellowship as we adorn the church with evergreens, wreaths, and seasonal banners. Many hands make light work, and all are welcome to share in this beautiful Christmas tradition.

BUTLER HALL KITCHEN ACCESS

Beginning January 2027, the Butler Hall kitchen will remain locked when not in use. If you need access for an event, you must reserve the kitchen in advance and sign out a key. Reservations can be made through our church website or by contacting Liz Linger.

FAITH EXPLORERS

Faith Explorers, which meets in the Youth Community Building, will read and reflect on weekly passages in the Living Well Through Advent Series beginning Wednesday, November 26 and ending on December 16. We meet at 12:30 for Community and Sharing and begin the discussion at 1:00. This year's theme is Practicing Patience With All Your Heart, Spirit, Body, and Mind (or Practicing Patience in Heart, Spirit, Body, and Mind). Books will be provided. Please contact Bev Redd at 610-3041-6630 or bevvredd@gmail.com for more information.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

During the 10 o'clock service, children ages 3-8 are invited to their very own Children's Chapel, where they experience a special Liturgy of the Word designed just for them. After gathering outside, children split into two groups - ages 3-5 and ages 6-8 for age-appropriate activities. Together, we sing songs, pray simplified versions of the same prayers heard in "Big Church," read the day's Scripture from a children's Bible, enjoy a short children's sermon and activity. Children return to their families during the Peace. We'd love to welcome your little ones to this joyful and meaningful part of their Sunday worship!

NURSERY

Our Trinity Nursery is open throughout the entire 10 o'clock service and welcomes children ages 0–3 in the Children's Ministry Building. Our nursery caregivers, Ms. Zoe, Ms. Naomi, and Ms. Callie provides a safe and loving environment for our youngest members.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing: Violet West, Lindsey Scruggs, Anthony N., Amanda Abrams, Lindsey Korreck, Helen Geiger, Megan Kretschmer, Bruce Kelly, Alex, Craig, Don, Polly Perciful, Gus Ditchman, Jack West, Wendy Schneider, Alan Bouverat, Dawn Kotalik, and Steve Dodwell
Thanksgiving: Nico
Guidance: Ryan and Scott
Births: Emma Lex
Departed: Joseph Liles, Heather Rifley and Sharen Horn