Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



Holy Eucharist Rite II

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026 8 & 9:30a.m.

(The Lines in bold italics are spoken by the people.)

We are all guests at the Lord's Table. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

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Prelude Pam Douglas

Processional *Hymn:* 56 "O come, O come, Emmanuel *(vs. 1-4)*

1. ***O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,***
   that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

CHORUS:
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.
   *C*HORUS

3. ***O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height***
   in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
   CHORUS

4. ***O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny***
   that trust thy mighty power to save,
   and give them victory o'er the grave. CHORUS

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Server Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of HOPE. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:

Celebrant "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined."—Isaiah 9:2

Let us pray: ***Lord as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen.***

The Word of God BCP p.355

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Collect for Purity

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***

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
People ***Christ, have mercy.***
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day BCP p.357

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.***

The Lessons: *(we sit)*



The First Reading: 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***
The Second Reading: (read responsively) BCP p.702

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

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.

The Epistle A reading from John's first letter to the 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***
(We all stand)

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

The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

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."

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

The Sermon (we sit) **Fr. Tom Rutherford**

The Nicene Creed (we stand) BCP p.358

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, Form V *(we kneel if able)* BCP p.389

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy****.*

For Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Justin our Bishop, Greg & John our retired bishops; Becky our priest, and Pattie our Deacon, and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy****.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy****.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy****.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy****.*

For those in positions of public trust, especially our president, president elect and governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person. We give thanks for those who are serving our country: James, Jonah, Cole, Keith, David, Gabe, and Matt. We also pray for our first responders, especially Jamal, Jon, Ben & Zachary. We pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy****.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy****.*

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show

forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors, that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health. We pray for our Members: Tim, Mel, Sharon, & Susie. We pray for our Family & Friends: Phoebe N., Ron C., Erin S., Tim D., Gage, Jova Saldana, Mike Bruin, Fred Rhoden, Pat Haase, David Coffey, Julie F., Sam C., Lori Lenas, Patricia Parker, Diane B., Aaron T., Leslie T., Donna S., Cindy T., Janine Polk, Gerry Crews, Archie Conners, Rac, and Tommy Stokes, and we offer prayers for those not able to join us; especially Bev, Allene, Dabney & Hope**.**

We pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For Churches in our Diocese: St. John's, Kissimmee; Please pray that their phone system works better, and for St. Peter's, Lake Mary**;** Please pray for the church.

We pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Let us confess our sins against God our neighbor.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Leader and People saying together

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.

The Priest, stands and says the absolution.

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 *(we stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to you!
May God Bless you now and all year through.
May the Love of Jesus fill your hearts with joy!
Happy Anniversary to you!

Offertory
Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music Pam Douglas

The Doxology sung together **Hymn 380**

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

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p.367

Celebrant and People (we stand)

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.***
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

Celebrant and People

Hymn S-130 Sanctus "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (*sung*)

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

The Celebrant continues (we sit or kneel as able)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. ***Amen****.*

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

The Lord's Prayer BCP p.364

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.

Celebrant *Alleluia!* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Communion Music Pam Douglas

The Body and Blood of Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Now in thanksgiving, let us pray together.

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 Priest blesses the people.*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen***.

Recessional Hymn: 74 Blest be the King

1. ***Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!***
   For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred!
   Not robed in royal splendour, in power and pomp, comes he;
   but clad as are the poorest—such his humility!

2. ***Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!***
   By those who truly listen his voice is truly heard.
   Pity the proud and haughty, who have not learned to heed
   the Christ who is the Promise, who has our ransom paid.

3. ***Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!***
   He only to the humble reveals the face of God.
   All power is his, all glory! All things are in his hand,
   all ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end!

4. ***Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!***
   He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need.
   8 Gentle is he and humble! And light his yoke shall be,
   for he would have us bear it so he can make us free!

Dismissal

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

People ***Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!***



May God Bless your special day!

Birthdays

Anniversaries

December 3—Martin & George-Ann Hodges

SCAN ME



- Friday 8am Parish Breakfast
- There is no Youth Group today
- Mark your calendars: the Christmas parade is on Dec 11th
- Open House at Rev Becky's on Dec 13th
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Serving Us Today: Altar Guild
Carolyn Holton & Peggy Frisbie

Dec 7, Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

Bishop: *The Rt. Rev. Justin Holcomb*
Rector: Very *Rev. Becky Toalster*
Deacon: *Deacon Pattie Behnstedt*
Senior Warden: *Byron Walker*
Junior Warden: *Kim Downs*
Parish Administrator/Sexton: *Wayne Troxler*
Accompanist: *Tim Davis* **Nursery:** *Dalmaris Suarez*