

TRINITY EPISCOPAL MISSION



THE SEASON OF ADVENT 2024

Holy Eucharist

The Season of Advent

Welcome to Trinity today!

OPENING RITE

CALL TO WORSHIP (BELLS)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

While the candles are lighted, the congregation sings two verses of O COME, O COME EMMANUAL.

ACCLAMATION

Blessed are you, holy and living One. *You come to your people and set them free.*

SONG OF PRAISE

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

THE SCRIPTURES

*The people sit. As the lessons are read, the Reader introduces them: A Reading from and closes each reading: The Word of the Lord. To which we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

SEQUENCE HYMN

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to ... *Glory to you Lord Christ.*
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE CREED

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

Presider: Let us lift up our voices to God in prayer and confidence.

Leader: Together as your Church, we long to see your face. Speak to us, Lord, as we walk through the wilderness listening for you. Give our leaders wisdom, patience, and heart for your will: for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Mariann, our Bishop, for Peter our Vicar, for our Mission Committee here at Trinity, and for all who serve in your Church. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

We pray for all who govern, especially the President, the Congress, and the Courts. Guide the leaders of all nations as they work for the common good of the earth and all people. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Awaken us to the suffering of people near and far. Call forth in us a spirit of generosity and kindness. Equip us to respond to their needs. Arouse in us sense of urgency for the Good News, and make us messengers of your love. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

We ask comfort for those who have lost hope, who struggle with anxiety or live in fear. Bring healing to those are on prayer list, and those we wish to name now: **(SEE PRAYER LIST)** ... In your mercy, **Come, Lord Jesus.**

We pray for those who have died, especially those we wish to name now ... That they may have fellowship with Mary the Mother of God, John the Baptizer, and all the saints in light. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Presider: For all the blessings of our lives we rejoice in you, O God, and give you thanks.

Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence is kept.*

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (*Isaiah 40:3*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

All stand and sing the Doxology, while the offerings are brought to the table. Please **follow the usher up to the altar**, where you are invited to join in a circle of mutual support during this busy time of year.

As you come up, please take a small cup if you wish to receive the wine during Communion. Seating is provided near the altar if needed.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

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

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed, and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

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

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

Jesus, Lamb of God: *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, bearer of our sins: *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, redeemer of the world: *give us your peace.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, you come to us in the bread we break and the cup we share. Make us ready to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVINGS

Presider: At this time, I invite you forward if you are celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary or any other blessing.

Presider: O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they give thanks for your grace in their lives. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and strength, and increase their trust in your goodness in all the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN

DISMISSAL

Go from this place to prepare the way of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

All texts and prayers are taken from the Book of Common Prayer and its authorized supplements.

Church Service times:
10:30 am Sunday—Holy Communion w/music

Office Hours:
9:30 am-1pm Monday-Thursday
CLOSED on Friday's

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