

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025  
 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Preparation for Worship

Advent is a paradoxical season: a season of waiting and anticipation in which the waiting itself is strangely rich and fulfilling, a season that looks back at the people who waited in darkness for the coming light of Christ and yet forward to a fuller light still to come and illuminate our darkness. Advent falls in winter, at the end of the year, in the dark and cold, but its focus is on the coming of light and life, when the Ancient of Days becomes a young child and says, 'Behold, I make all things new.' The Latin root of the familiar word 'Advent' is *veni*. It speaks of 'coming', the coming of Christ in every way.

— Malcolm Guite

## God Calls Us to Worship

Minister: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2

Congregation  
 Sings: **Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,  
 He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He,  
 Of the things that are, that have been,  
 And that future years shall see,  
 Evermore and evermore!**

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINIUM MYSTERIUM

Minister: But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God,

Congregation  
Speaks: **and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue mutters wickedness.**

Isaiah 59:2-3

Congregation  
Sings: **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.**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

*Please stand if you are able.*

Minister: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—

Congregation  
Speaks: **the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us.**

1 John 1:1-2

Congregation  
Sings: **O come, thou rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

Minister: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Congregation  
Speaks: **For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.**

Minister: And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Congregation  
Speaks: **And He is the Head of the Body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.**

Minister: For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

**and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.**

Colossians 1:15-20

Congregation  
Sings:

**O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Key of David, come  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath—The Prophecy Candle | Isaiah 7:14**

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

## **We Confess Our Faith | Haggai 2:6-7, Malachi 3:1**

***For thus says the LORD of hosts:  
Yet once more, in a little while,  
I will shake the heavens and the earth  
and the sea and the dry land.  
And I will shake all nations,  
so that the treasures of all nations shall come in,  
and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts.***

***Behold, I send My messenger,  
and he will prepare the way before Me.  
And the Lord whom you seek  
will suddenly come to His temple;  
and the Messenger of the covenant  
in whom you delight,  
behold, He is coming, says the LORD of hosts.***

## Jesus Strong and Kind

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Jesus said that if I thirst  
I should come to him  
No one else can satisfy  
I should come to him

Jesus said if I am weak  
I should come to him  
No one else can be my strength  
I should come to him

**For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus strong and kind**

Jesus said that if I fear  
I should come to him  
No one else can be my shield  
I should come to him

Jesus said if I am lost  
He will come to me  
And he showed me on that cross  
He will come to me

## We Confess Our Sins

*Lord Christ,*

*we confess our willingness to be loved  
but also our reluctance to love.*

*We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love  
but also our refusal to forgive.*

*We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love  
but also our resistance to follow You without question.*

*In this Advent time, forgive us our failure  
to respond as we should.*

*Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You  
with joy, as the shepherds;  
with gratitude, as Simeon;  
with obedience, as Mary;  
with love, as You have loved us.*

*Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.*

**SILENT CONFESSION** *Please pause for a moment of silent confession.*

## **We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ know that you're forgiven and be at peace.

***Thanks be to God!***

## **We Ask for God's Help**

Let's close praying the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:

**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 debts,  
    as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
    and the power,  
    and the glory, forever.**

**Amen.**

## **We Greet Others with Peace | Colossians 1:19-20**

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

***And also with you!***

***TrinityKids:*** During the Greeting of Peace, children 5 & under may be dismissed to walk to TrinityKids. Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Nursing Mothers' room at the back of Trinity Hall, where the service can be viewed on the monitor.

[1] And Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the LORD;  
my horn is exalted in the LORD.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation.

[2] “There is none holy like the LORD:  
for there is none besides you;  
there is no rock like our God.

[3] Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.

[4] The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble bind on strength.

[5] Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.

The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.

[6] The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

[7] The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low and he exalts.

[8] He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,  
and on them he has set the world.

[9] “He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,  
for not by might shall a man prevail.

[10] The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces;  
against them he will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king  
and exalt the horn of his anointed.” (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

# “A Prayer to the God Who Hears” | Rev. Mark Kuiper

Sermon in a Sentence: Christians must find great comfort in the fact that God hears their prayers.

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I.) An Answer to God's rivals: (v.1)

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II.) An Affirmation of God's sovereignty: (vv. 2-8)

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III.) An Announcement of God's coming King: vv 9,10

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Conclusion: Save the Date

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## We Give Regularly, Joyfully, and Sacrificially

There are six ways to give at Trinity:

1. Online: **[give.trinityowasso.com](https://give.trinityowasso.com)**
2. Church Center app
3. Text "trinityowasso" to 77977
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6. Stock and cash gifts through a foundation like the PCA Foundation, **[pcafoundation.com](https://pcafoundation.com)**

*Please take a moment to fill out the Trinity Connect Card & place it in the offering basket when it is passed down the aisle. If you miss the offering basket, please leave your Connect Card in the basket at the Connect Center in the lobby.*

***If you have children in TrinityKids, please go pick them up at this time.***

## We Celebrate Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

***And with your spirit.***

Lift up your hearts!

***We lift them up to the Lord!***

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

***It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name; evermore praising You, and singing:

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise Him all creatures here below;***

***Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## O Little Town of Bethlehem

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1868 | Music: ST. LOUIS; Lewis H. Redner, 1868

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O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by:  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him still,  
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in;  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!

## All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Text: Edward Perronet, 1779, John Rippon, 1787 | Music: CORONATION, Olliver Holden, 1793

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All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name,  
Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all;  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball.  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all;  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng,  
We at His feet may fall.  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

## God Sends Us Out With His Good Word | Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

## We Go Into The World For His Glory

Let us go forth in joyful service to the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we love our neighbors, our city, and the world.

***Thanks be to God!***

## Community Group and Family Questions:

1. Is there some rival voice in your life (or in your head) that causes you to focus on what you don't have? How have you dealt with that? Is there something you desire that would mean more to you than "10 sons?"
2. How does the knowledge that God hears your prayers offer you comfort even if you have yet to receive what you've asked for? Or realize you won't receive what you've asked for?
3. Is there something you have that gives you meaning and value above the relationship you have with God, something that if lost would make you quit worshipping God? How can we assure that God's gifts to us do not replace the gift of Himself?
4. If the "Reversal of fortunes" doesn't happen in this life, what comfort is there in knowing the "Anointed" Judge and king of the earth vv. 9,10 will make all things right?

### CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS:

1. What is something you asked God for, or to do that He has answered in the way you wanted? Have you remembered to thank him? To tell others how God has helped you?
2. This prayer tells us that God the Holiest, strongest, smartest, kindest, most generous, most loving, most giving, most powerful and only true God how does this help you? Are there sometimes things that happen that make it hard for you to believe this and to trust in him?
3. God gave Hannah what she had prayed years for and then she gave it back. Is there something you hold onto so tightly that you could never give it back to God? Pray that you might trust him even if you lose what you love most.

## How to Respond to Today's Service:

**1. BE STILL. PRAY AND REFLECT TODAY.** You may want to pray something like this:

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth:  
*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads me to the life you promise. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Amen.*

Prayer of Belief:

*Lord Jesus Christ, I confess that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dare imagine, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dare dream. Thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness and making me righteous before my*

*Heavenly Father. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.*

Prayer of Commitment:

*Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.*

**2. READ SCRIPTURE.** Read the sermon passage again and reflect on what the Holy Spirit called to mind. How might you apply it with God's help?

**3. JOIN US AT A COMMUNITY GROUP or REGISTER FOR AN UPCOMING EVENT.** We want you to be a part of us.

**4. FILL OUT A CONNECT CARD.** Let us know how to pray for you and get you the information you seek.



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## Grow in Community:

### Christmas Eve Services:

5:30-Christmas Ensemble

6:00-Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service

10:00-Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service

### Trinity Women:

December 6: Christmas Brunch at Trinity Hall

### Trinity Men:

January 17: Men's Breakfast at The Grove

### Trinity Kids:

December 14: Discipleship Hour Christmas Party

### Trinity Youth:

December 17: Christmas Party

**Deacon on Duty this Sunday:** Greg Roberts



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