

# Trinity Episcopal Church

*Offering Companionship along the Way*

## Second Sunday of Advent

### December 7, 2025

**Prelude** Cantabile from *Methodical Sonata, TWV 41:G4* Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

**Processional Hymn 65** Prepare the way, O Zion

*Bereden väg för Herran*

**Candle Lighting Hymn 56**, verses 1, 2

*Veni, veni Emmanuel*

*Pastor:* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Pastor:* 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.**

**Holy God - Trisagion S 99**

Mode 1; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest:* Let us pray together our collect:

**Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**A Reading from Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

*Plainsong, Mode VIII.1*

1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

### **A Reading from 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual Hymn 75** There's a voice in the wilderness crying

*Ascension*

*Pastor:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to **Matthew 3:1-12**

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Minute of silence for reflection

**The Nicene 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 Form 2**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Sean, our Diocesan Bishops Jeffrey and Laura; for this gathering and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. (*Leave time for names to be added*). Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of the Holy. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

I ask your prayers for the departed (*Leave time for names to be added*) Pray for those who have died.

**On our parish cycle of prayer, I ask your prayers for Lisa Ford, Pari Forood, Arthur C. Fort, and their families.**

**I ask you to lift up in prayer all those things for which you are thankful today...(*we leave time for thanksgivings to be added*).**

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. **Amen.**

## The Confession

**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

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.**

*Pastor:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## The Peace

## Announcements

**Offertory Hymn “59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding**

*Merton*

**Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”**

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life. You made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

**Holy: S 127 Sanctus**

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

**Fraction Anthem Lamb of God S 160**

Anaphora Chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

**Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

**Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him all you peoples.**

**For his loving-kindness toward us is great, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.**

**Communion Solo**

*Mesto | Spiritoso* from Methodical Sonata, TWV 41:G4

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion. Both wine and grape juice are offered.*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

**Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 68** Rejoice! rejoice, believers

*Llangloffan*

**The Dismissal**

*Pastor:* Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit.

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

**Postlude** Organ improvisation on tune *Psalm 42*

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God  
and in the Memory of William & Marjorie Bradley by Diane Walters*

Serving Today

*Preacher & Celebrant:* The Rev. Robert Woodroffe

*Guest Musician:* Rodrigo Tarraza, flute

*Minister of Communion:* Barry Anderson

*Lector:* Michelle Sisk

*Epistler:* Hotchkiss Student (alt: Bill Jenks)

*Intercessor:* Linda Lloyd

*Flowers:* Tom Schindler

*Counter:* Barry Anderson

*Altar Guild:* Theresa Kenny

*Greeters/Ushers:* Mike Cuoco and Brennan Sisk

*Verger:* Geoff Brown

## Announcements

- Sunday, December 14**      8:00 AM Morning Prayer  
10:30 AM Rev. Kathleen Killian Preacher & Celebrant
- Sunday, December 21**      8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Rev. Marilyn Anderson Preacher & Celebrant  
4:00 PM Crescendo presents History of Christmas Carols  
at Saint James Place, Great Barrington, MA
- Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve**  
4:30 PM Choral music  
5:00 PM Rev. Marilyn Anderson Preacher & Celebrant
- Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day — NO SERVICE**

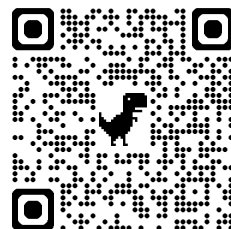
## Weekly Schedule

- Mondays**                      5:00 PM Crescendo rehearsals in Walker Hall
- Tuesdays**                    9:00 AM to 12:15 PM Taichi Practice with Kris Keilty in Walker Hall
- Wednesdays**                6:00 PM Women's AA in Walker Hall
- Saturdays**                    9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller every other Sat.

Parish Administrator, Patricia Signorelli every Sat.  
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