

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2025, 5 pm

December 7, 2025, 11 am



Our mission is to welcome all people to know and live as Christ in the world.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Prelude

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

– Johannes Brahms

The Opening Hymn

Stand as comfortable.

Savior of the nations, come! Hymnal 54

The Penitential Order BCP 351

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your

soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

The Confession

BCP 352

Stand or kneel as desired.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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 Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The 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.***

Please be seated.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Response Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19



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 a|mong
the | people; * **he shall rescue the |**
poor and | crush the op|pressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and |
moon en|dure, * **from one**
gene|ration | to an|other.

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 Blessèd be the LORD God, the | God
of | Israel, * **who a|lone does |**
wondrous | deeds!

19 And blessèd be his glorious | Name
for | ever! * **and may all the earth**
be filled with his glory. | Amen. |
A|men.

A Reading from Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days
was written for our instruction, so that
by steadfastness and by the
encouragement of the scriptures we
might have hope. May the God of
steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one
another, in accordance with Christ
Jesus, so that together you may with
one voice glorify the God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just
as Christ has welcomed you, for the

glory of God. For I tell you that Christ
has become a servant of the
circumcised on behalf of the truth of
God in order that he might confirm the
promises given to the patriarchs, and in
order that the Gentiles might glorify
God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among
the Gentiles,

and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the
Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing, so that you may
abound in hope by the power of the
Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

Comfort, comfort ye my people (v. 1-2
before, v. 3 after) Hymnal 67

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Stand as comfortable.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Canon Julius M. Rogina

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Stand as comfortable.

***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
worshipped 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

The prophet John the Baptist preached a repentance that would bear fruit in the lives of those who heard him. In penitence and faith, let us offer to God our prayer for all people, saying: Lord, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for the Church throughout the world and for its leaders, especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury-Designate; Sean, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Elizabeth, Bishop of Nevada; the staff and vestry of this parish; and all laity, bishops, priests, and deacons. In our diverse vocations may we serve the greater glory of God. Lord, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for this nation and for all the nations of the world, and for all leaders. We remember especially those who are victims of political or social injustice. May all governance be equitable. Lord, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for this community, for our neighbors and friends, for those with whom we study and work. Guide and strengthen us all in our common life so that we may know the gifts of your grace and love. Lord, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for all those serving in the armed forces of this and every country, especially those deployed in harm's way. May the lions lay down with the lambs. Lord, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for the sick, the elderly, and those who live alone. We pray for those

who are overworked and for those who cannot find work. Send upon them the power of the Holy Spirit, that they may abound in hope. Lord, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Jessica, Dicky, Glen, Emily, Sandra, Esmeralda, Tycho, Marc, Bruce; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we join the bishop in praying for the Episcopal Church; and those we name either silently or aloud [*please add your own intentions*]. May they find healing, joy, and peace. Lord, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for those who have died, especially Kelly, and those we name either silently or aloud [*please add your own intentions*]. Lord, ***hear our prayer.***

Presider:

We offer these prayers to you, our God, in penitence for what is past and in faith that your work in us will bear fruit as we seek to do your will, for you alone are the Holy One. ***Amen.***

The Peace

BCP 360

Stand as comfortable.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"

– Praetorius



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Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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 him 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...

...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:

The Sanctus

Hymnal S-130

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.

Stand or kneel as desired.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.***

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Stand as comfortable.

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of Bread

BCP 337

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia.***

The Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-164

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***have mercy on us.***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***have mercy on us.***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***grant us peace.***

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.

Please be seated.

Communion in the Episcopal Church is not limited to Episcopalians or other Anglicans. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist. If you are not baptized but feel drawn to receive, our clergy would welcome the chance to have a conversation with you about baptism – life in Christ is open to all.

Even if you choose not to receive, we encourage you to come forward for a blessing during Communion. Indicate that you would prefer a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free hosts are also available if needed. Place your right hand over your heart to indicate that you need gluten-free.

The Communion Hymns

Prepare the way, O Zion Hymnal 65
This is the hour of banquet and of song
Hymnal 317

The Post Communion Prayer BCP 366

Stand as comfortable.

Let us pray.

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

BCP 366

The Closing Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed Hymnal 616

The Dismissal

BCP 366

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

– text by St. Ambrose,
Anonymous composer

Intercessions

Trinity Family and Friends

Lincoln, Jessica, Dicky, Glen, Emily, Sandra, Esmeralda, Tycho, Marc, Bruce; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we join the bishop in praying for the Episcopal Church

Departed

Kelly

Bereaved

Maureen, Tyler, and family

Artwork

"Peaceable Kingdom"

ca. 1834

Hicks, Edward, 1780-1849

This painting offers a visual exegesis of the Scripture. It shows a day yet to come when the world is restored to primeval innocence, when 'natural' enemies dwell together in peace. The style of the painting, its playfulness and apparent naivety, suggests an unfallen Eden projected into a new Golden Age.

Hick's vision is not ahistorical, however. He juxtaposes a world where 'natural' enemies become friends with an actual historical moment of peace-making between former antagonists. In the left background, we see William Penn—a Quaker, like Hicks—negotiating an accord between white colonists and the native American population. The inclusion of this scene in the composition suggests that Isaiah's prophecy can be realized in historical time if only occasionally, as it was once through the intervention of a peacemaker like Penn.

Commentary by Peter S. Hawkins, Emeritus Professor of Religion and Literature, Yale Divinity School

Liturgical Ministers

Altar Guild: Juliette Leneaux, Karen Henke, Anne Towner, Jody Robinson.

5 pm: Canon Julius M. Rogina preaching and presiding. Gary Fuller, Alex Dyer, Lectors; Julie Martinson, Intercessor; Susan Lombardi, EM.

11 am: Canon Julius M. Rogina preaching, Dean Timothy Watt presiding. Lisa Otterson, Server/Crucifer; Frank Baird, Anne Towner, Lectors; Dave Mueh, Intercessor; Juliette Leneaux, Cathy Brewster, EMs; Kurt Mische, Allen Kennedy, Ushers.

Vestry

Margaret Brown (Senior Warden), Bruce Bethke (Junior Warden), Ann Morgan (Clerk), Mikkel Bassett, Rebecca Dixon, Josette Dornoff, Aaron Koning, Kathryn Landreth, Katherine Mahannah, Eric Nummela, Gary Warren, Nan Marie Wollam, Josephine Flocchini (Youth Representative)

Treasurers

Lindsay Campbell, Carol Roman

Trinity Cathedral

The Rt. Rev. Elizabeth Bonforte Gardner, Bishop of Nevada
The Very Rev. Timothy Watt, Dean
The Rev. Canon Diana Turner, Canon for Intergenerational Ministry
The Rev. Canon Julius M. Rogina, Associate Priest
The Rev. Canon James Jeffery, Rector Emeritus
Jerrold Tidwell, Director of Music
Sarah Wheeler, Parish Administrator

Please be advised that the 11 am service is live streamed. Attendees may appear briefly on the live stream, particularly during communion. Attendance at this service constitutes consent and acknowledgement of such.