



# The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

8:30 Contemplative Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Eucharist with Music

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## *Trinity Memorial Church*

*An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Central New York, and a Jubilee Ministry Center*

***All are welcome!***

The Church is **handicapped accessible**: enter through the glass doors on Oak Street.

A **lift** to the sanctuary level is available in the far corner of the gym.

**Restrooms** are in the Hoyt Room, through the double doors on the right of the sanctuary.

**Hearing assistive devices & large print bulletins** are available from an usher.

**Parents** are welcome to use the Children's Corner in the Hoyt Room, or the toybasket at the back of the church.

**Visitors:** please sign our guest book in the Hoyt Room.

**Coffee Hour:** Please join us in the Hoyt Room after service.

*Text in bold italics is said by all; hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*

*"Service Music" (indicated by S-) is found in the beginning of the hymnal.*

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**Prelude**      Sleepers, Wake!

J. S. Bach

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

*Bereden väg*

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

The Akel Family

Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent Wreath. The first candle was HOPE, the candle we light today signifies PEACE. Jesus said "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have told you.

***Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you.***

I do not give to you as the world gives.

***Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid."***

## Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

***And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

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.***

**Kyrie S-88**

McNeil Robinson

***Kyrie eleison (repeat); Christe eleison (repeat); Kyrie eleison (repeat)***

## The Collect of the Day

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

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.***

## The First Lesson 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.*

## 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 among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. *Refrain*
- 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. *Refrain*
- 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. Refrain*

## The Epistle      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.*

**Hymn 67      Comfort, comfort ye my people**

*Psalm 42*

**The Holy Gospel      Matthew 3:1-12**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke;

***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.*

## Sermon

The Rev. Kit Tobin

### 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.*

### Prayers of the People

Form VI, p. 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Sean our Presiding Bishop; Dede our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation;

We pray for Nancy Campbell, Shawn Kaiser, Jon Walz Koeppel, Terry Burke, Drieux Koeppel, Masha Britten, Chucky Corse, Jason Munn, Jeffrey Weyant, Alice Delvilano, Andy and Dorothy Pierce, Jessica, Ted, Karen, John, Sandra, Cate Hough, Barbara Manzo, Carolyn, Nelson and Regina, Vicky M., Bruce Keen, Andrew, Glenn, Naomi, Andy & Janet Rhodes, Kristen, Melinda Wells, Kit Tobin, Ted, Christopher, Bill, Mike, Robert S. Croston, Sr., Barry, Ed Kincer, Deana Guida and Donald Polhemus.

*The people may add their own petitions.*

We pray for those in military service: Kurt Albaugh, Darlene Croston, Colin Davis, Joshua Loch, Ben Sherwood Evans, Seth Thomas, Raidyn Ford, Evan Hesco, Aaron Brady.

Hear us, Lord: ***For your mercy is great.***

Gracious and loving God, You have guided our church through seasons of joy and challenge. As we seek the priest You are preparing for us, fill our hearts with patience, hope, and trust in Your timing. Grant wisdom to those discerning, unity among us as a congregation, and openness to the one You are sending. Bless the priest who is even now being called to walk with us, that together we may serve You faithfully and proclaim Christ's love. ***Amen.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays: Drieux Koeppel and James Rexer.

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King; *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
We remember today **Dr. Elton R. & Florence M. Dickson; Philip & Joan Dickson Hester**, in whose loving memory the greens are given on the Altar today by the Robertson Family.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.      *Silence.*

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.*

## **The Peace**

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

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory Sentence**

**Anthem**      O Thou, The Central Orb

Charles Wood

*O thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most high, eternal light  
Of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.*

*Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven  
with rays divine; Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,  
As stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel,  
as thy sight gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.*

*Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day,  
In fellowship with thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within.*

**Presentation Hymn 56, st. 5**

*Veni Emmanuel*

*O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*(Supplemental Eucharistic Prayer 2)*

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 God thanks and praise.*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a shepherd cares for its sheep, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Sanctus S-127**

Calvin Hampton

*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 and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.



On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

### **Ministration of Communion**

*Priest*      The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**All are welcome to receive Communion.**

*Please feel free to receive the bread and/or wine either at the crossing in front of the Chancel steps or at the Altar Rail, as you so choose. If you wish to intinct (dip) your bread, please dip it in the small chalices offered, or drink from the larger chalice.*

**Hymn 81**      Lo, how a rose e'er blooming      *Es ist ein Ros*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

**The Benediction**

**Hymn 72**      Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes      *Richmond*

**The Dismissal**

The people respond *Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**      O Christ, who art the light of day      J. S. Bach

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**SERVING TODAY**

The Rev. Kit Tobin, *Celebrant and Preacher*

Timothy E. Smith, *Organist & Music Director*

Barbara Bowell, *Lector*    Darlene Croston, *Worship Leader*

David Scone, *Acolyte*    David & Diane Pierson, *ushers*

*Altar Guild for December, Roxe-Anne & John Lynn*

Darlene Croston, Rayleen Kie, Ken Lattimore, Bob Peterson, Deb Parmelee,  
*Eucharistic ministers*

Bob Kuzia, *digital minister*      Joan Lacey, *coffee hour*

**PRAYER LIST (in addition to those listed in the service)**

**Pray for our parish:** Fr. Richard and Rev. Kit our Supply Priests; our Vestry, Wardens, and Staff.

**Pray for our diocese:** St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Endicott and their priest, the Rev. John Martinichio, and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Evans Mills.

**Pray for the Episcopal Church:** the Diocese of Colombia and their bishop, the Most Reverend Pastor Elías García Cárdenas.

**Pray for the Anglican Communion:** the Church of Bangladesh and their primate and moderator, the Most Rev. Samuel Sunil Mankhin.

### **CANTEEN, December 7**

Friends of Trinity, *cooking* Steve Crowle, *manager* Barb Crowle, *host*  
*Last week: 50 guests served, 75 dinners served*

### **CALENDAR**

**Today** 12:00 pm—Canteen (Dining)

**December 8** 9:30am- Quilters (DR) 10 am-Recorders (upstairs)

**December 9** Food Pantry-8am-Noon  
11 am-Tuesday Group (Common Room) CARES-3:30-5:30pm (DR,Gym)

**December 10** 5:30 pm—Ringers 6:30 pm—Trinity Choir

**December 11** 3:30 pm—CARES (gym) Eastern Star-6:30pm (DR)  
6:30 pm—N/A (Common) 7:00 pm: Pickleball (Gym)

**December 12** 3:30 pm—CARES (gym) 4:30 pm—CARES (DR)

**December 13** 9:30 am—N/A (Dining) 10am-8pm-N/A Event (K,Gym)

### **December 14, Advent III**

8:30 am—Contemplative Eucharist 10:00 am—Holy Eucharist, with Music  
*Coffee Hour after service* 11:30 am: Forum (Common) 12:00 pm: Canteen (DR)

**Poinsettia for our Christmas celebrations.** Envelopes are in the bulletin and the Hoyt Room; please place it in the collection plate. Deadline for listings is December 14<sup>th</sup>. Suggested donation: \$20.00.

**Generosity Report (as of 11/26):** Required weekly contributions: \$4001; Last week's contributions: \$6439; Required year to date contributions: \$180,036; Contributions received year to date: \$190,046 Year to Date Difference: \$2010.

**Still wrapping things up:** Theoretically, our annual stewardship drive has concluded. However, there are still several long-term pledgers who have not yet responded. If you are one of these (or you feel called to become a new pledger) please return your pledge as soon as possible. Having an accurate idea of our resources makes planning the 2026 budget much more reliable. Cards are available in the Hoyt Room. If your pledge has already found its way to the church office, you have our *most sincere* gratitude.

If you would prefer to lend your financial support to Trinity via electronic means, here is our QR code.



### **CHRISTMAS EVE at TRINITY**

5:00 p.m. The Creche, Carols and Communion

7:30 p.m. Christmas highlights from Handel's *Messiah*

8:00 p.m. Candlelight Carols and Communion: The Trinity Choir

### **TRINITY MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Mission:** *To serve Christ passionately through self, family, parish and community.*

**Identity:** *A diverse people responding to God through worship and music, friendship and formation, generosity and service.*

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