# The Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist Rite II December 15 2024, 10:30 am



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Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church!

We are delighted to have you with us today.

Everything that you need for the liturgy can be found in this bulletin. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you.

Children are always welcome in the church.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### **Prelude**

# **Lighting of the Advent Wreath:**

The first three candles are lit.

Reader 1: We light this candle as a symbol of the joy to be found in your kingdom on earth.

Reader 2: For the Lord elevates the lowly; releases the captive, and brings sight to the blind. We rejoice in his justice and mercy, faithful to all generations.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus **Processional:** H66 1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, born to thy peo - ple free; set Is - rael's strength and 2 con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art: peo - ple born a child, and Born thy to de-liv - er, king, vet thine ter - nal Spi - rit hearts a - lone; Bvrule in all our OWT from our fears and sins re-lease us. find our in thee. let de - sire ev - erv na - tion. OY of er ery long - ing heart. king-dom bring. now thy gra-cious reign in us for ev - er, thine all suf fi - cient mer - it raise us thy glo-rious throne.

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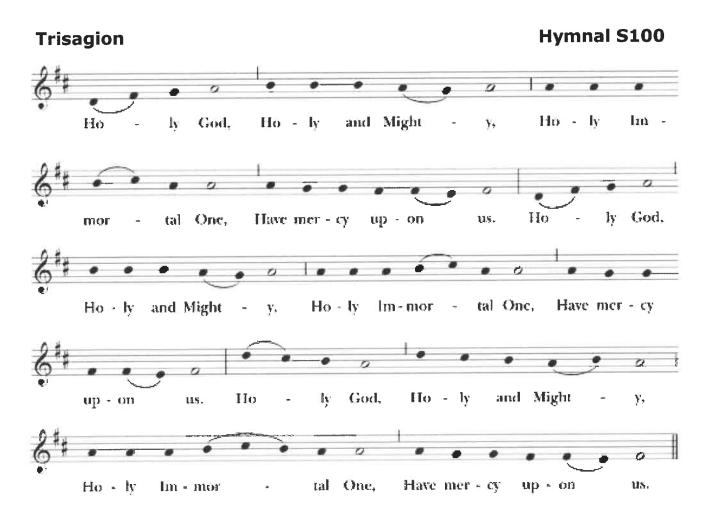
# **Opening Acclamation:**

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

People: And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

# **Collect for Purity:**

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**.



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# The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Presider: Let us Prayer

Presider: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

# People: Amen.

Please be seated

# **The First Lesson:**

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Lector: A Reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do no let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

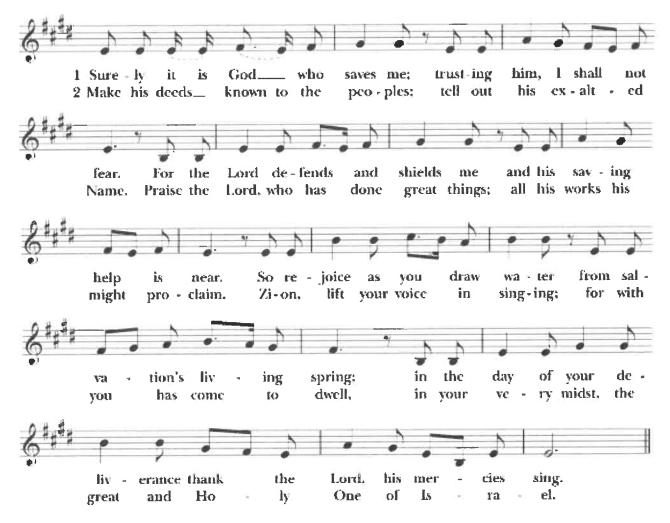
At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.** 

# **Surely It is God Who Saves Me**

# Hymnal 679



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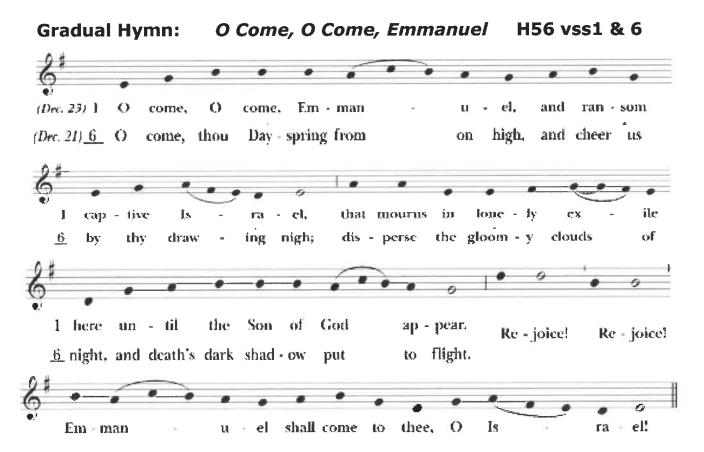
# Lector: A reading from Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand



The Gospel Luke 3:7-18

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Luke. **People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.** 

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

The Homily: The Rev. Derrick Fetz

#### The Nicene Creed Please stand.

Presider and People

- 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

Lector: As we prepare for the coming of Christ, both at Christmas and in the days to come, let us pray for the church and for the world in this present moment.

We pray for the church universal. That it may be alert to your presence in the world and be prepared for the day of your coming. We pray particularly for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Kristin, our Bishop.

O Gracious Light,

# Cast away the works of darkness.

We pray for our nation, and all those in authority around the world. That they may keep the welfare of each person in their mind and serve with justice and peace. We pray particularly for Joe, our president, Mike, our Governor, and Robin our mayor.

O Gracious Light,

# Cast away the works of darkness.

We pray for the Earth. That we may live generously upon it and treat it with care and respect.

O Gracious Light,

# Cast away the works of darkness.

We pray for **Diana**, **Jo**, **Becky**, **and Karen** and all those on our prayer list. That their needs may be met and your Spirit felt among them.

O Gracious Light,

# Cast away the works of darkness.

We pray for all those who are suffering physically, spiritually, or emotionally. That they might find relief.

O Gracious Light,

# Cast away the works of darkness.

We pray for all those who have died, especially **Tom**, that they may rejoice with you in your everlasting kingdom.

O Gracious Light,

# Cast away the works of darkness.

The Presider adds a concluding prayer

#### The Confession

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**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, for 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 Peace

Celebrant:

The peace of the Christ be always with you.

People:

And also with you.

#### **Announcements**

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

## **The Offertory Sentence**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy\* For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.



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# The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

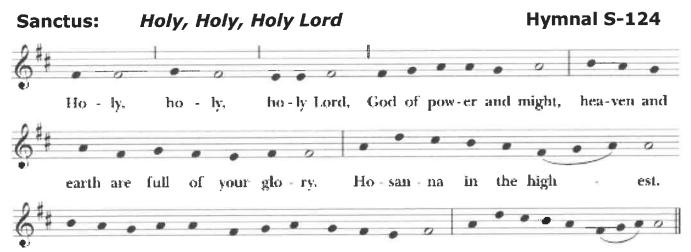
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lor our God.

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

It is right and a good, thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son, to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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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,

Presider and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The presider continues:

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 you 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.** 

# The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, Presider and People

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

#### **Fraction Anthem**

# **Hymnal S154**



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Presider: This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more.

So come you who have much faith. And you who have little; You who have been here often and you who have not been here long; You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come because it is the Lord who invites you.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome at communion. When indicated by the usher, please come forward to the communion rail. You may partake of the common cup through the first chalice, or intinct (dip) from the second chalice.

Please let the presider know if you need a gluten free wafer.

# **Music During Communion**



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# **The Post Communion Prayer**

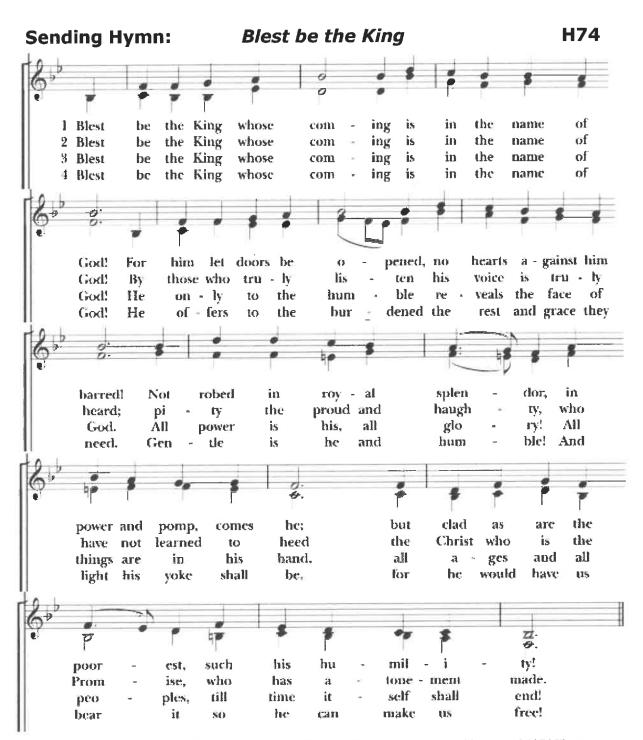
Presider: Let us pray.

## Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with the spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The 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.** 



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#### The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### The Postlude

# Please join us in the Parish Hall following the service for a time of coffee and fellowship.

# Those Serving Today—December 15

Presider:

Mtr. Alane Osborne

Preacher:

The Rev. Derrick Fetz

Organist:

**Brandon Evans** 

Acolytes:

Sam, Gregory, Alex, and Javier Pfeiler

Lectors:

Leslie Schwartz, Jim Beerbower

Usher:

Susan Beerbower

Camera:

David Cobb

Altar Guild:

Pat Marchal, Mary Siegel, Carole Van Osdol

Little Library Steward:

# This Week at Trinity: December 15 — December 21

Monday:

12/15

9:15 am

Contemplative Prayer

Wednesday:

12/18

7:00 pm

Celtic Prayer Service

Sunday:

12/22

9:15 am

Adult Formation: Prayer



# GREENING OF THE CHURCH DECEMBER 22 following 10:30 service.



# Christmas Gathering at the home of The Cobb's 6655 Kessler Frederick Road Tipp City, Ohio

Date: December 20, 2024 Time: 5:30 p.m.

Bring a dish to share and beverage of choice.

Non Alcoholic beverages will be provided along with a spiral turkey breast. Car pooling will be available

RSVP to Carole Cobb <u>Wabasso12@aol.com</u> or 937-477-7370

Advent Book Study: Sundays, December 15, December 22, at 9:15 am in the Workman Lounge.



#### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Sign-up sheets for Christmas Flowers are on the table at the east door of the church and in the parish hall.



# **Parish Cycle of Prayer**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants. **Brandon, Bethany, Oliver Evans, and Elizabeth Rowland; George and Joanie Gutermuth.** Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer For Those Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your
servants: Jennie Ambrosia, Kevin Pfeiler, Samuel Pfeiler,
Patrick and Elizabeth Jacobs (12/14). Be with them as they
continue to trust in your wisdom and grace all the days of their lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **Prayer For Those in the Armed Forces**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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December 15: 10:30am Advent 3

December 22: 10:30am Advent 4

Greening of the Church

following worship

December 24: 4:00pm Christmas Eve

Holy Eucharist

Candlelight Service

December 25: 10:30am Christmas Day

December 29: 10:30am Lessons and Carols



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