

Trinity Episcopal Church



The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Invite. Include. Inspire.

November 30, 2025

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.
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The Word of God

Prelude: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Christina Roberts, Flute

Johann Sebastian Bach

Please stand as you are able for the procession.

Processional: Lo, He comes with Clouds Descending

H58



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de-scend-ing, once for our sal -
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful
3 Those dear to - tens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,
bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!
pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,
to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,
claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
 Music: *St. Thomas*, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786);
 harm. att. Vincent Francis Novello (1781-1861)

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

The first candle is lit

Lector: We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming

For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. A Righteous Branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Advent I

Hymn 56 v1 & 2

O Come, O Come Emmanuel



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.;
adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

LM with Refrain

The Opening Acclamation:

Presider: Blessed be our God.

People: For ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity:

Presider: 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.

Gloria

S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

The Collect of the Day:

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for every. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

The First Lesson:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Lector: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm:

Psalm 122

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'

**Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.

**To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,**

**as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

For there the thrones for judgement were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you.**

Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers.'

For the sake of my relatives and friends

I will say, 'Peace be within you.'

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

The Second Lesson:

Romans 13:11-14

Lector: A reading from the Letter to the Romans

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn: Sleepers Wake

H61

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)
 Music: *Wachet auf*, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608);
 arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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The Gospel:

Matthew 24:36-44

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

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

Children’s Sermon: All children are welcome to front of church for a gathering.

Sermon

Pastor Ray Branstiter

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

Presider: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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:

Presider: As children of God, led by the Spirit, let us pray for the needs, hopes, and concerns of the world.

Lector: For peace from on high and for our salvation.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Lector: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Lector: For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Kristin our bishop, for all priests and deacons, for all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. For those on our diocesan prayer list St. Andrew's, Cincinnati and Trinity, in McArthur.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Lector: For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Lector: For those seeking healing, especially **Jo Stull, Becky Daffner, Bill Shaw and Leanne Jones** and all those in need, those who are suffering and all who are oppressed; we pray for travelers, prisoners, the dying and the dead.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Lector: For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Lector: Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Presider: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who so loved the world that you gave us your only Son. Hear the prayers we offer this day and lead us into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

People: **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 thy will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider: 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**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

You are welcome to share the sign of the peace with the people around you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence: Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Offertory Music: O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Organist and soloist.

Please stand as you are able.

Presentation Hymn: From All that Dwell Below the Skies H380

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "From All that Dwell Below the Skies" (H380). It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The lyrics are placed below the notes on the staves. The first staff has a repeat sign and a "3" indicating a triplet. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff concludes the hymn with a double bar line.

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy one of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy;

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy

S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into our life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me"

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Presider and People: Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

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

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast. **Alleluia.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

S163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are welcome to join us at communion. Please come forward to the rail when indicated by an usher. You may drink from the common cup, or intinct (dip) the bread in the second cup.

*Cross your arms over your chest if you prefer a blessing.
Please let the presider know if you need a gluten free wafer.*

Music During Communion:

Taizé 40 (singing the English translation)

Canon

♩ = 100

(A) Cm G Cm Fm G (B)

Ve - ni Cre - a - tor, ve - ni Cre - a - tor,
Ho - ly Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it,

ve - ni Cre - a - tor Spi - ri - tus.
ho - ly, lov - ing Spir - it, come!

Taizé 49 (singing the English translation)

Ostinato Refrain

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; *Where charity and love are found, God is there*; Taizé Community, 1978

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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The Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People: 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.

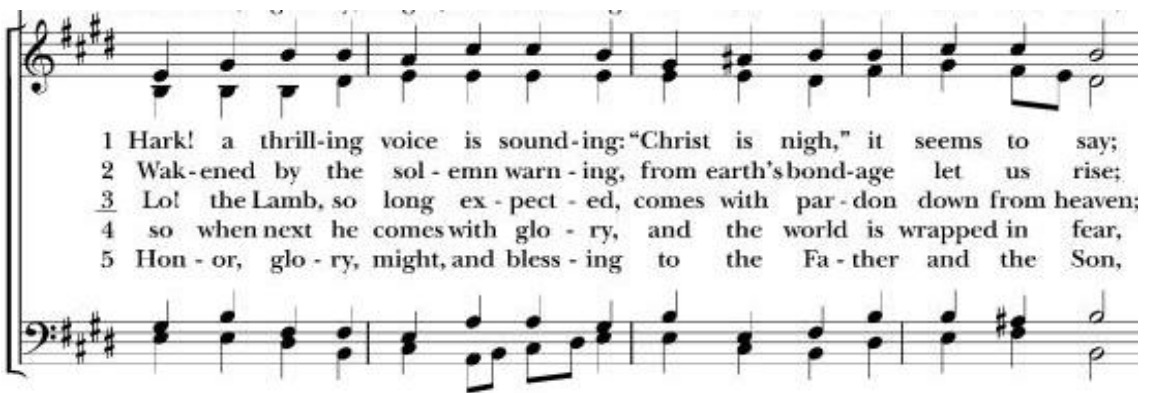
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

The Blessing:

Presider: The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you to be Christ's hand and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

H59



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies,
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

The Dismissal:

Presider: Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Organist

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

Those Serving Today

Presider:	Pastor Ray Branstiter
Organist:	Joel Hootman
Soloist:	Christina Roberts
Acolytes:	Caleb Middendorf and Sam Pfeiler
Lectors:	Leslie Schwartz and Millie Woryk
Usher:	Pat Marchal
Camera:	Thomas Roberts
Altar Guild:	Jennie Anticoli, Pat Marchal, Carole Van Osdol

This Week at Trinity: *December 1-7, 2025*

Monday	12/1	1:00 pm	Fiber Arts Group
Wednesday	12/3	7:00 pm	Celtic Compline

Announcements

Signup sheets for Christmas flowers will be in the vestibule and Parish Hall.

Scripture for December 7, 2025

Old Testament: Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalms: 72:1-7, 18-19

New Testament: Romans 15: 4-13

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

Parish Cycle of Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your parish 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 **Joanne Howell, Joan Swank and Susan Beerbower** as they begin another year. 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 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, especially **Kevin Kirsch (son of Kevin and Kathleen Kirsch); Aaron Griggs, Seth Glenn, and Eean Glenn (grandchildren of Diana Bodenmiller)**. 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. Amen.



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