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Trinity Episcopal Church

December 7, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer - Rite Two

The service begins in silent prayer.

Lighting the Second Advent Candle

(Begin with the first candle relit.)

Officiant: In Isaiah 11:9, the prophet declares,
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God,
as the waters cover the sea.
We light this candle as a sign of hope
that truth will prevail, and justice be done,
for all people.

(Light the second candle.)

Officiant: As we pray and work
for truth, compassion, and justice, near and far —

People: Risen Christ, Light of the world,
shine in our lives
and shine among us now.

Officiant: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the
desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:5*

Confession of Sin

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence.

All: 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.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All Stand

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia

Officiant: Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.

Venite "Come, Let us Sing to the Lord" *Hymn S-35*

The Psalm *(Please Stand)* Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

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.

Hymn

"God is working his purpose out"

Hymn #534

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

For 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle

"Glory to God in the highest"

Hymn S-277

Third Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Homily

"The God of Hope"

Michael Toy

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

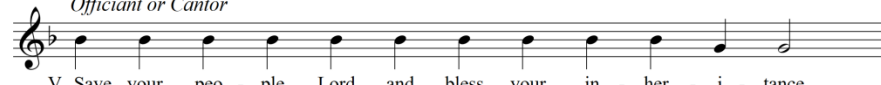
People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

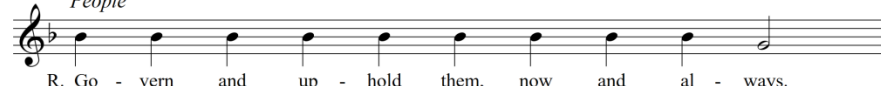
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Officiant or Cantor

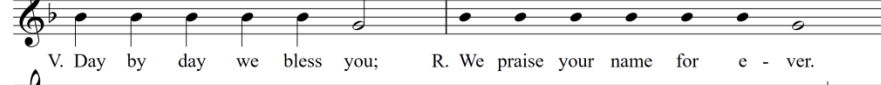


V. Save your peo - ple, Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance.

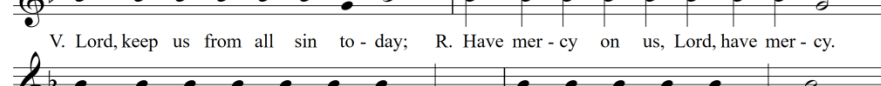
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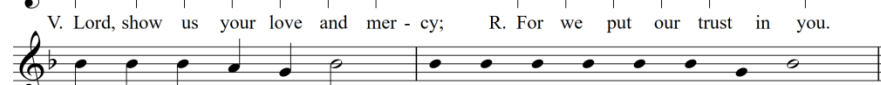
R. Go - vern and up - hold them, now and al - ways.



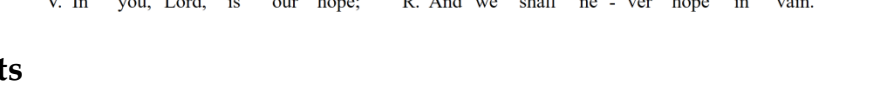
V. Day by day we bless you; R. We praise your name for e - ver.



V. Lord, keep us from all sin to - day; R. Have mer - cy on us, Lord, have mer - cy.



V. Lord, show us your love and mer - cy; R. For we put our trust in you.



V. In you, Lord, is our hope; R. And we shall ne - ver hope in vain.

The Collects

Officiant: 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.*

Officiant: God of peace and justice, we pray for all whose homes and families are lost or in danger. We pray for the victims of gun violence, armed conflict, and environmental disaster across the world. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over policy, that wisdom, discernment, and compassion may guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *Amen.*

Officiant: O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Officiant: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Bangladesh. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the St. John's Episcopal Church in American Falls. In the Diocesan Human Rights Cycle of Prayer we pray for more vocations to Ordained Ministry.

Officiant: We pray for those on our parish prayer lists: Trent, Fran M, Ruth, Joe M, Martin & Sue, Robert G, Andrew, Fr. James, Mike, Curtis, Terrie, Bob K, Shelby, Dolores, Micah & Emily, Charisse, Arne, AJ, Barb D, Virginia, Tammy, Chantelle, Scotti, Janie, Larry, Jeffre, Dana, Dale, Linda, Jesse, Tom & Talya, Sophie, Crystal, Nancy S, Fran, Taylor, Mary, Bryan, Jeff, Holly, Chad, Rev. Doug & Deacon Eileen, Heather, and the Pocatello Women's Correctional Center Residents and Staff.

We pray for all we name before you now, either silently or aloud, let us pray:

Your prayers are invited: For _____

Do we have any birthdays, anniversaries, or special occasions for prayer?

Announcements

Offering of the People

Offertory

“There's a voice in the wilderness crying”

Hymn #75

The General Thanksgiving

All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised
through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered
together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O
Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in
this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life
everlasting. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: "O day of peace that dimly shines"

Hymn # 597

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Romans 15:13

Postlude



Thank you for worshipping with us today!

*Please join us for coffee & conversation in the
Parish Hall following the service*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greening of the Church. Please join us TODAY, December 7th after worship to decorate the church for Christmas. Many hands make light work, so grab your coffee and treats and come back over to help hang the lights and greens!

Episcopal Church Weavers (ECW). Our next meeting will be Saturday, December 13 at 11:00 in the parish hall. A light lunch will be served. Please come help with this fundraiser. Proceeds will be used for church ministries and to help with church needs. All are welcome!

My Brothers' Table. It's our tradition to provide holiday gifts to folks who come to My Brothers' Table. Please bring new and warm hats, gloves and socks for women and men. We also need personal care items, especially pocket pack tissues and disposable razors. And everyone loves a little holiday candy. Please bring donations to the Parish Hall by Saturday, December 13.

Holiday Craft Fair. December 14th & 21st during Coffee Hour. Bring cash or your checkbook and help ECW raise money for various projects. Pick up that little gift for someone without braving the crowded stores. Holiday cookie assortments will also be available. What better time to pick up a goodie plate for someone—or for yourself?

Trinity Reads. Our current book is *Advent and Christmas, Wisdom from Henri J. M. Nouwen*, which we'll discuss at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16.

Goats. Each holiday season, Trinity congregants come together to buy goats for those in need. The goats are purchased through Heifer International and provide a source of income to families in the USA and internationally. Each goat costs \$120, and a share costs \$10. You can make your donation to Trinity, and we'll send in all the donations together at the end of December. Don't forget to write "Goats" on the memo line.

Blanket Drive. The Interfaith blanket drive has started! Bring your new or gently used blankets to the church or church office by December 29th. We'll get them to the organizers, who will distribute them to programs throughout the area. Prefer to send a check to buy blankets? You can make it out to Trinity and we'll forward the funds.

Magnificat. J. S. Bach's "Magnificat in D Major" and more, performed at 6 :00 pm on Sunday, December 21 and Monday, December 22. This hour-long concert will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Choose the night that works for you and make your reservation now! Because seating is limited, reservations are required. Reserve your place at trinitypocattellomusic@gmail.com with your name, which date you'd like to come and how many seats you'd like to reserve.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

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| Monday, December 8, 2025 | 10:00-2:00 | Church Office Open |
| | 10:00-2:00 | Rev. Haydie Office Hours |
| | 2:00 p.m. | OGP |
| | 5:15 p.m. | Girl Scouts |
| | 8:00 p.m. | A.A. |
| Tuesday, December 9, 2025 | 3:00 p.m. | OGP |
| | 8:00 p.m. | A.A. |
| Wednesday, December 10, 2025 | 9:00-2:00 | Phone/Email Office Hours |
| | 3:00 p.m. | OGP |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Poky Human Rights Club |
| Thursday, December 11, 2025 | 10:00-2:00 | Church Office Open |
| | 3:00 p.m. | OGP |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| Friday, December 12, 2025 | 10:00-2:00 | Church Office Open |
| | 10:00-2:00 | Rev. Haydie Office Hours |
| | 3:00 p.m. | OGP |
| | 8:00 p.m. | A.A. |
| Saturday, December 13, 2025 | 11:000 a.m. | ECW |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Astronomy Club |
| Sunday, December 14, 202 | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 1:30 p.m. | My Brother's Table |

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Officiant: Geoffrey Friedley
Lectors: Anne LoPiccalo, Catherine Buttrick, Kathy Venemon
Usher: Susanne Forrest, Jeffre Miller
Altar Guild: Angela Young
Vestry on Duty: Miffy Lane
Music Director: Trent Clegg
Choir Accompanist: Jaden Klein
Audiovisual Facilitator: Joe Crupper
Coffee Hour Host: Miffy Lane

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