



# Trinity Episcopal Church

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 1, 2024 10:00 a.m.**

# Trinity Episcopal Church

## Morning Prayer - Rite Two

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*The service begins in silent prayer.*

### Lighting the First Advent Candle<sup>©</sup>

Officiant     What are these candles for?

This is an Advent candle ring. It shows the circle of God's unbroken love. These Advent candles remind us of God's love in Jesus Christ. There are five candles. We shall light a new candle each Sunday from now until Christmas. What is the point of doing this?

Because the old proverb is true:

"What I hear, I forget.

What I see, I remember.

What I do, I understand."

People        As we light our Advent candles,  
                  may they bring us together  
                  in the warm light of God's love.

Officiant     The Gospel of Luke speaks about the future:

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth, distress among nations. People will faint from fear and foreboding." (Luke 21:25-36)

Because our world is full of fear and distress, we light our first candle, trusting that Christ is alive on earth and that the Spirit of Christ lives among us.

*(Light the first candle.)*

Living Christ, give us faith to trust you.

People        We trust you, we love you, we praise you. Amen.

Officiant:    The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *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**

*“To God With Gladness Sing”*

*Hymn #399*

**The Psalm** *(Please Stand)*

Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**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**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle**

"Surely it is God Who Saves Me"

*Hymn #679*

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

"Hark! the Glad Sound! the Savior Comes"

*Hymn #72*

## Third Reading

Luke 21:25-36

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying

that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Homily**

"We Need a Little Hopefulness"

Barrie Bates

**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 in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Suffrages**

Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
People **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Officiant Day by day we bless you;  
People **We praise your name for ever.**

Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
People **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
People **For we put our trust in you.**

Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;  
People **And we shall never hope in vain.**

### **The Collects**

Officiant: 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 ever. **Amen.**

Officiant: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this day, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Officiant: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all

members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Officiant: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Diocesan Finance Committee. In the Diocesan Human Rights Cycle of Prayer we pray for Personal Spiritual Renewal.

Officiant: We pray for those on our parish prayer lists: Charisse, Brad, Arne, Abygail, Anne, Barb D, Virginia, Tammy, Pat, Chantelle, Scotti, Staci, Janie, Larry, Jeffre, Fe (Fay), Dana, Dale, Linda, Jesse, Tom & Talya, Sophie, Marty, Crystal, Nancy S, Fran, Taylor, Peter, Mary, Bryan, Jeff, Holly, Chad, Rev. Doug & Deacon Eileen, Terrie, Tim, Heather, Ruth, 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 Hymn**

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

*Hymn #482*

## **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: "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" *Hymn #57*

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 worshiping with us today!*

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Advent Wreath.** Join us after the service today, as we make Advent Wreaths in the Parish Hall. We'll have plenty of supplies, so plan on making one and taking it home. If you haven't made an Advent wreath before, we'll be happy to help you. If you haven't used an Advent wreath before, we'll be happy to explain. And if you already have an Advent wreath at home? Feel free to bring it in to add greenery or just to let the rest of us enjoy it!

**Advent Tea.** All Trinity Family and friends are invited to Advent Tea, Saturday, Dec. 7, 2-4 pm. Slow down for a couple of hours! Enjoy each other's company, a cup of tea or mulled wine, some German holiday treats, Diane Bilyeu's reading of Truman Capote's A Christmas Memory, and communal holiday song singing accompanied by Geoff Friedley. Please RSVP to Marky by December 6.

**Greening of the Church.** Please join us next Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Trinity Reads.** Our current book is Susan H. Swetnam's A Season of Little Sacraments, which we'll discuss on Tuesday, December 10. This is a great opportunity to reflect on the ways we keep our focus in this busy season!

**Baroque Concert.** At 5 pm on Sunday, December 15 in the sanctuary of Trinity Church, all are invited to welcome in the Christmas season with Baroque Music for Advent performed by the Portneuf Chamber Singers, the Trinity Alleluia Choir and the newly-formed Pocatello Collegium Musicum under the direction of Elissa Jones and Geoffrey Friedley. Free admission is made possible by the generosity of local sponsors and Musicians West. Good will donations will be accepted at the door.

**Holiday Craft Fair.** December 15th 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.

December 22nd is our Baked Foods and Goodie Sale. Holiday cookie assortments will be available during coffee hour. What better time to pick up a goodie plate for someone—or for yourself?

**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 30th Annual PVIF Blanket Drive runs through December 8th! You can bring new or gently used blankets to church on Sunday or to the church office during office hours, or you can call Kristen Johnson (208-237-2515) for pick up.

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

<b>Monday, December 2, 2024</b>	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
	5:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir
	8:00 p.m.	A.A.
<b>Tuesday, December 3, 2024</b>	3:00 p.m.	OGP
	8:00 p.m.	A.A.
<b>Wednesday, December 4, 2024</b>	9:00-2:00	Phone/Email Office Hours
	3:00 p.m.	OGP
<b>Thursday, December 5, 2024</b>	10:00-2:00	Church Office Open
	3:00 p.m.	OGP
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, December 6, 2024</b>	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.
<b>Saturday, December 7, 2024</b>	2:00 p.m.	Advent Tea – P.H.
<b>Sunday, December 8, 2024</b>	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	1:30 p.m.	My Brother's Table

### PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Officiant: Joe Crupper

Lectors: Trent Clegg, Ruta Casabianca, Anne LoPiccalo

Usher: Brad Steed, Jeffre Miller

Altar Guild: Angela Young

Vestry on Duty: Susan Goslee

Music Director: Trent Clegg

Audiovisual Facilitator: Kevin Scott

Coffee Hour Host: Rita Haggardt

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