



Matthew 11:2-11 Expectations

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 2025 9am

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church.

If you are interested in baptism or wish to become a member of the parish, please speak to a member of the staff. We would be delighted to have you join our family. If you are not yet an Episcopalian, please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance during the worship service.

Visitors, please sign the guest book.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The entire text for the Eucharist may be found in the **Book of Common Prayer**.

The Word of God - pages 355-358 Holy Communion - Eucharistic Prayer B – pages 367

The Breaking of the Bread and Post-Communion Prayer - pages 364-365

All service music is included in the bulletin for your convenience.

The hymns with numbers are found in the **Hymnal 1982**

ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

An Advent Prelude

Charles Callahan

Guy Stephens, oboe


Processional Hymn 68

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers


LLANGLOFAN




1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.
Music: Llangloffan, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant continues

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the good you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." (*Matthew 5:14-16*)

Lighting the Advent Candle

A Flickering Candle

arr. Stephen P. Folkener

Choir: *A flickering candle sheds its light in hope of dawn's victorious might,
and backward scurries cowardly night reminded of the morning.*

All: *Refrain*

Choir: *Though night is long, do not grow weak, to all who suffer, clearly speak:
(Advent 3) "The Lord, the Savior whom you seek, behold, is come among you!"*

All: *Refrain*

Refrain:

Watch, watch, for Christ is near, the
prom - ised Son of God most dear.
Hope, hope, his light will clear the
shades of death and sin.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a repeat sign, and the fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

The Collect of the Day

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

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.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146:4-9



VENI EMMANUEL

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,*
whose hope is in the | Lord their God;
- 5 who made heaven and earth, ... the seas, and | all that is in them;*
who keeps his | promise forever;
- 6 who gives justice to those who | are oppressed,*
and food to | those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; ... the Lord opens the | eyes of the blind;*
the Lord lifts up those who are | bow'd down;
- 8 the Lord loves the righteous; ... the Lord | cares for the stranger;*
he sustains the orphan and widow, ... but frustrates the | way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall | reign forever,*
your God O Zion, ... throughout all generations. ... | Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Alleluia

VENI EMMANUEL

The Congregation sings the Antiphon.



Cantor: Show us your steadfast love O Lord, and grant us your salvation. *Repeat the Antiphon.*

The Holy Gospel *All standing*

Matthew 11:2-11

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Denzil J. Luckritz

The Nicene Creed

All standing

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: Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church.
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop and Paula our Bishop, for all priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list, and those whose names are offered at this time.

Petitions are offered aloud or in silence.

Hear us Lord,

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence may be kept.*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and 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 your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

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.**

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The minister and people greet one another.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

There Shall a Star *from* Christus

Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a Star from Jacob come forth and a scepter from Israel rise up. And dash in pieces princes and nations. How brightly shines the Morning Star with radiance gleaming from a far, with light and comfort glowing! Thy Word, Jesus, Truly feeds us, Truly leads us, Life bestowing. Praise, oh praise, such love o'er flowing.

The Presentation Hymn

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,
and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry
and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal
vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Robert Lehman

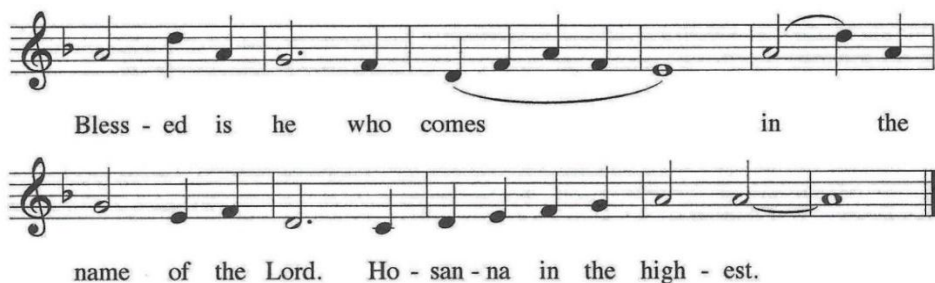
(Organ)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in _ - the - - high - est.



The People stand or kneel, and the Celebrant continues

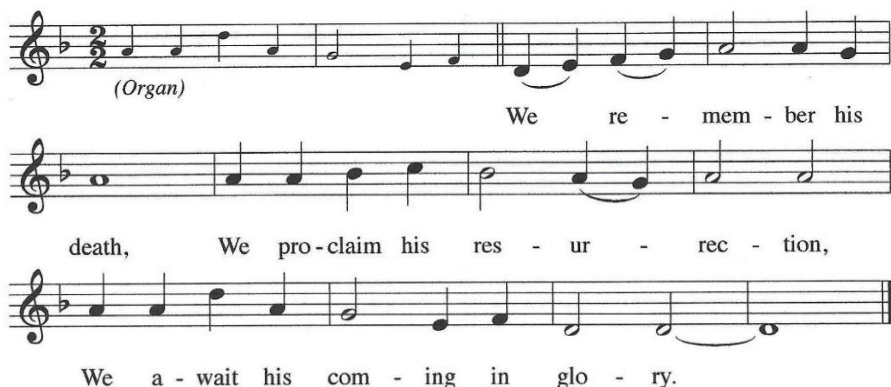
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the 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,

Celebrant and People



The Celebrant 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 your 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 the ever Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first born 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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

Robert Lehman

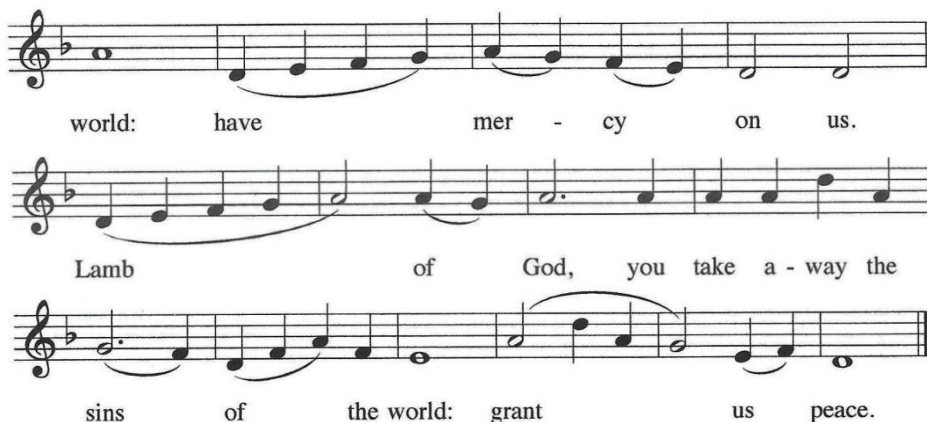
(Organ)

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



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people will be instructed how they will be receiving the Sacrament

Communion Music

E'en So, Lord Jesus Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood That we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more; They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us now rise and pray.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out
 To do the work you have given us to do,
 As faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 Be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Brothers and Sisters, remember that life is short, and we have little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. Rest assured that God is infinitely more concerned with the promise of our future than the mistakes of our past. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 76

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690;

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Savior of the Nations, Come

Paul Manz

You are encouraged to remain and listen to the Closing Voluntary.

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TODAY’S MUSIC: Paul and Ruth Manz wrote *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* in 1953 during a time when their three-year-old son was critically ill. Reflecting on the time, Ruth Manz reported, “I think we'd reached the point where we felt that time was certainly running out so we committed it to the Lord and said, ‘Lord Jesus quickly come.’” During this time, she had prepared some texts for Paul for a composition based on the Book of Revelation. While at his son’s bedside, Paul Manz began drafting the composition, which later became the current piece. Their son did recover, which the couple attributed to the power of prayer. *from Wikipedia*

Christmas Flowers - Envelopes for Christmas flowers, special Christmas music, and the decorating of the Church can be found in each pew envelope holder. They will also be included with Fr. Denzil’s Christmas letter. The deadline is Monday, December 22nd.



✠ This week we pray for ✠

Our parish friends in need: Doris, Ian, Michelle, Erick, Lily, Desmond, Alton, Chris V., Patti M., Rainer, Sarah, Chris, Brian, Michael, Alison, Tim, Cheryl, George, Dick, Gale, Malcolm, Signe, Nate, Devon, Katie, John, Mary, Maggie, Marnie, Bud, Cathie, Wayne, Hannelore, Mike, Chris, Sue, Gawthum, Daniel, Jared, Shannyn, Marianne, Sandy, Cathy, Ken, Sasha, Cecilia, Anthony, Andrea, Robert, Inga, Gary, Larry, Bobbie, Mary Ellen, Marilou, Tom M. Eileen, Chireen, David, Debbie, Bernie, Nigel, Barb G., Rita, Terry, Matthew, Amy K., Talia, Al, Rob, Robin, Christie, Lisa, Don, Virg, Kim, Kris, Connor, Anne, Bob, Phyllis, Ella, Paul, Talon, Taylor, Linda J, Ty, Roberta, Bruce, Charles, Charlene, Denise, Greg, Lynn, Gloria, Lauren, Leo, & Rodney.

✠ The Advent Greens and decorations are given to the Glory of God ✠

✠ The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God ✠

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week

Susan Drake and John Heath, Debbie Abner

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24

6:30 pm Christmas Caroling

7:00 pm Choral Eucharist

A service of carols and Holy Eucharist.

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25

9:00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

1st Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 28

9:00 am Holy Eucharist (said) with Carols

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP ONLINE @ ZOOM

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3889192038>

OR JOIN US ON FACEBOOK @ TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AURORA, IL GROUP

MORNING PRAYER 9AM – EVENING PRAYER 7PM

MONDAY-THURSDAY

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER 9AM

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

Serving:	Linda Barber
Lector – Lesson 1:	Cathie Patterson
Lector – Lesson 2:	Linda Barber
Intercessor:	Linda Barber
Ushers:	Dick & Gale Blogg Malcolm Blogg

✠ SERVING NEXT SUNDAY ✠

Serving:	Mariann Gabel
Lector – Lesson 1:	Wendy Stewart
Lector – Lesson 2:	Melissa Athos
Intercessor:	Melissa Athos
Ushers:	Dick & Gale Blogg Malcolm Blogg Serving



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