

*The CHURCH of the HOLY TRINITY*  
*An Episcopal Church*

*The First Sunday of Advent*

December 1, 2024

9:30 am

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# GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

*"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord" Psalm 122:1*

## Holy Eucharist Rite II

"The prelude begins our service. Once it begins, please take a moment for silent prayer/meditation so that we enter into our worship with quieted, prayerful minds. Thank you."

### Prelude

*People Look East*

Robert Hobby

### Processional Hymn

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

H66

### The Word of God

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

*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.*

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

Today we light the candle of Hope

*Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You sent your Son to be the light of the world and to spread his light of love to all. Bless us and accept this wreath of light as our offering of thanksgiving. May its ever increasing brightness be a sign to us of the approaching nearness of your Son, that we might prepare in joy for his humble birth in a manger and be ready to receive him at his coming again in glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,*

*who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.*

## *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And  
1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in  
1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of  
1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -  
el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain; "O" Antiphons, Latin, 9<sup>th</sup> cent.; Verses 1, 3-6, para, in Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; Verses 2, 7 tr. fr. The Hymnal 1940, alt. Music: Chant, Mode I; Processionale, French, 15<sup>th</sup> cent.; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890. Veni Emmanuel. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-719403.

## **Kyrie**

Lord, have mercy.

*Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy.

Presider: The Lord be with you

*People: And also with you*

Presider: Let us pray:

## Collect

*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.*

## Scripture

### First Lesson

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

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."

The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 25:1-9

- <sup>1</sup> 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.*
- <sup>2</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame; *\*let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.*
- <sup>3</sup> Show me your ways, O LORD, *\*and teach me your paths.*

- <sup>4</sup> 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.*
- <sup>5</sup> Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *\*for they are from everlasting.*
- <sup>6</sup> 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.*
- <sup>7</sup> Gracious and upright is the LORD; *\*therefore he teaches sinners in his way.*
- <sup>8</sup> He guides the humble in doing right *\*and teaches his way to the lowly.*
- <sup>9</sup> All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *\*to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

## **Second Lesson**

*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## Gradual Hymn

*I Want To Walk As A Child of the Light*

H490

## Gospel

*Luke 21:25-36*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

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."

## **The Word of the Lord**

*People: Thanks be to God*

**Sermon**

*The Reverend Kevin Cross*

## **Nicene Creed**

*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 Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped 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.*

## **Litany of Healing**

Lord Jesus, you healed all who came to you in faith and sent forth

your disciples to preach the Gospel and heal the sick; *We praise and thank you, O God.*

God of grace, you nurture us with a love deeper than we know, and your will for us is healing and salvation; *We praise and thank you, O God.*

God of love, you enter into our lives, our pain and our brokenness, and you stretch out your healing hands to us wherever we are; *We praise and thank you, O God.*

Touch and heal our hearts burdened by anguish, despair and isolation, and set us free through your love; *Hear us, and make us whole.*

We pray for those in need of healing this day:

<i>Joel</i>	<i>Ritzi Miller</i>	<i>Keri Ann Thomas</i>
<i>Deborah Barbour</i>	<i>Rich Wagner</i>	<i>Joe Boyd</i>
<i>Elaine Cox</i>	<i>Susan Deerin</i>	<i>Carole Pfeiffer</i>
<i>Mary Ann Hensinger</i>	<i>Trisha B.</i>	<i>Connor Frank</i>
<i>Barbara Sheridan</i>	<i>Michael Delean</i>	<i>David Blanton</i>
<i>Brendan Fuller</i>	<i>Kai Nathan Gunn</i>	<i>Polly Cox</i>
<i>Will Straub</i>	<i>Donna Richards</i>	<i>Eleanor Dallam</i>
<i>Sarah Kadish</i>	<i>Margaret Sunier</i>	<i>Lisa McDougall</i>
<i>Tim Wilson</i>	<i>Mike Landau</i>	

Give your wisdom in ample measure to doctors and nurses, that with knowledge, skill and patience they may minister to the sick; *Hear us, and make us whole.*



Break the bonds of our imprisonment to fear, compulsion and addiction; *Hear us, and make us whole.*

Give us liberty from old hurts and painful memories; *Come with your healing power, O God.*

Fill us with peace in our grief from separation and loss; *Come with your healing power, O God.*

We remember those who have passed on to eternal life. We pray for comfort and solace for their families.

We also remember in our prayer those in our military who have fallen. We pray for comfort and solace for their families.

Work through all who share in your ministry of healing, and renew us in compassion and strength; *Come with your healing power, O God.*

God of Strength, you fill us with your presence and send us forth in love and healing among those we meet; *We praise and thank you, O God.*

Are there others? You are invited to name them aloud or silently in your heart...*Lord hear our prayer*

*A moment for personal meditation is observed*

*Concluding Collect (read by priest):*

O Christ for whom we search, our help when help has failed; give us courage to expose our need and ask to be made whole;

that, being touched by you, we may be raised to new life in the power of your name. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

## **Absolution**

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

## **Peace**

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

*People: And also with you.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory**

*Advent Message*

M. How

The Holy Trinity Choir

**Doxology, please stand**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Presider: All things come from Thee O Lord.

*People: And of thy own we have given Thee.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

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 God thanks and praise.*

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

Preface

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



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r, of  
pow'r\_ and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in\_ the high - est. Blessed is he, is he who comes  
in the name\_ of\_ the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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**

*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, the*

*power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Presider: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

## **Communion**

*Lo, How A Rose*

Arr. D. Governor

Melissa Wise, Soprano

The gifts of God are for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*My Jesus, I believe you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I reaffirm your presence in my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

Let us pray.

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with 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.*

## **Birthdays**

Kristen Cross, 12/2

Jordan & Gary Thatcher, 12/3

Will & Josh Schmidt, 12/3

Wendy Grubbs, 12/6

## **Anniversaries**

### **Birthday Blessing**

***O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant \_\_\_ as he/she begins another year. Grant that he/she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

***Happy Birthday to you,  
Remember Jesus  
loves you  
He made you so special  
Happy Birthday to you!***

### **Anniversary Blessing**

***Gracious God, Father of all we give thanks for another year of lives shared in human love and in your love that never fails. Bless this couple in all that is yet to come, confirming and strengthening them in the vows which they have made to one another in your name. Bless all who have shared the delight of this married life and been enriched by its mutual love. As they rejoice on this anniversary, give them grace to continue in support and prayer and to find in this family a sign of the family of all Christian people united in fellowship and love. Amen***

*We would like to pray for you. We invite you to email [office@holytrinityoxfordmd.org](mailto:office@holytrinityoxfordmd.org) with the date of your birthday or anniversary.*

## **Blessing**

## **Sending Forth**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*Thanks be to God.*

*Thank you to Pam & Art Dent for  
hosting Fellowship Hour.*

*Thank you Melissa Wise for sharing your  
musical gift with us.*

**A major step we have taken for safety in the Church and Parish Hall Buildings is the installation of an air handling system, the Remo-Halo, which is a new and advanced air treatment purification system. The CDC recommends this type of Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation as one of the most effective technologies to minimize the spread of airborne microorganisms. This system has been proven to be very effective in killing the coronavirus as well as flu and cold viruses. The air is fully exchanged 6 times per hour.**



# Recessional Hymn

## Soon and Very Soon

### VERSE

$\text{♩} = 82$  G Am/G G A7sus

1. Soon and ver - y soon, we are go - ing to see the King!
2. No more cry - ing there,
3. No more dy - ing there,

5 D7 G D7 G

Soon and ver - y soon, we are go - ing to see the King! Soon and ver - y soon,  
No more cry - ing there, No more cry - ing there,  
No more dy - ing there, No more dy - ing there,

### CHORUS

10 Am/G G Bm7(b5) C G/D Cm6/Eb

we are go - ing to see the King! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! We are

### INTERLUDE

15 D13 Last time to Coda G G A7 D7 G A7 D7

go - ing to see the King! Hal - le lu - jah. Ooh, ooh, ooh,

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## Postlude

## Worship Service Schedule

*Holy Eucharist at 8:00 & 10:00 am Sundays with First Sunday of month on lawn weathering permitting or broadcast at 9:30 am; Morning Prayer Tuesdays at 8:30 am via Zoom*

### This Week at Church of the Holy Trinity Vestry Members

<p><b><u>Monday - December 2</u></b> 10:00 - Organ Vestry Meeting 5:00 pm - Men's Inquiring Believers</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday - December 3</u></b> 5:00 pm - The Lost Art of Kindness</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday - December 4</u></b> 9:00-12:00 pm - Wreath Workshop</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday - December 5</u></b> 8:45 am - Office Angels</p> <p><b><u>Friday - December 6</u></b> OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p><b><u>Saturday - December 7</u></b> OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p><b><u>Sunday - December 8</u></b> 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist</p>
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### Vestry Members

John Dillon, Senior Warden	Connie Greenhawk, Secretary	Margaret Munsch, Registrar
Dick Deerin, Treasurer	Bill Ritchie & Michelle Mactavish, Co-Junior Wardens	Gordon Fronk - Emeritus
Gerry Cooper	John Dillon	Karen Walbridge
Ginny Wagner	Margot McConnel	Lee Phillips
Martha Callahan	Tom DeMarco	Susan Grauel

Dr. Cora Bruner - Organist and Choir Director

<b>Worship Leaders</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	
Deacon	Rev. Dr. Lisa Webb	
Reader	Barbara Cross	
Acolyte	Barbara Cross	
Usher	Gordon Fronk	
Vestry Greeter	Susan Grauel	
Altar Guild	Ginny Wagner, Nancy Roberts, Karen Walbridge, Mary Pat Blanton	

# *Last call!* WAYS TO HELP WITH THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS MARKET!

**Saturday, December 7, 9:00-12:00** under the Market Tent!

## **Dates/Times: Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Tuesday, Nov. 26**

**11:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Contact Susan Grauel:

Food packaging, labeling, and clean-up for  
soup preparation

410-215-6892 – [susandelker@hotmail.com](mailto:susandelker@hotmail.com)

**Sunday, Dec. 1st**

Wreath Decorating Demonstration by Ingrid Blanton.  
ALL are welcome!

**After 9:30 service**

**December 1,2,3**

Please leave your fresh greens outside the Parish Hall. Needed:  
Evergreen holly, winterberry holly with berries, spruce, fir, pine, juniper, cedar, magnolia,  
boxwood dried hydrangea, and large pinecones.

**Wednesday Dec. 4**

Wreath decorating at the Parish Hall.

**9:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:00 PM** Bring clippers if you have them and enjoy the  
fellowship!



**Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> Deadline**

- The Elf Shoppe Table continues to  
welcome gift shop items, toys, and Christmas decorations. Please leave your  
special treasures **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** in the Elf Shoppe bins (next to Santa)  
at the Parish Hall lobby.



**Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> Deadline** – Baskets for Charity items still welcomed! This year, we are creating baskets for **BAAM** (Building African American Minds,) **Critchlow Adkins Children’s Centers, Dixon House,** and **Talbot Mentors and Scholars.** Soccer balls, gift cards (for recognition), art supplies and board games are needed. A complete list is on display with these baskets along the left wall of the Parish Hall. Please leave your items **AS SOON As POSSIBLE,** where the baskets are displayed.



**Friday, Dec. 6** **Baked foods delivery to the Parish Hall kitchen!** Please **1:00-6:00 PM** festively wrap items for direct sale, AND label if item contains nuts and include main ingredients. Baked items include:

- Pies and cakes
- Homemade candy/fudge
- Baked goods such as quick breads and cookies
- Gluten-free items also needed.



Contact Nancy Roberts with your planned items: [Nancy\\_Roberts@verizon.net](mailto:Nancy_Roberts@verizon.net) or 609-647-2622