



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# SECOND Sunday OF ADVENT

December 7, 2025

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# ✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

## PRELUDE

*Comfort ye, my people*  
(Steven Sloan, tenor and Grace Mauk, piano)

George Frideric Handel

## WELCOME

The Rev. Jon M. Richardson

## ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

*Light of the World*

Lauren Daigle

***The world waits for a miracle  
The heart longs for a little bit of hope  
O come, O come, Emmanuel  
A child prays for peace on earth  
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt  
O come, O come, Emmanuel***

***And can you hear  
The angels singing  
  
Glory to the Light of the world  
Glory, the Light of the world is here***

*Presider*

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

***People***

**In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

## OPENING SONG (All rise.)

*O come O come Emmanuel*

*The Hymnal 1982 #56*

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And  
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who  
 5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in  
 2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the  
 5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of  
 2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her  
 5. way that leads on high, And close the path to

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -  
 2. ways to go.  
 5. mis - er - y.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed are you, holy and living one.

***People*** You come to your people and set them free.

***All*** 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 Savior. Amen.

## KYRIE ELEISON

*United Methodist Hymnal, #484*

*Sung twice, then a verse is sung by a cantor, and then the Kyrie is sung twice, again.*



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TAIZÉ KYRIE  
Irr.

*Cantor:* O Lord, you wish to gather all peoples in unity  
Make us bearers of communion  
Lord, hear us we pray

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.

***People*** And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

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.**

## TRINITY KIDS INVITATION

*Please be seated.*

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

**People**        **Thanks be to God.**

The text of the psalm will be chanted by the choir. All are invited to join on the antiphon.



- A <sup>1</sup> Give the King your justice, O God,\*  
And your righteousness to the King's Son;
- A <sup>2</sup> That he may rule your people righteously  
And the poor with justice;
- B <sup>3</sup> That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
And the little hills bring righteousness. [ANT.]
- A <sup>4</sup> He shall defend the needy among the people;  
He shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- A <sup>5</sup> He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
From one generation to another.
- B <sup>6</sup> He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
Like showers that water the earth. [ANT.]
- <sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
There shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- <sup>8</sup> He shall rule from sea to sea,  
And from the River to the ends of the earth. [ANT.]

## THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 15:4-13

*Reader* A reading from the letter to the Romans.

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

***People***        **Thanks be to God.**

# sequence Hymn *(Please rise.)*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

The United Methodist Hymnal #204

Sung twice.

*Unison*  
C E+ F Dm7 Eb° Em

Em-man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,

A7 A/C# Dm G7 C Cmaj7 C9 E+

his name is called Em-man-u - el. God with

F Dm7 Eb° Em A7 A/C#

us, re - vealed in us, his name is

Dm G7 C F/C D.C. C *(final)*

called Em - man - u - el.

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.  
***People* Glory to you, O Christ.**

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."

*Deacon* The Gospel of Christ.  
***People* Praise to you, O Christ.**

sermon

*"The Inn Keeper" adapted by Michael Searle  
 performed by Michael Searle*

Nicene creed *Please rise.*

**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,  
     was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
     and became truly human.  
 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,  
     who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
     who 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

*Emily Williams Guffey (adapted)*

*Leader*      Creator of the stars of night, which keep watch when our own faith is dim: Awaken hope  
                     and kindle our longing for your return. In your mercy, O God,

**People**      **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader*      Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free: Release us from our sins  
                     and fears, that we may live in your light and truth. In your mercy, O God,

**People**      **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader*      O come, Desire of nations: bind in one the hearts of humankind. Dissolve our sad  
                     divisions, and strengthen us to work for peace. In your mercy, O God,

**People**      **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader*      Comfort, Comfort ye all who sit in the shadow of illness, grief, or distress, especially  
                     those we now name: *(all are invited to offer, aloud or silently, names of those in need.)*  
                     Speak to them your peace, which passes all understanding. In your mercy, O God,

**People**      **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lamb of God, welcome into your glory those we love but see no longer, especially those we now name: *(all are invited to offer, aloud or silently, names of those who have died.)* May light perpetual shine upon them, bright as sun and moon together. In your mercy, O God,  
**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Dayspring from on high, with the angels who announce your coming with shouts of joy, let us name the blessings of our lives: *(all are invited to offer, aloud or silently, prayers of thanksgiving.)* You have lifted up our lowliness in many marvelous ways. In your mercy, O God,  
**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Redeemer of the nations, come, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your arrival, raise us to share in the joy of your realm where you live and reign, one God for ever and ever.  
**People** **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins to God.  
*(Silence may be kept.)*

**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 our Savior 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.**

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

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

## Announcements and Offertory Invitation

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### OFFERTORY

Winter Song  
(The Trinity Choir)

Sara Bareilles and Ingrid Michaelson  
arr. Mac Huff

*This is my winter song to you.  
The storm is coming soon,  
it rolls in from the sea  
My voice; a beacon in the night.  
My words will be your light,  
to carry you to me.*

*Is love alive?  
Is love alive?  
Is love*

*They say that things just cannot grow  
beneath the winter snow,  
or so I have been told.  
They say were buried far,  
just like a distant star  
I simply cannot hold.*

*Is love alive?  
Is love alive?  
Is love alive?*

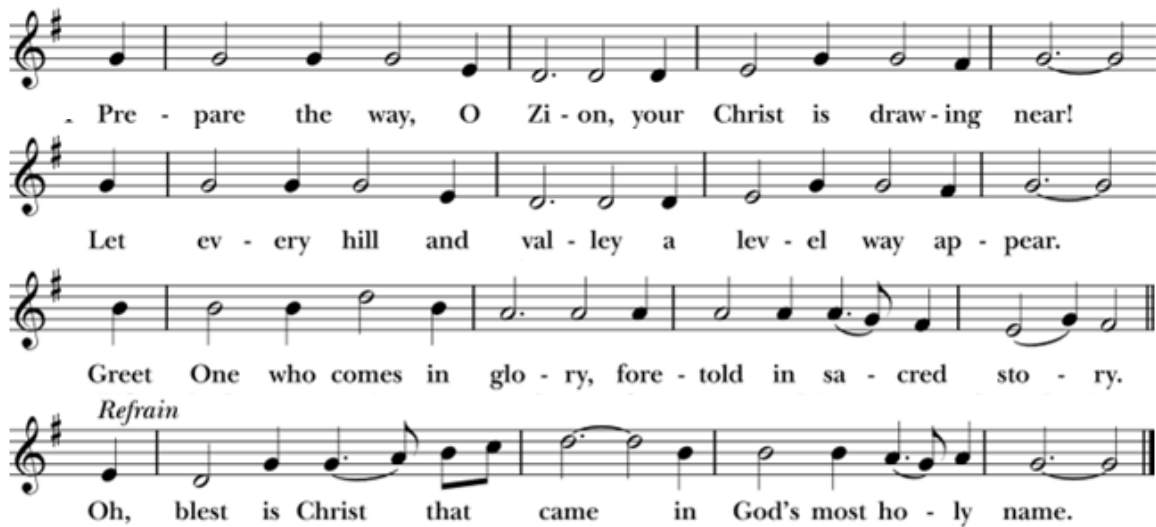
*This is my winter song.  
December never felt so wrong,  
cause you're not where you belong;  
inside my arms.*

*The seasons always change  
and life will find a way.  
Ill be your harvester of light  
and send it out tonight  
so we can start again.*

*Is love alive?  
Is love alive?  
Is love alive?*

*This is my winter song.  
December never felt so wrong,  
cause you're not where you belong;  
inside my arms.  
This is my winter song to you.  
The storm is coming soon  
it rolls in from the sea.  
My love a beacon in the night.  
My words will be your light  
to carry you to me.*

*Is love alive?  
Is love alive?  
Is love alive?*



Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.

*Refrain*  
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

## ✠ THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE ✠

### Eucharistic Prayer

*Eucharistic Prayer B (Expansive Language Version)*

*Presider* God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to God.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to Christ our God.

**People** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved child to redeem us from sin and death and to make us heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again with power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold that 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

*from The Sound of My People by Roger Holland III*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav-en 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, ho-san - na, ho-san-  
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na, ho-san-  
na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Ho-san-  
na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before dying for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and after giving 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 Christ's command, O God,



And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 the Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Mother Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your people; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider*

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

**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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Sound of My People by Roger Holland III*

*Presider*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People**

**We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -  
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come, un - til  
you come, un - til you come a - gain. When we  
you come a - gain, un - til you come, un - til  
you come, un - til you come a - gain, un - til  
you come, un - til you come, un - til you come a - gain.

*Presider*      The Gifts of God for the People of God. Receive this gift in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you, and feed in him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The priest will invite everyone to come forward for communion. The ushers will direct you when it is time. At Trinity we offer both fresh bread and a gluten free option. In solidarity with our siblings in recovery, we offer only non-alcoholic wine. All are welcome.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Lo, how a rose*

*The Hymnal 1982 #81*

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
\* 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - cage com - ing as scers of old have sung.  
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.  
dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.  
death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Words: St. 1-2 German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). St. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859); tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); ver. *Hymnal 1940*. St. 3, Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Es ist ein Ros*, melody from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621).





1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand, as you are able*

*Presider*

Let us pray.

**All**

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual good in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth as people who are forgiven, healed, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## BLESSING

*Presider* May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God almighty who creates all that is, who comes in glory in the midst of all that is, and who moves through creation sanctifying all that is, be among you now and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## SENDING HYMN

*Prepare ye the way*

LEVAS #11

Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord.

Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord.

1.-4. Final ending Fine

1. Make straight in the  
2. Fill ev - 'ry  
3. Go up to a  
4. Say to all

1.-4. Final ending Fine

D.S.

1. des - ert a high - way for our God.  
2. val - ley, bring all moun - tains low.  
3. moun - tain and shout with a loud voice.  
4. peo - ple, here is your God.

D.S.

Words: Isaiah 40:3-4,9. Music: James E. Moore, Jr.

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon*  
**People**

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



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## Vestry Leadership

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