

**First Sunday of Advent
Trinity Episcopal Church
November 28, 2021**

CREDO

God's mission is redeeming a fractured World.

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, came to seek and save the lost so that they might have life to the full.

The Holy Spirit created the church to continue God's mission.

Our mission is to partner with God in the Spirit to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

The Sacred Text in our lives this morning:

The theme of the service is captured in the first words of Psalm 25 To you O Lord I have lifted up my soul, in you have I trusted, let me not be confounded. For the paths of the Lord are Love and Faithfulness. The beauty of this verse is that it is the place where God's desire meets our need and our need is found in God's desire.

Prelude: How Brightly Shines the Morning Star -Jan Bender

Entrance: # 57 Lo He Comes

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

All: And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.

Gloria S280

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Presider: Let us pray

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.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

1 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.

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

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

4 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.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 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.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

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

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

SECOND READING

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.

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SEQUENCE: # 601 O DAY OF GOD VERSES 1& 2

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

***Presider* 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."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon/ Homily
Followed by a period of quiet reflection**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, for our bishop Larry, for GERALYNN his assistant bishop and for William and Daniel assisting bishops ; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

The People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

The People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

The People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

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In Thanksgiving for friends and loved ones celebrating birthdays in November especially: Laura de Bruin (12), Tracy Distefano (15), Jay Luty (16), Bob Seaman (17), Joseph Kavanagh (18) C.D.R. William C. Kempner, Mary Lou Minard (28).

The People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

For those who have entrusted themselves to our prayers: Roger and Edith, Holly, Shahara, Robert, Merritt, John Gentile, Nils, Cheryl Bernard, Rich, Martha, Jean, Pat, Beverley, Barbara Rini, Darlene, John Wilkens, Arthur, Jeff Baker, Charlotte Orrantia, Eleanor, Walter, Nancy, Louise, Barbara Wilson, Carol, Kara, Joyce, Mina, Lena, Rebecca, Jim, Alan, The Rev. Liz Tunney, Haven, Charles and Deacon Charles, Lorraine, Steve, Jackie, Justin, Rebecca E, Julia Schartner, Alyssa Pascual

For all the souls who have died whose faith is known to you alone, especially **Eugene**. May they rest in peace and rise in the glory of your Son Jesus.

I ask your prayers for the departed especially Eugene. Pray for those who have died.

Presider concludes with a prayer:

The Priest begins: 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.

The absolution:

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 Presider Bids the Peace

Offertory sentence

Offertory Anthem: 618 Ye Watchers verses 1, 2, 4

Rite II Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Presider, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Presider: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Presider: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Presider 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,

Presider and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Presider 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 [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn 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 say, **Our Father...**

Presider: Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

PREPARING FOR COMMUNION: O COME LET US ADORE HIM....

Communion Hymn: # 601 verses 4 & 5

Let us pray.

Presider and the People

Almighty and ever living 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, to love and serve you 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.

Blessing and Dismissal

HYMN: (blue hymnal) # 66 Come Thou Long Expected

NOTICES

• **DECEMBER TRINITY BELLS!** THE DEADLINE IS **NOVEMBER 28**.
YOUR SUBMISSIONS CAN BE SENT TO: KAT1228@VERIZON.NET OR
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• **SACRED WORDS – CONVERSATIONS WITH SCRIPTURES RESUMES:** THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES. WEDNESDAYS DEC 1 & 15. VIMEO AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE OF EACH CONVERSATION

• **RURAL MIGRANT MINISTRY** CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE TO BENEFIT RMM

• WE ARE REQUESTING NEW AND UNWRAPPED ITEMS AGE NEWBORN TO 18. OUR COLLECTION BOX IS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH UNTIL 12/5. TOYS WILL BE DELIVERED 12/7. RURAL AND MIGRANT MINISTRIES HOSTS A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY WHERE PARENTS DONATE \$1 FOR EACH ITEM. THE PROCEEDS ARE USED TO PROVIDE FUTURE SERVICES FOR THE RIVERHEAD COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

• **ADOPT A FAMILY – ALSO BY DEC 5**

• **NOVEMBER 28 WELCOMING FRIENDS COFFEE HOUR**

• **CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE IS BACK!!! DEC 11TH AND 12TH**

• **DEC 19 CONNECTING – SHARING OUR STORIES COFFEE HOUR**

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