

THE SECOND SUNDAY

OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021

TRINITY CHURCH — 8:00 AM



THE SEASON IS...

Advent. The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming." Advent begins the church year, starting four Sundays before Christmas. The season of Advent has been set aside as a time of preparation for Christmas since at least the last half of the 6th century. Advent is a time for self-examination and asking for forgiveness as the church is preparing for Christ's Second Coming even as it prepares for Christmas.

STEWARDSHIP—Paul talks about “producing a harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.” As disciples and stewards, how does our daily life, and our gratitude to God for all His gifts reflect for others “the glory and praise of God”? How can we best work at being good “harvesters”?

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OUR PRAYER LIST

Prayer requests for the bulletin should be sent to the parish office by Wednesday to appear in the Sunday bulletin. Please let us know if you have any additions or updates. The clergy and members of our church are happy to pray with you on the phone if you would like. **NOTE: Because our services are live streamed, we felt it prudent for security not to publish the last names of people on our prayer list.** If you would like a copy of those listed with their full names, please contact the parish office.

IN PERSON WORSHIP

Masks are required in the church buildings. Also, please silence your cellphones. Please take your bulletin home with you.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Patricia Downing—Rector
The Reverend Charles Lane Cowen—Associate Rector
David Simmons—Director of Music
Stan and Martha Diver—Reader/Intercessor
Esther Summers—Coffee Hour
Team 4: Amelia Welch-Wierzbicki, Ava Vandergast —Altar Guild

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

15th Century French Processional

Meditation on "Veni Emmanuel"
Setting by Curt Oliver

Entrance Hymn 53

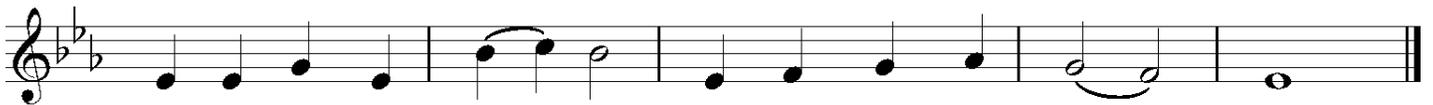
Once He Came In Blessing



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

The Word of God

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

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People

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.

Gloria *Spoken in unison.*

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heav'nly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant 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. ***Amen.***

The Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. ***Thanks be to God.***

Canticle 16—The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79) *Prayed in unison*

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.*

*He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.*

*Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.*

*He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.*

*This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,*

*Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.*

*You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,*

*To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.*

*In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,*

*To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

*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.*

The Epistle

Philippians 1:3-11

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.

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. ***Thanks be to God.***

The Gospel *People stand as they are able.*

Luke 3:1-6

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

At the conclusion of the reading of the Gospel, the following is said.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Charles Lane Cowen

The 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 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi; and in our own diocese we pray for St. Peter's Church, Smyrna. We pray also for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Kevin, our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries next week: Judy, George, Leslie, Ed, Daphne, Kaitlyn & Troy, CeCe & Breanne, John & Suzanne, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Adam, Ed, Susan, Ann, Joe, Kim, Anne, Stephanie, Paul, Vasilias, John, Damaris, Kevin, Margaret, Marleen, Steve, Carson, and all those suffering from the coronavirus; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Diana, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Concluding Collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you. ***And also with you.***

The Holy Communion

All are invited to join us in receiving Communion.

Offertory

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13: 15, 16*

The Great Thanksgiving S-120

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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 *Spoken in unison.*

***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.

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,

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

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 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.*

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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

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, 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.

The Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn 65 (See page 11)

Prepare The Way, O Zion

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The flowers today are given in memory of Joey Davey.

Flowers arranged by Niki Ingram

Recessional Hymn 65

Prepare The Way, O Zion



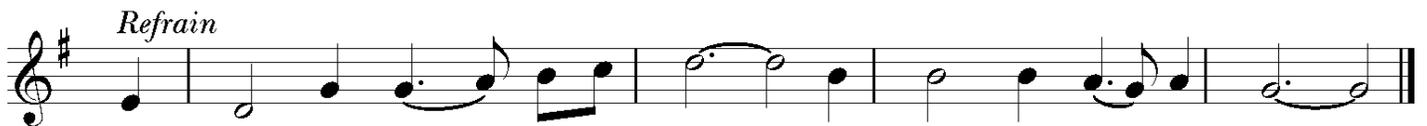
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



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

Announcements

Adult Formation classes at Trinity via ZOOM. December 8 & 15—Patty will lead the group in *Seeing God in Every Day*. As we begin another year in the life of the church and prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of the Christ child, how do we see God at work in our lives? Where does the biblical story meet our experiences? How does our faith govern how we are in the twenty-first century world? Patty will lead us in an exploration of making the connection between Sunday morning worship and Monday morning living. All classes will be on Zoom, beginning at 7 pm. Zoom information will be provided via email on Mondays and Wednesday each week.

Christmas memorials. As the holidays approach, many of us think of family and friends who have gone before us. One way of celebrating their lives is to make a memorial gift to be used in funding the Christmas decorations at Trinity and Old Swedes. If you wish to make such a gift, please mark your check 'Christmas memorials' and include the names you wish to have listed in the bulletin. The list of names can be on a separate sheet of paper. If you prefer to donate online, please include the names **and** send a list to office@trinityparishde.org. Minimum suggested donation is \$25. Deadline for these gifts and lists of those being remembered is December 17. If you have questions, please call the parish office at 302-652-8605.

'Tis the season for giving—The “giving” trees are up in the lobby at Trinity Church! The tree by the nursery is for donations of hats and mittens for the families in need in our community. On the tree next to the parish office are tags for gift cards for the residents of Epiphany House and children through Friendship House and tags for the gift of light and heat through a donation to Friendship House. ***Please take a tag and return it with the items requested on the tag by Wednesday, December 15th.*** You can bring them with you on Sunday mornings or during the week to the parish office.

December 12 – Old Swedes Open-Air Christmas Market & Sankta Lucia Celebration – from noon – 3:30 pm the Open-Air Christmas Market returns, featuring local arts and crafts vendors, raffle baskets, music and food, plus items from our Gift Shop. Tours of the site are ‘Pay What You Wish’ during market hours. At 2:00 pm, join us for a traditional celebration of the Feast Day of Sankta Lucia, a holiday that is still marked by light and music in Sweden today. The Delaware Swedish Colonial Society and Old Swedes Historic Site co-sponsor the annual December celebration of Sankta Lucia, bringer of light and herald of the Christmas season.

Advent Waffle Church is December 11th at 10-11 am. Waffle Church is a monthly Bible-oriented program geared to families with children ages 3-10 years old. Join us each month for a Bible story, a craft, and of course - WAFFLES!

Help us make the church shine for the holidays! Saturday, December 18 at 10 am we will be having a Polishing Party to make everything sparkle! Many hands make for less work!

Posadas are a Latin American tradition of recreating the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth the Bethlehem from December 16 to Christmas Eve. They are held in parishioner’s homes or the church at 7 pm each night. If you would like to know more, please contact our priests or the parish office.

Christmas at Trinity and Old Swedes

December 24 – Christmas Eve

- 4 pm Worship service of Holy Eucharist with Pageant at Trinity Church
Pre-Service Music Recital will begin at 3:45 pm
- 7 pm Celebración de Las Posadas y Noche Buena en Español en la Iglesia de la Trinidad
- 10:30 pm Candlelight Service with Holy Eucharist at Old Swedes Church

December 25 – Christmas Day

- 12 pm Holy Eucharist Worship Service at Trinity Church

December 26—Christmas I

- 8 am, 10 am Holy Eucharist Worship Service in English at Trinity Church
- 12 pm Celebración de la Santa Misa.

January 2—Christmas II

- 8 & 10 am Lessons and Carols