

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

TRINITY EPISCOPAL PARISH

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— “*Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming*”. Perhaps this advice suggests that those of us who try to live a good and holy life need to particularly practice the Holy Habits of prayer, generosity, and caring for others daily. A FORWARD reading offered something like this: *When I pray daily, it isn't necessarily that the day goes better, but that I do better with the day.*” If our days are grounded in prayer and service in God's name, it won't really matter when the Lord comes, will it?

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The Reverend Patricia Downing—Rector
The Reverend Charles Lane Cowen—Associate Rector
David Simmons—Director of Music
Esther Summers—Reader/Intercessor
Kim and Mason Phillips—Servers
Jo Klinge—Coffee Hour Host
Team 3: Kathryn Jakabcin, Bob Contino, Ray Stiles —Altar Guild
All music is used with permission.

The flowers today are given in are given in memory of
Mr and Mrs. Richard Reese Sr, Richard Reese Jr, Agnes Morgan Reese
and Daphne Craven Reese.

Altar flowers have been arranged by Tina Thornes.

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The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 62

Sleepers Wake



1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the shout of ram-part
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her heart with joy - ful
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let saints and an - gels



guards sur-rounds us: "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
hope is spring - ing, she wakes and hur - ries through the night.
sing be - fore you, as harps and cym - bals swell the sound.



Mid - night's peace their cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum-mons
Forth he comes, her Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in
Twelve great pearls, the ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to



clear - ly spo - ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
truth vic - to - rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
join the im - mor - tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.



Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in sight.
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate Word,
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de - light:



Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and has - ten there,
Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and heed your call
Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to greet our King;



that you the wed - ding feast may share."
to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

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The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People ***And blessed be his 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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly 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.

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 Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

Psalm 122

*I was glad when they said to me, **
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

*Now our feet are standing **
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

*Jerusalem is built as a city **
that is at unity with itself;

*To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, **
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

*For there are the thrones of judgment, **
the thrones of the house of David.

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: **
"May they prosper who love you.

*Peace be within your walls **
and quietness within your towers.

*For my brethren and companions' sake, **
I pray for your prosperity.

*Because of the house of the Lord our God, **
I will seek to do you good."

The Epistle

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

The Gospel *People stand as they are able.*

Matthew 24:36-44

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking,

marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples; in the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, and in our own diocese, we pray for all clergy in the Episcopal Church in Delaware, active and retired, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Sherri, Katie, Betty, Jake, Robert, Jim, Rosemary, Ezad, the people of Ukraine, and all those suffering from the coronavirus, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Tata Santana Serrano, Rolex Dente, and Sayer Evans, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, including those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the coming week, especially Jo, Jessica, Estefani, Angelin, Trini, Rosa, Doug, Alexandra, and Ranferis.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

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.*

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

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

All things come of thee, O Lord, *and of thine own have we given thee.*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him 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.

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.*

Celebrant

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:

Celebrant and People
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.

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

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 68 (see pg. 12)

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers!

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Music: Llangloffan, melody from Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru, 1865

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Announcements

Thank you to all who have sent in their 2023 pledge cards. There's still plenty of time to get your pledge cards in!

November is a special time to give to Trinity! Every dollar you give to Trinity ONLINE in the month of November is matched dollar for dollar up to \$500 per donor by the Jesse Ball duPont Fund. Wait, there's more! **If you give ONLINE to Trinity on November 29 - "GIVING TUESDAY" - your donation is matched 2 to 1.** For every dollar you give, Trinity receives two more dollars. Use the QR code in this bulletin or go to our website www.trinityoldswedes.church/giving-online for links to VANCO for online giving.

Christmas planning: This year, we have a special opportunity to support Christmas memorials. During November, the Jessie Ball DuPont Fund is matching donations that are made to Trinity electronically during November. If you plan on making donations for Christmas flowers, why not consider using Vanco for your donation during November? This year, donations begin at \$35. When you make your donation electronically, please also send an email to office@trinityparishde.org with information on your donation and a list of those you wish to remember or honor. If you wish to send a check instead of making an electronic donation, of course that is welcome too.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals will be on December 4, 11, and 18, at 11:15 am—12:30 pm in the Dining Room. If you have any questions, please contact David Simmons. At david@trinityparishde.org.

Christmas is Coming to Friendship House – Our annual gift tree is up in the Foyer. There are gift tags with suggestions for the women at Epiphany House. Please return the wrapped gifts with the tags by December 18th.

Hat and Mitten Tree – We collect hats, scarfs, and mittens for adults and children. No tags required.

Advent Adult Formation—Ways of Praying: Starting Wednesday, November 30, at 6:30-8 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church. A three week Advent course exploring prayer and ways of praying, presented by Father David Beresford. Each session will conclude with Compline (Night Prayer). David Beresford was ordained in the Church of England and served in parishes in West Sussex and Bedfordshire, including prison chaplaincy. Since 2015 he has served congregations within the Episcopal Church in Delaware and Pennsylvania. He has created and led a number of study courses, including Faith and Poetry, Ways of Praying, God and Us and Art and Faith. He also leads retreats and Quiet Days. His book *Above and Below: Reflections on the Spiritual Journey*, was published by Cedar Tree books in 2021. Father David holds a BA in Theology and Pastoral Studies from Leeds University. In 2022, he was awarded an MA in Theology from the University of Chichester.

The Greens Workshop: Returning after a two-year hiatus, the Greens Workshop will be held on Saturday, December 17, from 9:30-11 in the Trinity kitchen. We will make small arrangements to go in the windows at Trinity. All greens will be provided. Please bring your own clippers and wear/bring gloves. Questions? Call Ashlin Bray at 302-658-5821. It's fun, it's easy, and we want you to come!

Join us for Caroling! On Sunday, December 18 at 4:30 pm, Trinity will be heading into the Trinity Vicinity neighborhood to spread holiday cheer with caroling. We can use your voice and good cheer as we bring joy to our community and share our upcoming holiday service schedule. Please contact the parish office if you would like to sign up.

The Women's Group will meet for lunch on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 12 noon at The Iron Hill Brewery, 620 Justison Street, Wilmington. Please contact Beth Copson at bcopson@comcast.net or 302-584-6855 no later than Sunday, Dec. 4 if you plan to attend. Please feel free to invite a friend.

The Men's Group will meet for dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 7:00 p.m. at Catherine Rooney's, 1616 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington. Please contact Don Copson at dcopson54@comcast.net or 302-290-6891 no later than Sunday, Dec. 4 if you plan to attend. Please feel free to invite a friend.

Recessional Hymn 68

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers!

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!