First Sunday of Advent

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Order of Service

~ Gathering ~

† Welcome

***† Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.
C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.
C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection, and self-examination.)

P: Holy God,

C: You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

***† Advent Intro: "Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel"** (Verse 1) LBW 34

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

***† Entrance Hymn: "Prepare The Royal Highway"** LBW 26

1 Prepare the royal highway,
the King of kings is near!
let every hill and valley, a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:

Refrain
Hosana to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!

2 God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal King!
Palm branches strew before him;
spread garments; shout and sing.
God's promise will not fail you;
no more shall doubt assail you: *[Refrain]*

3 Then fling the gates wide open
to greet your promised King;
your King, yet every nation
its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before him;
all voices, thus adore him: *[Refrain]*

4 His is no earthly kingdom;

it comes from heaven above.

His rule is peace and freedom,

and justice, truth, and love.

So let your praise be sounding

for kindness so abounding: *[Refrain]*

***† Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***† Kyrie**

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy,

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

***† Hymn of Praise**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

***† Prayer of the Day**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

~God's Word ~

† First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

† Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; *refrain*, Ps. 80:7

***Refrain**: Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved, and we shall be saved.*

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,**
stir up your strength and | come to help us.
3 Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
4 **O Lord | God of hosts,**
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray? R
5 You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
6 **You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,**
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
17 **Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,**
the one you have made so strong | for yourself. R
18 And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.
19 **Restore us, O Lord | God of hosts;**
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. R

† Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been
given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and
knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among
you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord
Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the
day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the
partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

***† Gospel Acclamation**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 13th Chapter

C: Glory to you, Glory to you, Glory to you, O Lord

***† Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37**

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

[Jesus said:] 24 "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26 "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.
27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends
of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth
its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking
place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will
not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son,
but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come.
34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge,
each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep
awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at
midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes
suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise be to you, Praise be to you, Praise be to you O Christ

† Youth Choir Anthem: "We Are One In The Spirit"

† Adult Choir Anthem: "Woke Up Dis Mornin"

† Sermon: The Rev. Dianne L. Lewis, Pastor

***† Sermon Hymn: "In the Name of Jesus"** TFBF 265

In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus,
we have the victory.
In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus,
Satan will have to flee.

Oh, tell me: who can stand against us
when we call on that great name?
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus;
we have the victory.

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we have the victory.

In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus,

Satan will have to flee.

Oh, tell me: who can stand against us

when we call on that great name?

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus;

we have the victory.

~ Prayer ~

***† The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,

and born of the virgin Mary,

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended into hell.*

On the third day He rose again;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

***† Prayers of the People**

In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Strengthen your church in this season of anticipation. Nourish all people who gather around word and water, bread and cup. Reassure any whose faith feels dry that you are always near. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Come and restore the earth. Give rest to weary lands and renewed life to species at risk. Make us wise stewards of the places we call home. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Bring peace among all nations and communities. Embolden leaders to seek creative and sustainable resolutions to war and conflict. Show us new possibilities in places where peace has been elusive (*especially*). God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Sustain all who are heavy with weariness, grief, illness, or worry (*especially*). Comfort families who are estranged from one another and any who are separated from loved ones. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Inspire liturgists, preachers, musicians, and all who lead our worship and prayer. May we be prepared as we await Christ's coming this Advent season. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You embrace all the saints from the far reaches of the earth. We remember with care all who have died and now abide in their eternal home. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to you, most holy God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

***† Sharing of the Peace**
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

***† Offering Canticle**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence.
Give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

***† Offertory Prayer**

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

~ Meal ~

***† The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

A: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

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.

***† Words of Institution**

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

† Holy Communion

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.
C: Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

† Communion Hymn: "Open Our Eyes, Lord" TFBF 98

Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him.

Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen,
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus.

Open our eyes Lord

We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him.

Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen,
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus.

***† Post Communion Blessing**
(After all have returned to their places:)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen

***† Post Communion Canticle**

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people. A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

***† Post Communion Prayer**
A: Let us pray.
Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. **Amen.**

† Welcome, Acknowledgment of Visitors, and Announcements

***† Benediction**

***† Hymn: "What A Mighty God We Serve"** TFBF 295

What a mighty God we serve!
What a mighty God we serve!
Angels bow before him,
heaven and earth adore him;
what a mighty God we serve.
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***† Dismissal**
A: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!

Announcements

- Trinity's **Weekly Bible Study** meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday via Zoom at 7:30PM - **Meeting ID: 822 8031 9117 Passcode: 709073.** Next session Dec 9th
- Trinity's **Adult Sunday School** meets every first and third Sunday at 9:45 AM. Next session will be Sunday, December 6th
- Trinity's **Children Sunday School** meets every Sunday at 11AM
- Trinity's **Food Pantry** will be Friday, December 4th from 2PM – 3:30PM
- Trinity's **Church Council Meeting** will be Thursday, December 10th at 7:30PM
- Trinity & Grace **Women of the ELCA** meets monthly. Next session will be Saturday, December 5th at 10AM at Grace Lutheran
- Trinity offers **Math & Reading Tutoring** through the 2026-2027 school year. Time: 10AM–12:30PM | Next Dates: tbd
- Trinity will celebrate **Pastor Dianne's Birthday Celebration** on Sunday, Dec 13th
- Trinity's **Community Push** will host **A Conversation with the Rev. Dr. Annette Jones: Depression "The fog that will not lift"** on Thursday, Dec 17th via Zoom at 7PM - **Meeting ID: 884 6464 3918 Passcode: 440471**
- For *All Saints Sunday*, please remember to donate $3 per name. Your donation funds the Yvette Bolden Scholarship.
- Trinity's **Christmas Caroling** will be Sunday, Dec 20th after worship service
- Trinity's **Blue Christmas Service** will be Thursday, Dec 24th at 5PM
- Trinity's **Christmas Eve Service** will be Thursday, Dec 24th at 7PM
- Trinity's **New Year's Eve Service** will be Thursday, Dec 31st
- Trinity is selling "**Faith Over Fear**" T-Shirts in 3 different designs. Short-sleeved: $20; Long-sleeved: $23. Please check our website for the designs and order info.
- Trinity's **Pew Rededication** fundraiser… Your donation supports the pew restoration labor and the installation of a personalized legacy name plate on your selected pew. $500 for center aisle; $300 for window aisle.
- You may pay your Tithes & Offerings online at http://www.trinityjerseycity.com
- **For pastoral care call Pastor Dianne Lewis at 201.435.9807**

*Congregation Standing
Bold Font: Congregation Response