

# **TRINITY**

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#### The Entrance Rite

# The Entrance Hymn The People stand.

# #67 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Verses 1-3



#### The Acclamation

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon,
People: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

#### The Collect for Purity

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*.

#### The Summary of the Law

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

## The Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

# The Song of Praise

#56 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Verses 3 and 4

#### Verse 3

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

#### Verse 4

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.

The Children's Sermon The People sit. All children are welcome to come forward.

After the sermon, please stand as children 3-years-old through 1st grade leave to go upstairs to the Children's area for the Godly Play and Godly Study programs. The children will return at communion.

## The Collect for the Second Sunday in Advent The People stand.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant

us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

# The First Lesson The People sit.

A reading from the book of Malachi, beginning with chapter 3, verse 1:

<sup>1</sup>"Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup> "Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

MALACHI 3:1-5

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.** 

The Psalm The People remain seated and say the words in bold.

The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 126. We will read responsively by half-verse.

- When the Lord overturned the captivity of Zion, \*
  - then were we like those who dream.
- Then was our mouth filled with laughter \*
  - and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- Then they said among the nations, \*
  - "The Lord has done great things for them."
- Indeed, the Lord has done great things for us already, \* whereof we rejoice.
- Overturn our captivity, O Lord, \*
  - as when streams refresh the deserts of the south.
- <sup>6</sup> Those who sow in tears \*
  - shall reap with songs of joy.
- He who goes on his way weeping and bears good seed \*
  shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring
  his sheaves with him.

**PSALM 126** 

#### The Second Lesson

A reading from the book of 1 Corinthians, beginning with chapter 4, verse 8:

<sup>8</sup> Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you! <sup>9</sup> For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. <sup>10</sup> We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. <sup>11</sup> To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, <sup>12</sup> and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; <sup>13</sup> when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.

<sup>14</sup> I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. <sup>15</sup> For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>16</sup> I urge you, then, be imitators of me. <sup>17</sup> That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church. <sup>18</sup> Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. <sup>19</sup> But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but

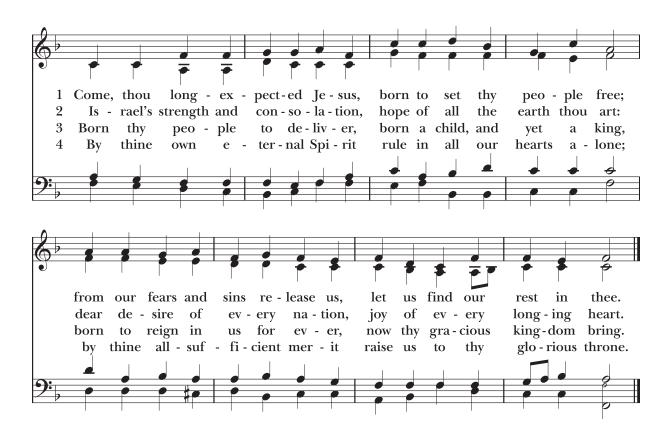
their power. <sup>20</sup> For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. <sup>21</sup> What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

1 CORINTHIANS 4:8-21

Lector: The Word of the Lord.People: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn The People stand and sing.

#66 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus Verses 1-2 before Gospel; Verses 3-4 after Gospel



# The Gospel The People remain standing.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

LUKE 3:1-6

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The People sit.

The Reverend Morgan Clark

#### The Nicene Creed The People stand.

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

#### Celebrant and People:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

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], †
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.

<sup>†</sup> The phrase "and the Son" (Latin filioque) is not in the original Greek text. See the resolution of the College of Bishops concerning the filioque in Documentary Foundations (The Book of Common Prayer 2019, page 768).

The Prayers of the People The People kneel.

After each bidding, the People are invited to offer their own prayers silently or aloud.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. *Pause* 

Lord, in your mercy:

# Hear our prayer.

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders—especially Joe, our President; Donald, our President-Elect; Brian, our Governor; the Congress and the Supreme Court; Todd, our Mayor; our County Commissioners and members of the City Council; and members of the city and county school boards—that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue. *Pause* 

Lord, in your mercy:

#### Hear our prayer.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servants Steve, our Archbishop; Alex, our Bishop; and Morgan, our Priest, that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

Pause

Lord, in your mercy:

#### Hear our prayer.

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

Pause

Lord, in your mercy:

# Hear our prayer.

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially Christie, Wyatt, Ëlin, and Liv Landstrom, the Landstrom and Corbitt families, and all those affected by the accident on September 27th.

Pause

Lord, in your mercy:

# Hear our prayer.

We remember before you all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom.

Pause

Lord, in your mercy:

#### Hear our prayer.

We pray for the wars between Ukraine and Russia and Israel and Hamas. *Pause* 

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

#### Celebrant:

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### The Confession

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

The People kneel.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all:

We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.

We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear.

Have mercy upon us,

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in
newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

#### The Comfortable Words

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 JOHN 2:1-2

The Peace The People stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated for announcements. Access this week's announcements by scanning the QR code on the back of this service guide or visit trinitythomasville.church/announcements.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory The People sit.

The Lord Has Done Great Things For Us by Stephen DeCesare

During this time, all quietly meditate on offering our lives and our gifts to the Lord.

The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy!

The Presentation Hymn The People stand.

Sung to the tune of Old 100th (Hymnal #380)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

# The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

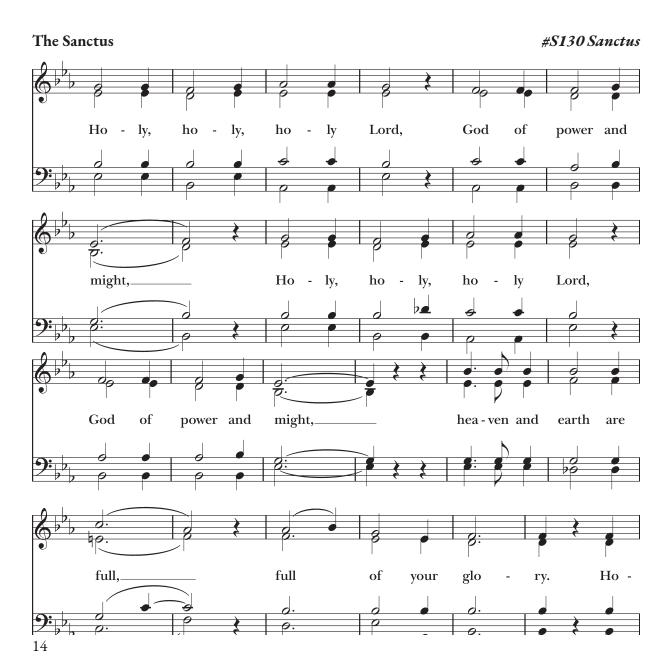
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

*Celebrant*: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; 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 glory 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





 $The \ People \ kneel.$ 

#### Celebrant:

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.** 

#### The Lord's Prayer

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

People: 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

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People: Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

# The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.



#### The Ministration of Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ

died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

A prayer team is available during communion to pray over you for intercession and healing.

#### Manger Throne

You could have stepped into creation

With fire for all to see

Brought every tribe and nation to their knees

Arriving with the host of heaven

In royal robe and crown

The rulers of the earth all bowing down

But You chose meekness over majesty

Wrapped Your power in humanity

Glory be to You alone

King who reigns from a manger throne

My life my praise everything I own

To Jesus the King on a manger throne

You could have marched in all Your glory

Into the heart of Rome

Showed them splendor like they'd never known

But You wrote a better story

In humble Bethlehem

Creator in the arms of common men

You will die for our redemption And You'll rise so we can live

From heaven to the cradle

From cradle to the cross

Let heaven and nature sing

This is our King

But the grave couldn't hold Him

Our God has overcome

Let heaven and nature sing

This is our King

All hail the King

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My life my praise everything I own To Jesus the King on a manger throne

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#### I Speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind 'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus 'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break Declaring there is hope and there is freedom I speak Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing Your Name is life Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus Over fear and all anxiety To ev'ry soul held captive by depression I speak Jesus

Shout Jesus from the mountains
Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy
Jesus for my fam'ly
I speak the holy Name Jesus

The Postcommunion Prayer The People stand.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

# The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.* 



#### The Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!



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