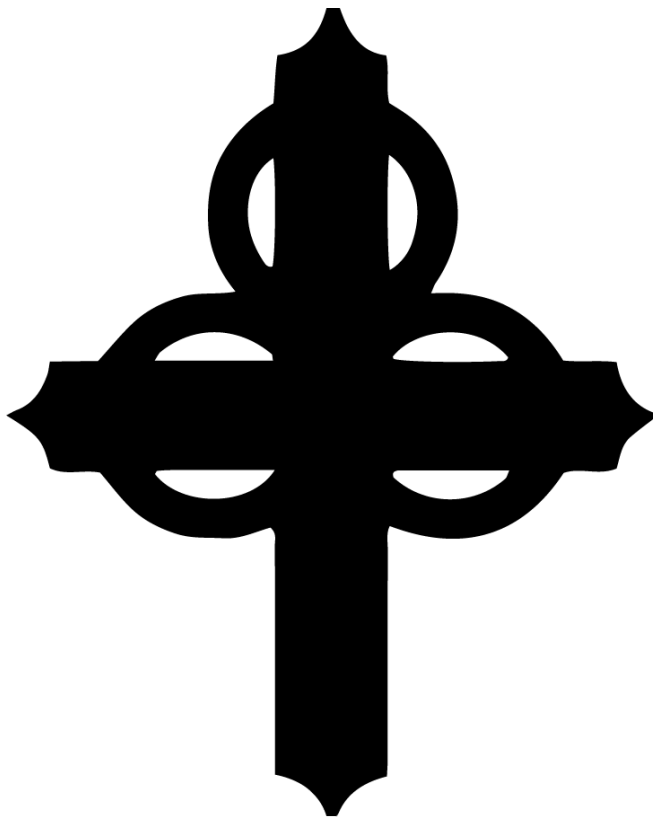


The First Sunday in Advent

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*Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation.
Devices for those who are hard of hearing are available from the ushers.*

The Holy Eucharist

Entrance Hymn *The People stand and sing.*

57 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending
Verses 1, 2, 4

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

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

The Confession of Sin *The People kneel.*

We pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

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 Lighting of the Advent Wreath

#56 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Verse 1

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 Children's Sermon *The People sit.*

All children are welcome to come forward for the Children's Sermon. Please stand as children leave to go upstairs for Godly Play and Godly Study. They will return at communion.

The Collect of the Day *The People stand.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: 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

The Old Testament Reading *The People Sit.*

A reading from the book of Zechariah, chapter 14, beginning with verse 1:

¹Behold, a day is coming for the Lord, when the spoil taken from you will be divided in your midst. ²For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken and the houses plundered and the women raped. Half of the city shall go out into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. ⁴On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. ⁵And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

⁶On that day there shall be no light, cold, or frost. ⁷And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the Lord, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light.

⁸On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter.

⁹And the Lord will be king over all the earth. On that day the Lord will be one and his name one.

ZECHARIAH 14:1-9

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm *The People stand and read responsively by half verse as indicated by the asterisk.*

- ¹ The Lord, even the most mighty God, has spoken *
**and called the world, from the rising of the sun to
the going down thereof.**
- ² Out of Zion, perfect in her beauty, *
has God shone forth in glory.
- ³ Our God shall come and shall not keep silence; *
**there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty
tempest shall be stirred up round about him.**
- ⁴ He shall call to the heavens above, *
and to the earth beneath, that he may judge his people:
- ⁵ “Gather my faithful together unto me, *
those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”
- ⁶ And the heavens shall declare his righteousness, *
for God himself is Judge.

PSALM 50: 1-6



The New Testament Reading *The People sit.*

A reading from the book of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 3, beginning with verse 6:

⁶ But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you— ⁷ for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. ⁸ For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. ⁹ For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn *The People stand and sing.*

Come Oh Redeemer Come
Verse 1,2, and Chorus

The Gospel

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

²⁵ “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

LUKE 21:25-33

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gradual Hymn

Come Oh Redeemer Come
Verse 3 and Chorus

[illegible]

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.
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.**

The Prayers of the People *The People kneel.*

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

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle in us the desire to remain awake; that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray. O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church...

(Pray for our church and leaders, pray for other congregations in Thomasville, Christians around the world, and especially our sister parish in Bumbogo, Rwanda.)

Come Lord Jesus,
and hear our prayer.

Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth. We especially pray for racial reconciliation and justice in our courts...

(Pray for areas where there is ongoing conflict, both within our nation and around the world. Pray for global and local leaders and for governments.)

Come Lord Jesus,
and hear our prayer.

In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind...

(Pray for those who need healing in body, mind, and spirit. Pray for the grieving. Pray for the poor. Pray for refugees, widows, and orphans.)

Come Lord Jesus,
and hear our prayer.

In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray with and for those who rejoice this week...

(Offer specific thanksgivings to God for all the blessings of this life.)

Come Lord Jesus,
and hear our prayer.

In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer.

Come Lord Jesus,
and hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Come among us O God, and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among us with great might, and in manger mild, we might recognize his face and his voice, and come to adore him. **Amen.**

The Peace

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.*

Behold

The congregation is invited to sing along with the music team. Please place your pledge cards in the offering basket.

Presentation Hymn *The People stand and sing.*

Doxology
(to the tune of Old 100th)

**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 Presentation of Gifts and Pledge Cards

All things come from you, O Lord;

And from your own gifts do we give to you.

Prosper the work of our hands;

Prosper our handiwork.

Show your servants your works;

And your splendor to their children.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make tithes and offerings for your service, and have been pleased to accept their gifts. Be with us now and bless us as we set apart these pledges to your praise and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 Sanctus

El Shaddai

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. 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 forever. ***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 Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Invitation to Communion

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.

The People may remain kneeling or be seated while they prayerfully wait to come to God's altar to receive Holy Communion.

Agnus Dei *The People remain kneeling.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us, grant us peace.**

Communion Songs

The Postcommunion Prayer *The People stand.*

Celebrant: Let us pray

Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, 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

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.**

Closing Hymn *The People stand and sing.*

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
To the tune of Love Divine All Loves Excelling
Verses 1 and 2

The Dismissal

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Postlude



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