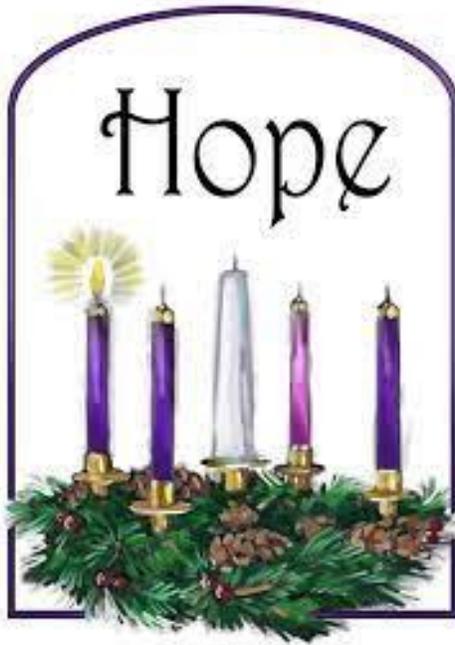


*Trinity Episcopal Church, Nichols
Trumbull, CT*



Sunday, November 27, 2022

*The First Sunday of Advent
Morning Prayer – Rite II*

WELCOME!

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, your joining us is a blessing. Please fill out a Visitor Card and place it in the offering plate, so that we can get to know you better.

Opening Hymn: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns (Hymnal #73)

Lighting of the First Advent Candle: Waiting for Hope *(all remain standing)*

Officiant: "Stay awake, for you do not know the day or the hour when your Lord will appear."

Litany:

Our response is *"O God, we place our hope in you."*

God of our mothers and fathers, ***"O God, we place our hope in you."***

Give life to people who are weary; fill us with hope in You. ***"O God, we place our hope in you."***

Healer of souls, renew our joy in you. Turn to us again, O God of Hosts. ***"O God, we place our hope in you."***

Make your dwelling among us, Giver of Life; Hear our cries; we call out to you in hope. ***"O God, we place our hope in you."***

We anxiously hope for the joy you alone can bring us. ***"O God, we place our hope in you."***

*Lighting of the first Advent candle.

Officiant: God of light, as we wait through the long winter nights for the birth of Christ, help us to keep watch. Help us to tend the tiny flame of hope. Make us alert until your gift of joy arrives. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at the cockcrow, or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. *Mark 13:35,36*

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

Confession of Sin *(sit or kneel as you are comfortable)*

Officiant:

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

A brief period of silence is kept.

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.

Officiant:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

(All stand as able)

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All: **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. Alleluia**

Officiant: Our King and Savior now draws near.

People **Come let us adore him.**

(Remain standing as able)

Jubilate *(Join in Singing with Choir)*

- 1 Be joyful in the¹Lord, all you¹lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his¹presence¹with a¹song. [Ant.]
- 2 Know this: The Lord him¹self is¹ God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his¹people and the¹sheep of his¹pasture. [Ant.]
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his¹courts with¹praise; *
give thanks to¹him and¹call upon his¹Name. [Ant.]
- 4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is¹ever¹lasting; *
and his faithfulness en¹dures from¹age to¹age. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be added)

Glory to the Father, and¹to the¹Son, *
and¹to the¹Holy¹Spirit:

As it was in the be¹ginning, is¹ now, *
and¹will be for¹ever. A¹men. [Ant.]

Music: Richard Woodward (1744 -1777).

(Be seated)

The First Lesson *Isaiah 2:1-5*

Joe Buzzo

A reading from the book of Isaiah

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!

Reader: The word of the Lord. *All:* **Thanks be to God.**

(Remain seated)

Psalm 122 *(Sung by Choir)*

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 un/ity 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 Jer/usalem:*

“May they pros/per who love you.

Peace be within your / walls*

and quietness with/in your towers.

For my brethren and com/panions’ sake,*

I pray for / your prosperity.

Because of the house of the / LORD our God,*

I will / seek to do you good.”

The Second Lesson *Romans 13:11-14*

Sharon Buzzeo

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans;

Besides this, 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah (*Stand and sing with choir*)

- 3 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
- 4 He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6 Free to worship him with out fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 1 Blessèd be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break up on us,
10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
- 7 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8 To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
- (Gloria Patri may be omitted)*
- 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.

Music: Thomas Attwood Walmsley (1814-1856).

(Be seated)

The Third Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

Robert Pitzschler

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

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."

Reader: The word of the Lord. *All:* **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 12: A Song of Creation *(Remain seated)*

Invocation

- 1 Glorify the Lord, all you ^{works} of the Lord, *
 praise him and ^{highly} ex ^{alt} him for ever.
- 2 In the firmament of his power, ^{glorify} the Lord, *
 praise him and ^{highly} ex ^{alt} him for ever.

III The People of God

- 17 Let the people of God ^{glorify} the Lord, *
 praise him and ^{highly} ex ^{alt} him for ever.
- 18 Glorify the Lord, O priests and ^{servants} of the Lord, *
 praise him and ^{highly} ex ^{alt} him for ever.
- 19 Glorify the Lord, O spirits and ^{souls} of the righteous, *
 praise him and ^{highly} ex ^{alt} him for ever.
- 20 You that are holy and humble of heart, ^{glorify} the Lord, *
 praise him and ^{highly} ex ^{alt} him for ever.

Doxology

- 21 Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and ^{Holy} ^{Spirit}; *
 praise him and ^{highly} ex ^{alt} him for ever.
- 22 In the firmament of his power, ^{glorify} the Lord, *
 praise him and ^{highly} ex ^{alt} him for ever.

Music: R. Goodson (1655-1719).

The Homily

Reverend Diane Peterson

The Apostles' Creed *(said together, all standing as able)*

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 to the dead. 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.*

The Peace

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Announcements

The Offertory

Officiant Let us walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

All All things come of thee Oh Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

Hymn: O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light (Hymnal #64) *(Stand as you are able)*

Prayers and Intercessions *(sit or kneel as you are comfortable)*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers of the People

In peace let us pray to God saying "*God, hear our prayer.*"

For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to God. ***God, hear our prayer.***

We pray for our Presiding Bishop James Curry, for our bishops Jeffery and Laura, for all bishops, priests and deacons, let us pray to God. ***God, hear our prayer.***

For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to God. ***God, hear our prayer.***

For this community of Trumbull, for every city and community, let us pray to God. ***God, hear our prayer.***

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

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to God. ***God, hear our prayer.***

Let us now offer our own petitions either silently or aloud. (*a short period of silence*)

God, hear our prayer.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and refugees, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to God. ***God, hear our prayer.***

For deliverance from all affliction, strife, and poverty, let us pray to God. ***God, hear our prayer.***

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to God. ***God, hear our prayer.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to God. ***God, hear our prayer.***

In union with all the saints we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God ***God, hear our prayer.***

Officiant: God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who agree in your name; fulfil now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us and for your kingdom. Grant us in this world to know your truth, and in the world to come to see your glory. ***Amen.***

Suffrage A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

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.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving *(All)*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us Bless the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Officiant:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Hymn: Lo He Comes With Clouds Descending (Hymnal #57)

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

*The altar flowers today have been given by loving memory by Bob Pitzschler
for his wife Kathy and for her twin brother Bill VanDuren.*



Officiant

The Rev. Diane Peterson

Intercessor

Simon Howes

Lectors

Joe Buzzo, Sharon Buzzo, Robert Pitzschler

Organ

Herb Lazration

Usher

Joe Buzzo

❖ Parish Announcements ❖

☛ PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember those in need of prayer: Margy, Bill, Amy, M'lee, Dave, Kelly, Maggie, Catherine, Carolyn, Alison, Kevin, Andrew, Adele, Jane, Al, Phyllis, Xavi, Adam, Billy, Kelly, Paul, Robby, Suzie, Chris, Dee, Donald, Frank, Larry, Pat, Jodi, Rui, Susan, Lisa, Marilee, John, Donna, DJ, Deacon Knute, Fran, Suzanne, George, Chris, Jamie, Michael, Hunter, Mason, Samuel, Alex, Debbie, Manny, Gayle, Will, Lucille, John, Margaret, Nancy, Louise, Fred, Steve, Donna, Lenny.

☛ WORSHIP

Annual Greening of the Church after worship today! Please stay and have some fun decorating the church for the upcoming holidays. Lunch will be served afterwards.



Christmas Poinsettias & Book of Remembrance Donations - If you would like to make a donation of Christmas poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary, or a donation to Trinity's Book of Remembrance, please see the attached order form. All orders are due to the church office by Sunday, December 11th. Thank you!



Christmas Stories: 4 Gospels. 4 Stories. One Lord.

Think you know the Christmas story? Come find out with our Advent series shared with Trinity, Trumbull and St. Peter's Grace, Monroe! We often forget that there is not a single Christmas story, but rather, each Gospel provides us with important and unique insights. *Each Wednesday of Advent at 5:30pm, we will explore a different Gospel's account. The first two Wednesdays will be hosted at Trinity and led by Rev. Kate and the second two Wednesdays will be at St. Peter's Grace and led by Rev. Derek.* By the time Christmas itself arrives, you will have grown in your faith and understanding, with a newfound appreciation for the beauty and mystery that is the Incarnation and Nativity of Jesus Christ.

Please note, we will hold Morning Prayer on the 4th Sunday of each month in the Sanctuary.

☛ PARISH LIFE



St. NICHOLAS FAIR Sat. December 3rd

Remember, many hands make light work – take a look at the posted sign-up sheet and see where you can help! We are looking for the following donations for our upcoming fair.

Baked Goods: Whatever you bake we will take for our baked goods table! Christmas cookies are the favorite. Bake now and drop them off at the Church by Thursday, December 1st.

Christmas plates and tins: Any size or shape can be used to wrap our cookie trays on. We will even use fancy cookie jars, teacups and saucers or domed cake plates -- anything to make our edibles stand out!

Soups: Make your favorite! Bring it to church and we'll put it in the freezer.

Donated Items: We are offering a raffle table and would especially appreciate donations of Christmas items. If you have gently used items such as household, decorative, art, etc. bring them to church at your convenience marked Christmas Fair.

Baskets: This year we are accepting "completed and wrapped" baskets. Themed baskets such as movie night, game night, chocolate extravaganza and pet baskets have been a hit in the past.

☛ OUTREACH

Sweaters for Seniors: Once again we are purchasing sweaters for senior citizens for distribution through Priscilla House. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please call or text Vestry member Lisa Brown at 203-954-8874 to receive the name and size of sweater for a person in need. All sweaters should be dropped off at the church no later than December 11th. Thank you!

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OUR MISSION IS TO PROCLAIM BY WORD AND DEED, THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST, REACHING OUT TO ALL IN HIS NAME. OUR DESIRE IS THAT OTHERS MAY COME TO FAITH IN HIM, DRAWN BY THE EXAMPLE OF OUR LIVES.

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The Rev. Diane Peterson / Deacon

Brenda Stapleton, Church School Director/Youth Ministry

Zachary Stapleton, Sexton



In case of a pastoral emergency please call our Priest-in-Charge Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar at 507-990-0220 or email at rev.kemd@gmail.com. *Thank you!*

Office Hours are Monday – Thursday 11-3pm.

Rev. Kate's Office Hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 1 – 3pm

Please note, the office is closed on Friday.