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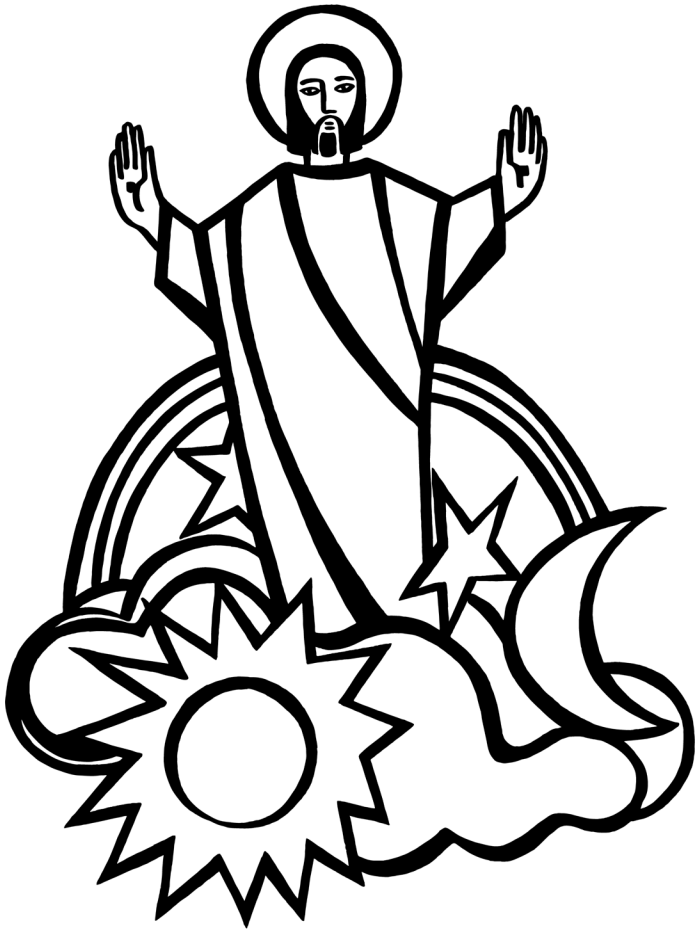
First Sunday of Advent
The Holy Eucharist Rite II—Gathering Hour
Sunday, Nov. 29, 2026 at 12 p.m.



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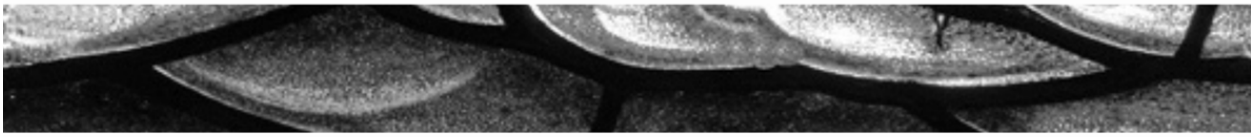

WELCOME!

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH EMBODIES CHRIST'S LOVE BY CREATING SACRED COMMUNITY, SHARING GOD'S STORY, AND WELCOMING AND SERVING ALL PEOPLE.

Welcome Visitors!
Thank you for coming! Please pick up a Welcome Bag on the table in the north end of the Parish Hall and fill out the Visitor Card found in the pew and place it in the collection plate. You're especially welcome to join formation and fellowship opportunities at 10:45 a.m. where you can meet others, to learn, and grow in faith.

Infants and Children
We love children in church! Activity kits may be found on the far back pew. Nursery care is available during all services for children from infancy up to 4 years old. Children's Church is offered at the 9:30 service for ages 4 to 10. If you would like your child to participate have them follow the adult leader who will guide them to the Children's Church area after the announcements. Children will return at The Peace.

Fellowship & Education
Enjoy fellowship and coffee in the Parish Hall following each service. In the fall and spring we offer children, youth/teen, and adult Christian formation opportunities at 10:45 a.m.

Receiving Communion
In the Episcopal Church, we welcome all baptized Christians to the Lord's Table to receive the Eucharist, regardless of when and where they were baptized. (And, of course, we'd love to talk to you about baptism if you have not been baptized.) Those not wishing to take Communion may come forward for a blessing and indicate this by crossing their arms across their chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Getting Connetcted
Are you new to the parish? Want to get better acquainted? Use the QR code at the bottom right to fill out a short contact form.

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Closed Friday

Sunday Worship
8 a.m. Rite I
9:30 a.m. Rite II
Choral Eucharist
12 p.m. Rite II
Gathering Hour

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WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CHECK IN AT TRINITY AND SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES AND REFLECTIONS VIA YOUR PREFERRED SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM (#FWTRINITY)

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE SEE AN USHER FOR DETAILS

I'M NEW!

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Announcements: Nov. 29, 2026

TODAY: **Fellowship & Formation at 10:45 a.m.** Everyone is invited to gather in the Parish Hall to make or refresh an Advent wreath. (There will be fun crafts for kids, too!) Join the Advent book study in the Large Conference Room. Coffee Hour is in the Parish Hall.

TODAY: is the first session of our Advent study using, ***Gospel Voices***. Reading the book is helpful, but not required. See you in the Large Conference Room at 10:45 a.m.

The **Giving Tree** is up, and the need is great this year. Grab a tag and help Trinity Reaching Out ministry partners. Specific guidance can be found on each tag. Please place your contributions under the tree by Dec. 13. And, most importantly, keep all Giving Tree recipients in your prayers as we prepare for the Christmas season.

The next Holy Eucharist with **Healing Prayer** is Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. in the Chapel.

Senior Ministry will host a Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 12 p.m. in the Parish Hall. RSVP to seniors@fortworthtrinity.org!

El Jardín will host a Spanish-language Holy Eucharist in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Nave. Come join the celebration!

Trinity parishioner D.J. Cheek and Michael Bukhman (TCU), invite you to join them and fellow musicians for a **Music for Food** concert at Trinity on Monday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Nave. Admission is free; please plan to give generously to support local food banks.

Women of Trinity will have a Christmas luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17 at the home of Loraine Chance. Bring a side dish or dessert. Email women@fortworthtrinity.org to RSVP and get address.

We look forward to worshiping with you during the Christmas season!

Christmas Eve: Thursday, Dec. 24

- 2:30 p.m. Happy Birthday Jesus gathering for children and families
- 4 p.m. Children's Service with Pageant
- 7 p.m. Choral Eucharist (incense at this service)
- Candlelight at both services. Worship happens onsite and online

Christmas Day: Friday, Dec. 25
8:30 a.m. worship (Morning Prayer) happens online only via Facebook and YouTube

First Sunday after Christmas: Dec. 27
ONE service at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with joyful carols courtesy of the Gathering Hour Band. Worship happens onsite and online.

Wednesday, Dec. 30
8:30 a.m. worship (Morning Prayer) happens online only via Facebook and YouTube

Snap the QR code (left) for event details and online registration.
(Use this code to RSVP for other events and learn more about parish life at Trinity. It's a quick way to access our Linktree!)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word of God Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (LEVAS 109)

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
Take it to the Lord in Prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in Prayer.
In his arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)
The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)
The Celebrant may say

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.**

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE *MHSO 13 Kyrie eleison (Greek) (Paraguayan)* (BCP p. 356)
The following is sung, all standing

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

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 evil, 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 Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9
The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

[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.

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

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
Remain seated. We will read the Psalm in unison.

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon 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 of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
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; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

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 spiritual 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.
9God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *My Lord He's a Comin' Soon*

Chorus
My Lord he's a comin' soon
Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Get everything ready for that day
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Verses

If you're asleep it's time to wake up
Awake O sleeper arise
If you're in the dark, it's time to be lit
Awake O sleeper arise

Come Lord Jesus, come into my heart
Prepare ye the way of the King
He is coming, he's coming soon
Prepare the way of the king

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37 *All stand.*
Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] 24"In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27Then he will send out the angels, and gather his 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. 29So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31Heaven 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. 33Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34It 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)
All stand.

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 (BCP p. 359)
Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.
We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.
Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.
We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)
The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)
All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE & ANTHEM *People Get Ready*

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 361)
The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

Celebrant and People, Sung

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.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

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:

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,

People and Celebrant Sung

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM *
Alleluia (x4)
Christ Our Passover is sacrificed for us
Therefore let us keep the feast
Alleluia (x4)

The Celebrant says The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *Abide with me: fast falls the eventide (Eventide)* (H 662)

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)
After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

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.

BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Soon, Very Soon* (LEVAS 14)

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**