

# Morning Prayer

## First Sunday of Advent

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:**

**Masks covering your nose and mouth and fitting close to your face are required** from the time you enter the church to the time you leave.

**Several pews are reserved for physical distancing** for those who cannot be vaccinated, or have other need for additional caution. Please sit elsewhere, or be prepared to move from those marked pews, if you do not need the physical distancing.

If you need a distanced pew, please let the usher know.

**If you are experiencing any symptoms of illness**, even if you're pretty sure it's not COVID-19, please return home immediately and participate in the service online: *www.TrinityMoorestown.org*

Remember, **extra caution and care here and now is an act of love** not only for our fellow worshippers, but for the whole community beyond our congregation.



**Prelude**

*Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 659, J. S. Bach*

*The prelude offers the opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.  
Please help keep the church a quiet and worshipful space during the prelude.*

Hymn 73

*St. Stephen*

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to  
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;  
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925) Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

*The Officiant begins with one or more of sentences of Scripture.*

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

*Isaiah 40:5*

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

*John 4:23*

## Confession of Sin

*Book of Common Prayer, page 79*

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All together:*

**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 says*

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

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*Book of Common Prayer, page 80*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

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

**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.**

## Invitatory:

*Jubilate*

S 45, Henry Walford Davies



- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song. [Ant.]
- 2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. [Ant.]
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name. [Ant.]
- 4 For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age. [Ant.]

*(Gloria Patri may be added)*

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. [Ant.]

## Psalm 25:1-9

*Book of Common Prayer, page 614*

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; \***  
**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, \***  
**for you are the God of my salvation;**  
**in you have I trusted all the day long.**

- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 **He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies

### **A Reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

*33:14-16*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah**

*Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Book of Common Prayer, page 92*

*Luke 1:68-79*

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
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.

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians**

*3:9-13*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

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

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Choir Canticle**

*Magna et mirabilia*, Henry Smart

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, surpassing human understanding. Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, O King of all the ages. Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? for you only are the Holy One. All nations will draw near and fall down before you, because your just and holy works have been revealed. 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.

**A reading from the Gospel according to Luke**

*21:25-36*

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.

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

**Hymn 601**

*St. Michael*

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come  
 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the  
 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and  
 4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that  
 5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.  
 2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.  
 3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.  
 4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.  
 5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

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 Music: *St. Michael*, Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

The Apostles' Creed

*Book of Common Prayer, page 96*

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 PRAYERS

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**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.**

## Suffrages A

*Book of Common Prayer, page 97*

- 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 Collects

*Book of Common Prayer, page 98-101*

### *The Collect of the Day*

*(BCP page 211)*

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 Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *A Collect for Peace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Mission*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Exchange of Peace**

*Then the celebrant says to the people:*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord, maintaining their physical distance.*

*Announcements may be made about matters of interest to the congregation*

*Morning Prayer is meant to offer all worshippers an opportunity for free-ranging prayer, inspired by – but not limited to – the formal prayers of the church.*

*Please take a moment at this point in the service to offer prayer to God for the needs of the world and of your own life, and to give thanks for the blessings you have received.*

**Office Anthem**

*Advent Message, Martin How*

Come Lord Jesus, amen, come Lord Jesus. O come quickly, come Lord, come. The voice of Him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

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CONCLUDING PRAYERS AND SENDING FORTH

**The General Thanksgiving**

*Book of Common Prayer, page 101*

**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.**

**Benediction**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Romans 15:13*

**Hymn 57**

*Helmsley*



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

## The Dismissal

*The people are dismissed to go forth into the world.*

*People* **Thanks be to God. [Alleluia, alleluia!]**

## Postlude

*Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 599, J. S. Bach*

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:**

**Be aware that other worshippers (and clergy) will have different comfort levels** about physical contact and closeness than you do. When greeting one another after the service, or moving around the church space, assume that physical distance and contactless greetings are best. Check explicitly to be sure others are comfortable before offering closer contact. Any time there is a difference of comfort level, the more cautious person's comfort prevails.

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Judie Perinchief, Wendy Carber, Helen Anderson, Carolyn Weeks, *Altar Guild*  
Simone Cochrane, Grace Marcelle, *Flower Guild*  
Steve Yocum (8:00), Bob Winzler (10:00), *Ushers*  
Madison Cook (8:00), Maris Williams (10:00), *Lectors*  
Savannah Delet, *Crucifer*  
Jeff Wojcik, *Tech Guild*  
Vernon Williams, *Organist*  
The Rev. Angie Cipolla, *Preacher*  
The Rev. Emily Mellott, *Officiant*