



## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

### **RITE I**

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

7:30 a.m.

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Trinity welcomes you.*

## WELCOME TO TRINITY

*“O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel.” In the season of holiday haste and hustle, Advent calls us to slow down and prepare. In a world that seems to surround us with darkness and violence, the church proclaims a message of light and hope. In a world that seems to promote division and fear, the coming of the Christ child reminds us of God's healing power of love. We answer the call, “Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.” We invite you to join us on this journey of discovery and wonderment. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Trinity welcomes you!*

In pursuit of our baptismal covenant to “respect the dignity of every human being,” (BCP p.305) we acknowledge that the City of Tulsa exists on lands where numerous Indigenous Peoples have lived, hunted, gathered, fished, celebrated, fought, prayed, and died. These include the Caddo, Osage, Wichita, Apache, Kiowa, Arapaho, Cheyenne, Lakota, Quapaw, Kickapoo, Cherokee, and the Muscogee Nation, on whose reservation Trinity Episcopal Church currently exists. We are endeavoring to become more knowledgeable and empathetic to the struggles, injustices, traumas, broken promises and broken treaties Native Peoples have faced. This intentional journey empowers us to learn how we can most effectively, and appropriately, act to create and build collaborations, friendships, communities of trust, and peace. Acknowledging American Indian Peoples’ previous and current heritage, and jurisdiction of the lands upon which modern institutions and buildings exist is an important first step to honor and recognize the histories and values we share, and those we do not yet share.

### For your information

**If you are a visitor with us today, welcome!** All are invited to receive communion.

**Childcare is available each Sunday** from 8:30 am until 12:15 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor near the front of church in the east end of the Nichols Great Hall. Ask the ushers.

**Children's coloring sheets**, books, and quiet activity bags are in the basket behind the last pew at the back of the church. Please feel free to pick up a bag and book when you come in.

**The Church Down Under** is a Eucharist at 11:05 am on Sunday mornings in the Undercroft. This service is designed for families with younger children who want to worship together as a family or for those seeking a less formal worship experience. Everyone is welcome.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand.*

### Lighting of Advent Candle

*While the first candle on the Advent Wreath is lit, the Celebrant says*

This candle represents hope. Long ago, people had hope in their hearts as they waited for a savior, someone who would come to set people free. We hope, too, for the Savior's love to be shared with our friends and to cover the world.

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

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Kyrie

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*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us  
*People* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

*Please be seated.*

A Reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

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."

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

## Psalm 25:1-9

*Ad te, Domine, levavi*

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.

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

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.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.

*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

*Deacon*                    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*                    **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

*Deacon*                    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*                    **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Sermon

The Reverend Bob Scott

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Please 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.**

## Prayers of the People

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Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sean, our presiding Bishop, and Poulson, our own Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we remember St. Stephen's, Guymon, and Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, for our military [including\_\_\_\_\_], for Joseph our President, Kevin our Governor, and G.T. our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [\_\_\_\_\_] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially\_\_\_\_\_,] beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [\_\_\_\_\_] and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our needs and those of others, either silently or aloud.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

**Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*The Deacon says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*The people may stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*The Priest says.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto 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 Peace

*Please stand.*

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Announcements

### A Birthday Prayer

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on these your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## An Anniversary Prayer

**May God bless you as you celebrate your anniversary. May God deepen your love for each other. May God bless you in your family and friends, and may you continue to find joy as you lead your lives together. We ask in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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*The Celebrant may say*

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

*Ephesians 5:2*

*Today any loose or undesignated offering will be put in the clergy discretionary fund. This fund allows the clergy to offer financial support to parishioners facing economic hardship or other emergency situations.*

## Offertory

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People:* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or Celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

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*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people may kneel or stand.*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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, he 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 remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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

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

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

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

*Please notify the Priest if you wish to receive a gluten free wafer.*

*Let the Chalice Bearer know if you wish to receive wine that is free of gluten.*

*For Communion, hold your palms upward and the bread will be placed there. It is helpful if you guide the cup to your mouth. If you wish to receive the bread dipped in the wine, leave the bread in the palm of your hand and the chalice bearer will dip it for you.*

## **Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitor (if applicable)**

*People*

**In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**You are cordially invited to the Nichols Great Hall for refreshments following the service.**

**We hope you will join us so that we may get to know you.**

*There is a prayer list in Bishop Brooke Chapel. Please add the names of any for whom you wish prayer.*

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