

Trinity Episcopal Church &  
Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Union – St. Luke's

Claremont, & Charlestown

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

10am via ZOOM

Officiant: Interim Vicar, The Rev. Susan Eibner



### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Thank you God, for each person we see here today. Every one of us has taken a moment away from the concerns and fun of the holiday season to center ourselves, to regain perspective on the season. Each of us has found comfort here and chooses that comfort over a schedule that leaves no time for ourselves. We are blessed. We are lucky to stand witness for each other, to give testament in smiles, conversation, and prayer. these faces will stay with us, God, through the rest of our week, through all our decisions, and they will remind us to keep our hearts filled to the brim with your loving grace. **Amen.** \*

*\*by Maren Tirabassi in "Before the Amen: Creative Resources for Worship"*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

**People** **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

### **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING:**

#### **Advent I (Hope):**

**Reader One:** When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. So many people in this city and around the world will go to bed hungry tonight...

**Reader Two:** When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer, everyone saying, "Buy, buy, buy!" - and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight...

**Reader One:** In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope...

**Reader Two:** In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope...

*(Light the first candle in your Advent wreath.)*

**Reader One:** Let the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming on earth as it already is in heaven.

**Reader Two:** Friends, be not afraid, God's hope is at hand!

## ***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS***

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Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber,  
the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free. **Amen.**

Let us come before the living God in confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

**we open our hearts to you, O God.**

**Search us and know us.**

**Reveal all that we keep inside.**

**To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace.**

**Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Beloved children of the Most High,

you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all.

Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life.

Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation.

Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming  
and is already here, † Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen**

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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 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.**

### **FIRST READING:**

**ISAIAH 64:1-9**

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O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
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!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
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.  
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.  
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.  
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.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18 (READ RESPONSIVELY BY HALF VERSE)**

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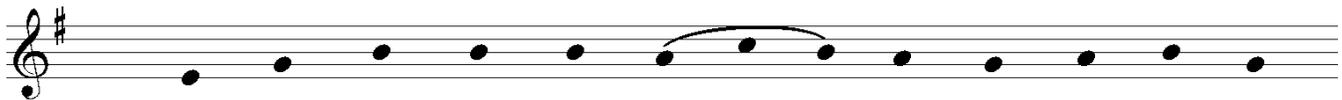
- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
**shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, 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.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**GOSPEL HYMN** *Hymnal 1982* #56 "O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL" VERSES 1 & 2



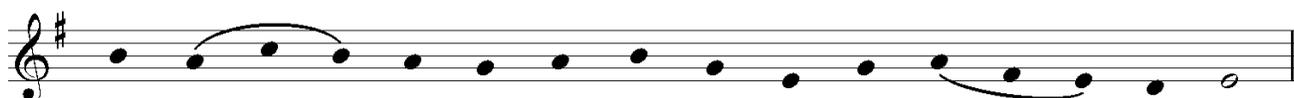
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.*

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**GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 13:24-37**

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,  
 the sun will be darkened,  
 and the moon will not give its light,  
 and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
 and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then 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.

"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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It 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. 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, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of Our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HOMILY ~ THE REV. SUSAN EIBNER**

*Silence for reflection*

**NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY SPEAKERS ~ JACQUELYN & HAROLD HALL**

**THE NICENE CREED**

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**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**

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS**

God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the ministry we share in Christ's name. Open our hearts to your call for justice, peace, and healing. Attune us to the needs of the world as you draw near. Especially we pray for our Bishops, Rob and Jim, our Interim Vicar, Susan, Faith Church and Rector The Rev. Pat Henking, Merrimack, NH and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Proctor, VT. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this planet in need of restoration: for devastated habitats, polluted waters, thawing ice, blazing fires, swelling floods, and long-lasting droughts. Renew the face of the earth and our relationship to it. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all people who care for others in our community and around the world. Fill them with compassion and the power to respond with justice for those who are oppressed, with welcome for those who are excluded, and with relief for those who suffer. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for people who are in crisis as the seasons change: for those without homes facing severe weather, for those who are unemployed or underemployed, and for those in poverty or facing food insecurity. Relieve their burdens, sustain their bodies, and ease their minds.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the people in our families and congregation who live with depression, anxiety, chronic pain, addiction, and other invisible illnesses, especially those on our parish prayer list. Ease their suffering and support them when they struggle. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray in gratitude for all blessings received and for needs we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts..... **please add after your prayer, "Anyone else?"** .....

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for the lives and witness of those who died while waiting for justice, peace, or healing, those whose names we know and those whose names are known only to you. Sustain all who still yearn for the completion of your redeeming work. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## An Offertory Sentence

Generous God, you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season.  
Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing.  
In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. **Amen.**

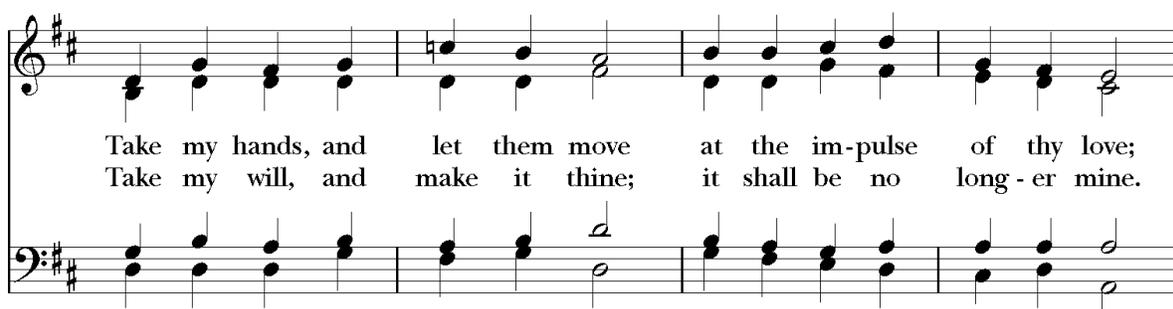
### **OFFERTORY HYMN** *Hymnal 1982* #707 "TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE"



1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.



take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.

Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; And prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**READING: LUKE 22:14-20**

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

**PRAYER FOR BREAD:**

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; you have fed us with the bread of life in the Body of your Son. Feed us now with your presence among us and your presence in your Word. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

**PRAYER FOR DRINK:**

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of Jesus Christ, crucified yet risen. May the time come quickly when we can share that cup again, even as you are with us now in our very thirst for you. Glory to you for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Leader: Take this bread, share this wine. In these Christ comes to us with love from God. The gifts of God for the people of God. *(Please eat what you have brought to your table as you contemplate the goodness of Jesus, the one we wait for in this season of Advent.)*

**POST AGAPE FEAST PRAYER**

Generous and Faithful God, you have fed us here at our tables. May the nourishment we have received in Word, Bread, and Wine enable us to enrich the lives of others where ever we may go from here. Whether the future is dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our cares be light or heavy, our songs be strong or weak, keep our hearts warm and our hands open, our lives ever embracing and ever embraced by your love. **Amen.\***

*\*adapted from the "Iona Abbey Worship Book" Wild Goose Publications*

**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People :** Thanks be to God.

**BLESSING ~**

**DISMISSAL**

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*~ Coffee Chat ~*

***Please Pray for:***

***All Families separated by Social Distancing;  
Nursing Homes and Long term Care Facilities;***

Crissan, Nancy, Jeff, Emma, Bill, Caroline, Roseann, Cathy, Mike J., Tim, Connie, Isabel S., Kevin, Cris, Richard, Liz, Steve P, Pat Mc, Michael, Rachel, Elizabeth, Tom, Kenny, Tam, Kim, Peter, Alison, Parker, Harold, Jackie, Sue, Art, Bev, Agnes, Dennis, Brad, Ed, Jason, Kilee, Jesse, Cece, Dan, Pat, Steve, Stephanie, Josh, Mike C., Kate, Janie, Bruce, Brian, Marlene, Matthew M., Milford, Vera, Bonnie, Cassie, John, Christine, Ken, Nelson, Peter, Alice, Lindsay, Katie, Drew, Matthew, Hannah, James, Bill S., Virginia, Gabriel, Elizabeth, Betty, Cindy, Chris, Eleanor, David, Lynn, Judy, Joanna, Pam, Faith, Wendy, Tara

In September of 2015 Trinity Episcopal Church and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church joined together to begin a joint ministry in downtown Claremont. Prince of Peace sold its building and moved into Trinity Episcopal Church. The purpose of this ministry is to better serve the Claremont community through outreach and mission. The congregations decided to meld their traditions together, creating worship experiences that honor both Lutheran and Episcopal traditions.  
***All are welcome to participate in and share this joint ministry with us.***



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