

## God Invites us to the Table

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord, God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name

In earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy,

Merciful and mighty

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

## God Feeds us at the Table

### We Share Praises and Requests and We Pray Together

### We Sing a Song of Longing for the Second Advent

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming.

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming on the clouds.

Alleluia, He is coming.

Alleluia, He is here.

Alleluia, He is coming.

Alleluia, He is here.

## God Sends Us to Join His Mission

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## The Early Service at Trinity

*December 4, 2022, 8:15 am*

The Second Sunday in Advent

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### God Gathers us for Worship

*Advent Candles, Bible, Water, Towel, Bread, and Cup*

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.**

**Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.**

### We Enter with a Prayer of Waiting (based on Psalm 62)

For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
from him comes my salvation.

**He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall never be shaken.**

For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
for my hope is from him.

**He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people;

**pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.**

Those of low estate are but a breath;  
those of high estate are a delusion;  
in the balances they go up;

**they are together lighter than a breath.**

For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
from him comes my salvation.  
**He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall never be shaken.**

**We Hear a Story & Sing a Carol – “In the Bleak Midwinter”**

**In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind made moan;  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter  
Long ago.**

**Our God, heaven cannot hold Him  
Nor earth sustain,  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter  
A stable-place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty —  
Jesus Christ.**

**Enough for Him, whom Cherubim  
Worship night and day,  
A breastful of milk  
And a mangerful of hay;  
Enough for Him, whom Angels  
Fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel  
Which adore.**

**We Affirm our Faith (using the Nicene Creed)**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
begotten of the Father before all ages,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made;  
of one essence with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became a man.  
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried.  
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will never end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life.  
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
He spoke through the prophets.**

**I believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic church.  
I affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

**Angels and Archangels**

May have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Thronged the air;  
But only His Mother  
In her maiden bliss  
Worshipped the Beloved  
With a kiss.

What can I give Him,

Poor as I am?

If I were a Shepherd

I would bring a lamb;

If I were a Wise Man

I would do my part,

Yet what I can I give Him,

Give my heart.

**We Confess our Sins**

**Almighty God, you came to us when we least expected.**

**We thought that all hope was lost,**

**or that it was up to us to save ourselves.**

**Then you came to us in the dark of night, born to Mary and Joseph;**

**you came to us as a baby.**

**Lord, forgive us when we don't see you**

**because we look in the wrong places,**

**or because we expect you to come in power and majesty**

**rather than in humility, poverty, and meekness.**

**Lord, help us to experience your birth among us—God with us.**

**God with us not on our terms, but on your terms, as a lowly infant,**

**who took upon himself our humanity**

**that we might be brought back to God. Amen.**

*Silent prayers of confession, concluded with:*

**Come, Lord Jesus; forgive us and restore us.**

**Come, Lord Jesus; guide us and deliver us.**

**Come, Lord Jesus; teach us and renew us.**

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Assurance of Pardon (Titus 3:4-7, The Message):*

**We Share the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**God Speaks Through the Word – Lectio Divina**

*“Advent Songs: Mary’s Song” (Luke 1:46-56)*

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.

Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name;

<sup>50</sup> indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones

and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things

and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has come to the aid of his child Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

